

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

Liz Fanos - Convener

Dear Club Secretary

The NSWBA invites all affiliated clubs to conduct qualifying events for the 2011 State Open Pairs Championship. The Championship Final to be held at the NSWBA on the weekend of 12th and 13th November 2011. **Note change of date from that previously advertised.**

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 outside the Sydney metropolitan region 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 28th October 2011.**

Session times for the Championship Final are:

Saturday 12th November 2011 12:00 noon and 4.00 pm (supper provided 3.30pm)
Sunday 13th November 2011 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.

(see over)

5. Championship prize money is 1st \$300, 2nd \$150 & 3rd \$80.
The Swiss Pairs event prize money is 1st \$200, 2nd \$100 & 3rd \$50.

6. An Excel form to assist clubs is available for download from the NSWBA website <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2011/sop.htm>. This is to be completed and used as a cover sheet and check list and then emailed to the NSWBA. Participating clubs must send the following to the NSWBA:
 - (a) by email
 - The completed coversheet available from the NSWBA website (see above) as an Excel file. This will include the names and ABF numbers of the nominated pairs;
 - A complete copy of the results of each qualifying session. as a pdf, html or txt file;
 - The masterpoint file as a red file.
 - (b) by post
 - A cheque for the masterpoints calculated at \$1.16 per masterpoint, made payable to the NSWBA;
 - Hard copy of any of the above information that should have been sent by email, but was not.

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 cheques should be made payable to the NSWBA. All correspondence should be sent to:

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