

NSW Country Carnival Championship Supplementary Regulations

Note: Clubs may write and publish their own supplementary regulations, but they must include the shaded paragraphs of these supplementary regulations.

1. The Event

1.1 This competition is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007, supplemented by the Tournament Regulations of the NSWBA as they stand at the time an issue arises, and these Supplementary Regulations. In the case of conflict between these Supplementary Regulations and the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, the Supplementary Regulations shall apply.

1.2 The competition is conducted in three stages:

- Club selection Butler or matchpoint pair events, qualifying pairs to the Regional Final.
- Regional Finals, qualifying pairs to the Country Carnival Final.
- Country Carnival Final.

1.3 No yellow systems will be permitted at any stage.

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 Each player must be a member of a Regional bridge club affiliated with the NSWBA, though not necessarily a member of the club in whose event he/she is participating.

2.2 Players need to be bona fide residents of the Region. However, clubs may allow home club members that reside outside the region to participate.

3. Club Selection Events

3.1 The event will be conducted over 2 to 3 sessions as advertised.

3.2 A large club may conduct two qualifying events, for example: day and night time; or week and weekend day. No club may run more than two qualifying events.

3.3 Directors must be qualified at club level (D) or above.

3.4 Pairs in the top half of the field are eligible to play in the Regional Final.

3.5 A club must send a minimum of one pair to the Regional Final to receive red masterpoints.

3.6 Pairs who are eligible, but whose entry fees are not covered by the club, can elect to pay their own entry fee to the Regional Final.

3.7 Pairs that qualify for the Regional Final, who opt not to proceed will be replaced by lower ranked pairs in the top half of the field, invited in finishing order.

3.8 Clubs not wishing to run a qualifying competition may nominate one pair per 25 home club members or part thereof with a limit of six pairs. All players in a nominated pair must be home members of the nominating club.

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4. Regional Final

4.1 The club hosting a Regional Final will set an entry fee per pair that will cover the cost of running the event and the entry fees for the Country Carnival Final.

(Remember at least one pair must progress in order for Red masterpoints to be awarded.)

4.2 Directors of a Regional Final must be non-playing and qualified at championship level (C2) or above.

4.3 Two pairs in each category are eligible to play in the Country Carnival Final.

5. The Country Carnival Final

5.1 This will be held in a different location in the State each year.

5.2 There will be category prizes, as well as a Zonal trophy.

6. Substitutions

6.1 Substitutions are to be in accordance with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations.

6.2 Pairs that are in breach of the substitution regulations will not be offered a place in the Regional Final should they finish in a qualifying position.

7. Masterpoints

7.1 Red masterpoints will be awarded at B4s level – do not use club B4c sessions.

7.2 Red masterpoints are to be calculated by the Club Masterpoint Secretary. Red masterpoints are awarded on a sessional basis only, *i.e.* there is **NO** outright award.

7.3 The red masterpoints awarded must **NOT** be entered on the club's quarterly return to the ABF Masterpoints Centre, but **must be sent to the Convener**. They must be sent as an appropriately formatted file e-mailed to the Convener. They should not be sent to the ABF Masterpoint Centre or the NSW State Masterpoint Secretary.