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COUNTRY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

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To The Tournament Secretary: all NON-METROPOLITAN affiliated clubs

The Country Teams section of the 2013 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 29th & 30th June. Each divisional winner will be eligible to play in the State Teams Final at the NSWBA on the weekend starting on Friday evening 13th December. The NSWBA will offer subsidies to teams that play in the State Final.

The Convener for 2013 is Louis Koolen and each Division will have its own coordinator.

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The NSW Country Teams supplementary tournament regulations and a list of eligible affiliated clubs, divided into Regions within Divisions, are enclosed. These are also available from the NSWBA website <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2013/sotct.htm>. Please note that this 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. The entry fee for the Divisional Final will be \$150 per team.

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.

A summary of the significant dates for the 2013 Country Teams Championship follows.

Friday 8 th Feb:	Deadline for applications from clubs to host Regional Final
Friday 8 th Feb:	Deadline for applications from clubs to host Divisional Final
Saturday 1 st Jun:	Deadline for completion of Club Qualifying events
Sunday 16 th Jun:	Deadline for completion of Regional Finals
Saturday 22 nd Jun:	Deadline for entries to the Divisional Finals
Sat 29 th & Sun 30 th Jun:	Date of Divisional Finals
Fri 13 th - Sun 15 th Dec:	Date of Finals of John Arkinstall State Teams (and Country Teams) at NSWBA

The NSWBA is currently giving 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.

Louis Koolen, Convener