

JOHN ARKINSTALL STATE OPEN TEAMS – 2019
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=2019&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 Jacaranda 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 15-17 November, 2019.
- 5.2 The next n lower ranked teams will receive free entry into the NSWBA Jacaranda Teams Congress on 27th 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 13th October, 2019. For teams proceeding directly to the State Final, the request for augmentation must be received before 3rd November, 2019. Permission to augment after these dates may be granted by the NSWBA Tournament Committee in exceptional circumstances.

7 Format

For 12 team

Qualifying Stage

Week 1

The field will be seeded into two pools of 6 teams, each of which will play a complete round robin of 5 x 5-board matches. Scoring will be by IMPs, converted to VPs. Ties at the end of the Qualifying will be broken according to the NSWBA Tournament Regulations.

The 4 highest placed teams in each pool qualify to the Knockout section. The other 4 teams proceed to the Swiss Repechage.

Week 2

The highest ranked team in each pool (on VPs) will have choice of opponents from the teams ranked 2-4 in the other pool. The team ranked second may elect not to be chosen. The higher ranked remaining team in each pool will then be drawn against the lower ranked team in the other pool. The four losing teams in the KO will drop into the Swiss for week 3.

Each team in the Swiss will play the two teams that it did not play in week 1.

Week 3

The four winning teams will be ranked according to margin of win in week 2. The highest ranked team will have choice of opponents from the other teams. The team ranked second may elect not to be chosen. The two defeated teams in the KO drop into the Swiss.

Week 4

The two undefeated teams in the KO play each other, the winner is ranked 1, the loser is ranked 2.

Swiss Repechage

The teams defeated in the KO will drop into the Swiss Repechage on the leader's score and be drawn against the highest ranked teams 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.

The draw for Round 5 of the Swiss will be: KO1 v Sw2, KO2 v Sw1.

Teams may play each other for a second time if required in round 6. Teams in the Swiss will be ranked 3rd through 12th as appropriate at the conclusion of the event. The top 2 ranked teams qualify to the State Teams Metropolitan Final (Jacaranda Teams Congress).