

JOHN ARKINSTALL STATE TEAMS NSWBA QUALIFYING EVENT – 2015

Supplementary Tournament Regulations

This competition is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007, 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 The Event

- 1.1 The event will be held over five sessions as scheduled in the official NSWBA Program.
- 1.2 All systems will be permitted. Pairs may not claim protected pair status.

2 Qualifying Stage

- 2.1 The field will be seeded into two pools of 10 teams. Each pool will play a complete round robin of 9 board matches.
- 2.2 At the end of the qualifying stage, the top two teams in each pool will qualify to head-to-head matches in Session 4. The remainder of the field will qualify to the Swiss.

3 Head-to-head matches

- 3.1 The first placed team in each pool will play a 28 board match against the second placed team in the other pool. The two winning teams will qualify to the State Teams Final. The losing teams will proceed to the Swiss for Session 5.

4 Swiss

- 4.1 The Swiss will be played over 6 x 9 board matches.
- 4.2 Teams starting in the Swiss in Session 4 will carry forward 25% of their score from the Qualifying Stage. Teams entering the Swiss in Session 5 will carry forward a score equal to the Swiss leader's score after Swiss Round 3.
- 4.3 Round 1 of the Swiss will match teams from the opposite pool of the Qualifying Stage. (Third v third, fourth v fourth, etc). From Round 2 onwards, teams may be drawn against a team which they previously played in the Qualifying Stage.
- 4.4 The team losing the head-to-head match by the greatest margin will be drawn to play against the Swiss leader in Round 4. The other head-to-head loser will be drawn against the team placed second in the Swiss. (In the event of the losing margins being equal, the losing teams will be ranked by IMP quotient and then by lot.)
- 4.5 The leading team in the Swiss after Match 6 will qualify to the State Teams Final.

5 Tie Breaks

- 5.1 Critical ties which occur in the Qualifying Stage, Head-to-head matches or for first place after Round 6 of the Swiss shall be broken by a four board playoff and if still tied by successive one board playoffs.
- 5.2 All other ties shall be broken in accordance with the NSWBA tournament regulations.

6 Fees

The entry fee as specified on the official brochure must be paid in full on the first night. Thereafter, all subsequent entry fees for teams that qualify to the State Final will be paid by the NSWBA.