



# NSW BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



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## COUNTRY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

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

The Country Teams section of the 2015 State Teams Championship will again be contested in three zones: Northern, Southern & Western, and Outer Metropolitan. The weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June has been set aside for the Zonal Finals, but Zonal Coordinators can change this with the agreement of Pauline Gumby, the State Congress Coordinator [calendar@nswba.com.au](mailto:calendar@nswba.com.au). Each Zonal winner will be eligible to play in the State Teams Final at the NSWBA on the weekend starting on Friday evening 11<sup>th</sup> December. The NSWBA will offer subsidies to teams that play in the State Final.

The Tournament Organiser for 2015 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/se.asp?Y=2015&E=sotct>. 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 Tournament Organiser. Any clubs not included in this list should also contact the Organiser. 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 2015 Country Teams Championship follows.

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Deadline for applications from clubs to host Regional Final
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Deadline for applications from clubs to host Zonal Final
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May:	Deadline for completion of Club Qualifying events
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun:	Deadline for completion of Regional Finals
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jun:	Deadline for entries to the Zonal Finals
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Jun:	Default date of Zonal Finals
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 13 <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, Tournament Organiser