

GNOT – NSW REGIONAL FINALS 2023

Supplementary Tournament Regulations

1. The Event

1.1 This competition is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, supplemented by the Tournament Regulations of the NSWBA as amended and these Supplementary Regulations. In case of conflict between these Supplementary Regulations and the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, the Supplementary Regulations shall apply.

1.2 Format is dependent on the number of teams and is at the discretion of the Director. If sensible, a round robin format will be preferred.

2. Eligibility

2.1 All teams must have:

- (a) been nominated by an affiliated bridge club from the region following the completion of a CQE; or
- (b) been nominated by an affiliated bridge club which did not hold a CQE. Such nominations shall be limited to one team per 50 home club members of the club and in no case shall a club nominate more than three teams in this manner; or
- (c) entered the event directly, with all team members having previously played in CQE competitions in the region.

2.2 There is no minimum board requirement for team members.

3. Fees

3.1 The club hosting the Regional Final does so on behalf of the NSWBA and will be reimbursed by the NSWBA for expenses incurred. Team entry fees have been paid to the NSWBA, however the hosting club may charge an additional small fee for costs not covered by the NSWBA (*e.g.* providing a light lunch).

3.2 The NSWBA will pay all masterpoint charges associated with the Regional Final and all further entry fees associated with the National Final.

4. Substitutions, Augmentations, Withdrawals and Qualification to the National Final

4.1 Substitutions are to be in accordance with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, with each match being defined as a separate session.

4.2 Teams of 4 or 5 players may augment players before the start of play provided:

- (a) The augmentation has the approval of the club that nominated the team.
- (b) Each augmented player is an active player member of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme and also a member of a bridge club affiliated with the NSWBA within the region.
- (c) The players being augmented have not previously qualified to the National Final. This rule applies even if the player withdraws from the team that has qualified to the National Final.

4.3 Teams of 4 or 5 players that qualify to the National Final may augment players provided:

- (a) Each augmented player is an active player member of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme and also a member of an NSWBA affiliated bridge club within the region.
- (b) The players being augmented have not previously qualified to the National Final. This rule applies even if the player withdraws from the team that has qualified to the National Final.

5. Masterpointing

5.1 See sections 7.5.7 and 4.3.1 of the Masterpoint Manual. Session awards increase to 0.06 gold points per board for Finals with 10 or more tables held over 3 or more sessions (68+ boards). In the case of 5 or 6 person teams, the masterpoint awards per member will be 4/5 and 2/3 respectively unless the exact team composition is supplied for every match played.

5.2 For masterpointing purposes only, a win must be by a margin of 0.2 imps per board, a margin less than or equal to this is deemed to be a tie.

5.3 No masterpoints are awarded for tie-breaking play-off matches.

5.4 Outright masterpoints will be awarded to the top third of the field.

6. Online Regional Finals and Covid-19

6.1 The NSWBA reserves the right to hold Regional Finals online using the RealBridge platform if required because of the Covid 19 situation.

6.2 The NSWBA acknowledges that many regional players are not comfortable playing online bridge. The Regional Organiser in conjunction with the Country GNOT Organiser may relax substitution and augmentation rules and entry requirements (but not residency requirements) to enable an online Final to proceed.

7. Administration

7.1 An Excel form to assist hosting clubs is available for download from the NSWBA website www.nswba.com.au/tourn/2023/gnot/regions.asp. This is to be completed by the Regional Organiser in consultation with the hosting club and the director and used as a cover sheet and check list. The Regional Organiser needs to send the following to the Country GNOT Organiser:

- The completed coversheet available from the NSWBA website (see above) as an Excel file;
- A complete copy of the outright results as a pdf, html or txt file;
- The masterpoint file as a .gld file;
- All relevant tax invoices and receipts so that the NSWBA can reclaim the GST.

7.2 Results of the Regional Final must be available via the web, with the relevant URL being sent to Ronnie Ng. who will link them into a dedicated results page maintained on the bridgeaustralia website <http://www.nsw.bridgeaustralia.org/resultslistbyheadevent.asp?umbid=642>. There will be a link to them from the Country GNOT page www.nswba.com.au/tourn/2023/gnot/regions.asp.