

JOHN ARKINSTALL STATE OPEN TEAMS – 2018
NSWBA QUALIFYING EVENT
SUPPLEMENTARY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

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.

Supplementary Regulations for the Final of the John Arkinstall State Teams, when posted, can be found at <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2018&E=sot>.

1 The Event

- 1.1 The event will be held over four nights as scheduled in the official NSWBA Program.
- 1.2 The event format will be dependent on the number of teams entered. See section 7. Knock-out matches will be played over 28 boards and Swiss Repechage matches over 14 boards.
- 1.3 Match results will be converted to victory points using the appropriate WBF continuous VP scale.

2 Tie Breaks

- 2.1 A tie-break in any Knock-out match or to determine a spot in the State Final shall consist of successive two board playoffs.

3. Fees

- 3.1 The entry fee as specified on the official brochure must be paid in full on the first night.
- 3.2 There are no subsequent entry fees for teams that qualify to the State Final or the NSWBA Spring Teams Congress (Metropolitan Teams Final).

4 Substitutions

Substitutions are to be in accordance with the standard NSWBA substitution regulations.

5 Prizes

- 5.1 Teams ranked 1st and 2nd qualify to the Finals of the John Arkinstall State Team, to be held at the NSWBA on 14-16 December, 2018.
- 5.2 The next n lower ranked teams will receive free entry into the NSWBA Spring Teams Congress on 28th October as follows:
For initial entry of 17 or fewer teams, $n = 2$
For initial entry of 18 or more teams, $n = 3$
- 5.3 Prizes not taken will devolve to lower placed teams, but no prize will be offered to a team ranking 7th or lower.

6 Augmentation for subsequent stages

- 6.1 All requests for augmentation should be emailed to Warren Lazer, Chairman of the NSWBA Tournament Committee, at tournament@nswba.com.au
- 6.2 No team may augment beyond a maximum composition of 6 members.
- 6.3 All augmented players must be eligible to participate in a Metropolitan Zone club qualifying event.
- 6.4 No member of a team offered a place in the State Final via the NSWBA's Direct Qualifying Event may be augmented.

6.5 For teams proceeding to the Metropolitan Final, the request for augmentation must be received before 7th October, 2018. For teams proceeding directly to the State Final, the request for augmentation must be received before 16th November, 2018. Permission to augment after these dates may be granted by the NSWBA Tournament Committee in exceptional circumstances.

7 Format

For 18 teams

Qualifying Stage

Over the first two sessions, a complete round robin of 3 board matches will be played. Scoring will be by net IMPs. Ties at the end of the Qualifying will be broken according to the NSWBA Tournament Regulations.

The 8 highest placed teams qualify to the Knockout section. The remainder qualify to the Swiss Repechage.

Knock-out Section

The team finishing first in the Qualifying will have a choice of opponents for the first Knock-out round from among the teams finishing 3rd to 8th, with the proviso that the teams finishing 3rd or 4th may elect not to be chosen. (KO Match 1A) The second placed team will then have a similar choice. (KO Match 1B)

If the 3rd placed team has not been chosen, they will have the next choice. Otherwise, the 4th placed team will have choice. If both the 3rd and 4th placed teams are chosen by the top two placegetters, then the draw for the remaining matches will be 5th v 8th, 6th v 7th. (KO Matches 1C and 1D).

Once the choosing has been conducted, the first placed team will choose from among Matches 1C and 1D to determine match ups for the second Knock-out round.

The two undefeated teams at the end of the second Knock-out round are ranked equal 1st and qualify to the State Final.

The two teams defeated in the second Knock-out round are ranked equal 3rd and qualify to the State Teams Metropolitan Final (Spring Teams Congress).

Swiss Repechage

The 4 teams defeated in the first Knock-out round will drop into the Swiss Repechage on the leader's score and be drawn against the four highest ranked teams after Round 2 of the Swiss (Sw1, Sw2, Sw3, Sw4). The KO losers will be ranked according to:

- (a) loss of a play-off (by smallest difference using the following criteria)
- (b) smallest IMP difference (winning score – losing score)
- (c) smallest IMP quotient (winning score / losing score)
- (d) lot

and designated KO1, KO2, KO3 and KO4.

The draw for Round 3 of the Swiss will be: KO1 v Sw4, KO2 v Sw3, KO3 v Sw2, KO4 v Sw1.

Teams in the Swiss will be ranked 5th through 18th as appropriate at the conclusion of the event.

The top ranked team qualifies to the State Teams Metropolitan Final (Spring Teams Congress).