

JOHN ARKINSTALL STATE OPEN TEAMS – 2023
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 can be found at <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2023&E=sot>.

1 The Event

1.1 The event will be held online using the RealBridge platform over four nights, as scheduled in the official NSWBA Program. All players on RealBridge should have working video and audio connections. Players may only turn off their camera with the permission of the Director.

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1.3 The event will be run in two stages as follows.

1.3.1 Stage 1 will be a full round robin of 9 x 9-board matches played over weeks 1-3. Match scores are converted to VPs using the appropriate WBF continuous IMP to VP conversion scale. This will rank the teams, first to tenth.

1.3.2 Stage 2, played in week 4, will play 1v2, 3v4, 5v6, 7v8 and 9v10 in a 28 board match played in 2 x 14 board stanzas with automatic switching of opponents. The higher ranked team from Stage 1 will have an IMP carry-forward of the VP difference between the two teams. The Stage 2 match will determine the final ranking (1st or 2nd, 3rd or 4th, *etc.*) within each pair of teams.

1.4 The official scores are those posted on the NSWBA website.

1.5 Yellow systems will not be permitted.

2 Tie Breaks

2.1 Ties in Stage 1 will be broken, in order, as follows:

- i) The team with highest number of "wins" (with an exact draw counting as a "half-win") will be ranked highest;
- ii) In the case of a two way tie, the team which won the head-to-head encounter will be ranked higher;
- iii) Net IMPs
- iv) The team with the best result against the highest placed of the other teams will be ranked highest - if still tied, the process will be repeated against the 2nd highest, 3rd highest, *etc.*
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2.2 Ties in Stage 2 will be broken, in order, as follows:

- i) Removal of the carry-forward;
- ii) Successive 2-board playoffs.

3. Fees

3.1 The entry fee as specified must be paid in full before play begins.

3.2 There are no subsequent entry fees for teams that qualify to the State Final or the NSWBA Metropolitan Teams Final (Jacaranda Teams Congress).

4 Entry and Eligibility

3.1 Every player must be an active member of the Australian Bridge Federation masterpoint system and a member of a club affiliated with the NSWBA or the ABF's Foreign Players Club.

3.2 If an odd number of teams enter, the NSWBA will provide a house team.

3.3 Entries close at 10.00am on Monday 24th July. Late entries will only be accepted with the Director's permission.

5. Score Correction Period

The correction period ends at midday on the Wednesday immediately following each session.

6 Substitutions

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

7 Qualification to Subsequent Stages

7.1 The two highest placed eligible teams will qualify to the Finals of the John Arkinstall State Teams, to be held on RealBridge on 24-26 November, 2023.

7.2 The next highest ranked team eligible will be offered free entry into the NSWBA Metropolitan Final (Jacaranda Teams Congress) on 8th October.

7.3 Any offer not accepted devolves to the next placed team, but no offer will be made to a team finishing below equal fourth place (before tie breaks).

7.4 The House team is not eligible for qualification to any subsequent event.

8 Augmentation for Subsequent Stages

8.1 All requests for augmentation should be emailed to Warren Lazer, Chairman of the NSWBA Events Committee, at events@nswba.com.au

8.2 No team may augment beyond a maximum composition of 6 members.

8.3 All augmented players must be eligible to participate in a Metropolitan Zone club qualifying event.

8.4 No member of a team offered a place in the State Final via the NSWBA's Direct Qualifying Event may be augmented.

8.5 For teams proceeding to the Metropolitan Final, the request for augmentation must be received before 24th September, 2023. For teams proceeding directly to the State Final, the request for augmentation must be received before 10th November, 2023. Permission to augment after these dates may be granted by the NSWBA Events Committee in exceptional circumstances.