

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2008

Valerie Cummings - convener

Dear Club Secretary

The NSBWA invites all affiliated clubs to conduct qualifying events of the 2008 State Open Pairs Championship. The Championship Final to be held at the NSWBA on the weekend of 15th and 16th November 2008.

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 in the Supplementary Tournament Regulations.

Please read both documents 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. The upper limit to the number of pairs that may be sent is the entire qualifying field.

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 31st October 2008**.

Session times for the Championship Final are:

Saturday 15th November 2008 12:00 noon and 4.00 pm (supper provided 3.30pm)

Sunday 16th November 2008 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.

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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, addressed as follows:

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