



# NSW BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



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## COUNTRY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

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

The Country Teams section of the 2014 State Teams Championship will again be contested in three zones: Northern, Southern & Western, and Outer Metropolitan. All Zonal Finals will be held over three sessions on the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June. Each Zonal winner will be eligible to play in the State Teams Final at the NSWBA on the weekend starting on Friday evening 12<sup>th</sup> December. The NSWBA will offer subsidies to teams that play in the State Final.

The Convener for 2014 is Louis Koolen and each Zone 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 Zones, are enclosed. These are also available from the NSWBA website <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2014/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 Zone, please contact the Convener. Any clubs not included in this list should also contact the Convener. The entry fee for the Zonal 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 2014 Country Teams Championship follows.

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Deadline for applications from clubs to host Regional Final
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Deadline for applications from clubs to host Zonal Final
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May:	Deadline for completion of Club Qualifying events
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun:	Deadline for completion of Regional Finals
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun:	Deadline for entries to the Zonal Finals
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun:	Date of Zonal Finals
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 zones 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