

John Arkinstall State Open Teams Championship - 2012 SYDNEY METROPOLITAN DIVISION

CONVENER: NICK HUGHES

Dear Tournament Secretary

The Sydney Metropolitan Division of the State Teams will again be convened by Nick Hughes on behalf of the NSWBA. We welcome your club's participation in this event and look forward to receiving as many entries as possible to the Metropolitan Final.

1. This event is part of the John Arkinstall State Open Teams Championship. The Metropolitan Final will be held at the **North Shore Bridge Club** (Club Willoughby, Cnr Penshurst St & Crabbes Ave, phone 9411 3527) on **Sunday 16 September 2012, starting at 10.00 am**. The winner and runner-up will both be eligible to play in the Final Series of the State Teams to be played at the NSWBA on the weekend starting **Friday 14 December 2012 at 7.00pm**.
2. Clubs not wishing to run a qualifying competition may NOMINATE one team per 50 home club members or part thereof with a limit of five teams. All players in a nominated team must be financial members of the nominating club.
3. Entry fees for teams to the Sydney Metropolitan Final will be due as follows:

Number of teams sent to the final	Cost per team	Total charge to the club
1	\$140	\$140
2	\$130	\$260
3	\$120	\$360
4	\$110	\$440
5	\$100	\$500
6 and more	\$90	\$540+

4. The supplementary Tournament Regulations are attached and also available from the NSWBA website, <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2012/sot.htm>. If any problem arises over the interpretation of the regulations, please consult the Convener.
5. Timetable. Clubs should note the following dates.
Completion of qualifying rounds at club level: **Monday, 3 September, 2012**
Club results to be received by the Convener by: **Monday, 10 September, 2012**
Metropolitan Final at North Shore Bridge: **Sunday, 16 September, 2012, 10.00 am**
State Open Teams Finals at the NSWBA: **Friday 14 - Sunday 16 December, 2012**
6. All correspondence regarding this Championship should be addressed to the Convener:
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**JOHN ARKINSTALL STATE TEAMS
SYDNEY METROPOLITAN DIVISION
SUPPLEMENTARY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

1. The State Open Teams Championship is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007 and the Tournament Regulations of the New South Wales Bridge Association, as amended.
2. Qualifying for the Final Series is divided into 5 divisions:
 - The Sydney Metropolitan Division qualifies 2 teams to the Final Series via the Metropolitan Final.
 - The Country Teams Championship qualifies 3 teams to the Final Series, one from each of the Northern, Southern and Outer Metropolitan Divisions.
 - The NSWBA Qualifying event qualifies 3 teams to the Final Series.
3. Qualifying Conditions
Clubs holding a qualifying tournament **must send at least one team** to represent the club at the Metropolitan Final in order to receive **red masterpoints** for a club qualifying competition.
4. Yellow Systems are not permitted in club qualifying events. Yellow Systems will be permitted in the Metropolitan Final and in the State Final in accordance with the NSWBA regulations in force at the time.
5. Players do not have to be members of the club at which the qualifying competition is held but must be resident in the Sydney Metropolitan area, or play a significant amount of bridge at one or more clubs located in the Sydney Metropolitan area.
6. Club qualifying events may take the form of a teams event or butler pairs competition, over a maximum of **six** sessions. Clubs may run two separate qualifying events, provided one is played during the day and the other at night.
7. Directors must be qualified at Club level (Grade D) or above.
8. Qualification to Metropolitan Final
 - 8.1 Teams placed in the top half of the field(s) are eligible to play in the Metropolitan Final, provided they are *bona fide* competing teams. This means that the team must have entered and played the club qualifying event as a team - it is not allowable for players who have qualified in different teams to play together in the Final as club representatives.
 - 8.2 Substitutions at the Metropolitan Final must comply with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations (see Section 4 of those regulations) and must be approved by the Convener prior to the commencement of the Final.
 - 8.3 Teams may augment players prior to the commencement of the Metropolitan Final. In particular teams should note that players may not be augmented to a team once the Metropolitan Final has started (exceptions may be granted in exceptional circumstances) so consideration should be given to player's availability for the State Final.
9. Masterpoints
 - 9.1 Red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship level (B). Red masterpoints are to be calculated by the club masterpoint secretary on a weighting of 5.0. The event is run under the NSWBA's grade B (State Championship) allowance – do not use your club's B4c sessions.
 - 9.2 Red masterpoints are awarded on a sessional basis only; i.e. there is NO outright award. If a club runs a qualifying session(s), followed by a final and consolation, only the players in the final will receive red masterpoints. Green masterpoints may be awarded to these players as for a normal club session, through the standard quarterly return.

- 9.3 The red masterpoints awarded are not to be entered on the club's quarterly or monthly return to the ABF Masterpoint Centre, but must instead be sent to the Convener. They may be entered on Congress Award forms (obtainable from the ABF Masterpoint Centre) showing the names and ABF numbers of all players in the section who have won masterpoints, or preferably as an email attachment. They should not be sent to the ABF Masterpoint Centre by e-mail.
- 9.4 Masterpoints issued at the Metropolitan Final (new, higher awards in 2012):
Sessional awards will have a weighting of 7.5 (*i.e.* 0.06 red MP per board).
Outright awards (new) will have a weighting of 5.0.
10. Administration
- 10.1 A form to assist hosting clubs is available for download from the NSWBA website <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2012/sot.htm#sotcf>. This is to be completed and used as a cover sheet and check list. The club needs to send the following to the Convener no later than **10 September 2012**:
- The completed coversheet available from the NSWBA website (see above).
 - A complete copy of the results of each session, noting any change of personnel between sessions. A hard copy is preferred, though a Word/Excel/text/pdf file is also adequate.
 - Masterpoint information: The completed Congress Award form, or file in .mp2 or .red format, sent as an email attachment.
 - A cheque for the masterpoints and entry fees. Masterpoint costs are calculated at **\$1.16 per masterpoint**. Entry fees are calculated according to the table on the first page. Cheques are to be made payable to the NSWBA;
 - A complete list of members and their ABF numbers of teams that proceed to the Divisional Final.
- 10.2 NOTE: No nominations or entries will be accepted unless payment is received together with all of the requirements listed above.
11. Metropolitan Final
- 11.1 The Metropolitan Final will be held as a Round Robin or Swiss teams competition over two sessions on Sunday 16 September 2011 at the North Shore Bridge Club, 10am start.
- 11.2 The **top two** (accepting) teams from the Metropolitan Final are eligible to advance to the Final Series at the NSWBA on 9-11 December 2011.
- 11.3 Directors must be qualified at Congress level (Grade C1) or above.
12. The John Arkinstall State Teams Finals
- 12.1 The Round Robin qualifying stage will consist of seven 12 board matches:
Matches 1 - 2: 7.00 pm on Friday 9th December 2011
Matches 3 - 7: 10.00 am Saturday 10th December 2011
- 12.2 The two highest placed teams from the Round Robin will contest the 56 board Final (4 x 14 board stanzas) beginning at 10.00 am on Sunday 11th December 2011.
- 12.3 Players who do not qualify for the Final have free entry to the NSWBA Christmas Party Pairs on the Sunday.
- 12.4 Directors must be qualified at State level (Grade B) or above.
- 12.5 No entry fee or table money is payable by teams participating in the State Final.
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