

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

Valerie Cummings - convener

Dear Club Secretary

The NSBWA invites all affiliated clubs to conduct qualifying events of the State Open Pairs. The Championship Final to be held at the NSWBA on the weekend of 17th and 18th November 2007.

Please note the graduated scale of entry fees to the final – the more pairs you send, the less your club is charged for each pair!

We welcome your club's participation in this event and look forward to receiving as many entries as possible to the State Open Pairs finals weekend.

The details are contained below and the Supplementary Tournament Regulations are attached *Please read carefully!*

1. Clubs not wishing to run a qualifying competition may nominate one pair per 50 home club members or part thereof with a limit of 5 pairs.
2. Clubs running a qualifying event must send at least one pair to represent the club at the State Final, but there is no upper limit to the number of pairs that may be sent.

Costs for pairs attending the Championship final are due as follows:

| Number of pairs sent to the final | Cost per pair | Total charge to the club |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | \$100 | \$100 |
| 2 | \$90 | \$180 |
| 3 | \$80 | \$240 |
| 4 | \$70 | \$280 |
| 5 | \$60 | \$300 |
| 6 | \$50 | \$300 |
| 7 and more | \$50 | \$350+ |

3. Clubs located over 200 km. from Sydney *may apply* to the NSWBA for financial assistance for pairs representing their clubs in the Championship Final. Only one subsidy per club will be allowed.
4. Timetable. Clubs should carefully note the following dates and times:

Club qualifying competitions must be completed and results and pair nominations must be sent to the convener by no later than **Friday 26th October 2007.**

Session times for the Championship Final are:

Saturday 17th November 2007 12:00 noon and 4.00 pm (supper provided 3.30pm)
Sunday 18th November 2007 10.00 am and 2.00 pm (supper provided at end of play)

Those players who do not qualify to the final on Sunday will be granted free entry to the Swiss Pairs event on the Sunday.

5. Championship prize money is 1st \$300, 2nd \$160 & 3rd \$80.

The Swiss Pairs event prize money is 1st \$200, 2nd \$100 & 3rd \$50.

6. Participating clubs must send the following to the Convener:
 - A *cheque*, made payable to the NSWBA, for the red masterpoints calculated at \$1.10 per masterpoint (GST incl.), plus the Championship Final entry fees calculated according to the table above.
 - The names and ABF numbers of the nominated pairs.
 - A complete copy of the results of each qualifying session.
 - The *completed Congress Award form or an electronic file with this information*.

7. Clubs should note that *red masterpoints* for the qualifying sessions will be awarded after the Championship Final and *only to those clubs having a representative pair playing in the Championship Final*.

All correspondence and cheques should be sent to the Convener, marked

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