

# New South Wales Bridge Association

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## COUNTRY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2012

December 2011

### To The Tournament Secretary: all NON-METROPOLITAN affiliated clubs

The Country Teams section of the 2012 State Teams Championship will again be contested in three divisions: Northern, Southern and Outer Metropolitan. All Divisional Finals will be held over three sessions on the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July. Each divisional winner will be eligible to play in the State Teams Final at the NSWBA on the weekend starting on Friday evening 14<sup>th</sup> December. The NSWBA will offer subsidies to teams that play in the State Final.

The Convener for 2012 is Louis Koolen and each Division will have its own coordinator.

Northern – Ian Price [iprice@une.edu.au](mailto:iprice@une.edu.au)

Southern – Jan Mitchell [robandjan13@bigpond.com](mailto:robandjan13@bigpond.com)

Outer Metropolitan – Louis Koolen [lkoolen@bigpond.net.au](mailto:lkoolen@bigpond.net.au)

A list of eligible affiliated clubs, divided into Regions within Divisions, can be found on the NSWBA website <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2012/sot.htm#sotcf>. Please note that this club list is not cut and dried – if your club wants to switch and play in a different Region or Division, please contact the Convener. Any clubs not included in this list should also contact the Convener.

All non-metropolitan affiliated clubs are invited to conduct one or two events in order to qualify teams to play in their Regional Final. Clubs may run a daytime and/or an evening event.

Clubs not wishing to run a qualifying competition may nominate one team per 50 home club members or part thereof with a limit of three teams. All players in a nominated team must be financial members of the nominating club.

Clubs that wish to run a Regional Final should contact their Divisional Coordinator by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Clubs that wish to run a Divisional Final should contact their Divisional Coordinator by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

The full supplementary tournament regulations are enclosed and also available from the NSWBA website.

A summary of the significant dates for the 2012 Country Teams Championship follows.

December 2011                      Supplementary Regulations posted to clubs and on NSWBA website

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:              Deadline for applications from clubs to host Regional Final

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:              Deadline for applications from clubs to host Divisional Final

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:                 Deadline for completion of Club Qualifying events

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June:                 Deadline for completion of Regional Finals

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:                Deadline for entries to the Divisional Finals

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June & Sun 1<sup>st</sup> July:      Date of Divisional Finals

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Sun 16<sup>th</sup> December:    Date of John Arkinstall State Teams Finals at NSWBA

The NSWBA is currently giving serious consideration to expanding the number of Divisions in order to reduce the amount of travel for country competitors. Obviously, any future decision will be based on the level of participation of the affiliated clubs so I encourage you to support this event.

Michael Wilkinson (Chairman, NSWBA Tournament Committee, 2011)