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## John Arkinstall State Open Teams Championship - 2015 SYDNEY METROPOLITAN ZONE

### Dear Tournament Secretary

After years of faithful service, Nick Hughes has stepped down as convener of the Metropolitan section of the State Teams. Many thanks to Nick for looking after the event for such a long time. Michael Wilkinson will be taking over as organiser for 2015. Michael has been organising the Sydney Metropolitan GNOT region for a number of years so brings a lot of experience to the job.

Other than moving towards doing more of the administration electronically, there will be no major changes for 2015. However, please note that the **Metropolitan Final has been scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> September**, much earlier than in 2014, so your club qualifying events need to be completed before this date. As usual, we welcome your club's participation in this event and look forward to receiving as many entries as possible to the Metropolitan Final.

The details are contained below and in the Supplementary Tournament Regulations available on the NSWBA website <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2015&E=sotmetro>.

***Please read both documents carefully!***

Warren Lazer  
Chairman, NSWBA Tournament Committee

1. The Metropolitan Final will be held on **Sunday 20 September 2015 starting at 10.00am**. (The venue will be posted on the NSWBA website after it is confirmed.) This event is part of the John Arkinstall State Open Teams Championship.
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+                                | \$90          | \$540+                   |

4. The supplementary Tournament Regulations are available from the NSWBA website, <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2015&E=sotmetro>. If any problems arise over the interpretation of the regulations, please consult the Organiser.
5. Two teams from The Metropolitan Final 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 11 December 2015 at 7.00pm**. There are no further entry fees or table monies for teams that qualify to the Final. Prizes for teams in the John Arkinstall State Open Teams are: 1<sup>st</sup> \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200.
6. Timetable. Clubs should note the following dates.  
Club results to be received by the Organiser by: **Monday 14 September 2015**  
Metropolitan Final (venue to be advised): **Sunday 20 September 2015, 10.00 am**  
State Open Teams Finals at the NSWBA: **Friday 11 - Sunday 13 December, 2015**
7. Masterpoints. Clubs should note that **red masterpoints** for the qualifying sessions will be awarded after the Metropolitan Final and **only to those clubs that send a representative team to the Metropolitan Final**.
8. Administration. An Excel form to assist clubs is available for download from the NSWBA website <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2015&E=sotmetro>. This is to be completed and used as a cover sheet and check list and then emailed to the Organiser. Participating clubs must send the following to the Organiser:

(a) by email

- The completed coversheet available from the NSWBA website (see above) as an Excel file. This will include the names and ABF numbers of the nominated pairs;
- A complete copy of the results of each qualifying session as a pdf, html or txt file;
- **The masterpoint file as a .red file. This is mandatory if you score using a computer.**

(b) by post

- A cheque for the masterpoints calculated at \$1.20 per masterpoint, made payable to the NSWBA;
- Hard copy of any of the above information that should have been sent by email, but was not. Masterpoints sent without ABF numbers and names will not be accepted. If you score using a computer program you **MUST** email the masterpoint file as a .red file.

All correspondence should be sent to:

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