

**JOHN ARKINSTALL STATE TEAMS**  
**SYDNEY METROPOLITAN ZONE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

1. The State Open Teams Championship is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007 and the Tournament Regulations of the New South Wales Bridge Association, as amended.
2. Qualifying for the Final Series is divided into 5 zones:
  - The Sydney Metropolitan Zone qualifies 2 teams to the Final Series via the Metropolitan Final.
  - The Country Teams Championship qualifies 3 teams to the Final Series, one from each of the Northern, Southern & Western, and Outer Metropolitan Zones.
  - The NSWBA Qualifying event qualifies 3 teams to the Final Series.
- 3 Qualifying Conditions
  - Clubs holding a qualifying tournament **must send at least one team** to represent the club at the Metropolitan Final in order to receive **red masterpoints** for a club qualifying competition.
4. Yellow Systems are not permitted in club qualifying events or the Metropolitan Final. Yellow Systems will be permitted in the State Final in accordance with the NSWBA regulations in force at the time.
5. Players do not have to be members of the club at which the qualifying competition is held but must be resident in the Sydney Metropolitan area, or play a significant amount of bridge at one or more clubs located in the Sydney Metropolitan area.
6. Club qualifying events may take the form of a teams event or Butler pairs competition, over a maximum of **six** sessions. Clubs may run two separate qualifying events, provided one is played during the day and the other at night.
7. Directors must be qualified at Club level (Grade D) or above.
8. Qualification to Metropolitan Final
  - 8.1 Teams finishing in the top half of the field(s) are eligible to play in the Metropolitan Final, provided they are bona fide competing teams. This means that the team must have entered and played the club qualifying event as a team - it is not allowable for players who have qualified in different teams to play together in the Final as club representatives.
  - 8.2 Substitutions at the Metropolitan Final must comply with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations (see Section 4 of those regulations) and must be approved by the Organiser prior to the commencement of the Final.
  - 8.3 Teams may augment players prior to the commencement of the Metropolitan Final. In particular teams should note that players may not be augmented to a team once the Metropolitan Final has started (exceptions may be granted in exceptional circumstances) so consideration should be given to player's availability for the State Final.

## 9. Masterpoints

- 9.1 Red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship (level B). Red masterpoints are to be calculated by the club masterpoint secretary on a weighting of 5.0. The event is run under the NSWBA's grade B (State Championship) allowance – do not use your club's B4c sessions.
- 9.2 Red masterpoints are awarded on a sessional basis only; *i.e.* there is NO outright award. If a club runs a qualifying session(s), followed by a final and consolation, only the players in the final will receive red masterpoints. Green masterpoints may be awarded to these players as for a normal club session, through the standard quarterly return.
- 9.3 The red masterpoints awarded are not to be entered on the club's quarterly or monthly return to the ABF Masterpoint Centre, but must instead be emailed to the Organiser as a .red file. They must **not** be sent to the State Masterpoint Secretary nor the ABF Masterpoint Centre.
- 9.4 Masterpoints issued at the Metropolitan Final: Sessional awards will have a weighting of 7.5 (*i.e.* 0.06 red MP per board). Outright awards will have a weighting of 5.0.

## 10. Administration

10.1 An Excel file to assist hosting 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. At the end of the qualifying event (and before Monday **14<sup>th</sup> September** the club needs to send the following to the Organiser by email:

- The format of the event, including the number of boards played in each match, the number of rounds played, and the number of teams in the event.
- The completed coversheet available from the NSWBA website (see above).
- A complete copy of the results of each session, noting any change of personnel between sessions as a pdf, text, html, Word or Excel file.
- Masterpoint information as a .red file, sent as an email attachment.
- A complete list of members and their ABF numbers of teams that will proceed to the Metropolitan Final.
- A cheque made payable to the NSWBA for the masterpoints and entry fees. Masterpoint costs are calculated at **\$1.20 per masterpoint**. Entry fees are calculated in the Excel spreadsheet according to the following table.

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+

10.2 NOTE: No nominations or entries will be accepted unless payment is received together with all of the requirements listed above.

11. Metropolitan Final

- 11.1 The Metropolitan Final will be held as a Round Robin or Swiss teams competition over two sessions on Sunday 20 November 2015, 10am start. (Venue to be confirmed.)
- 11.2 The **top two** (accepting) teams from the Metropolitan Final are eligible to advance to the Final Series at the NSWBA on 11-13 December 2015.
- 11.3 The Director must be qualified at Congress level (Grade C1) or above.

12. The John Arkinstall State Teams Finals

- 12.1 The Round Robin qualifying stage will consist of seven 12 board matches:  
Matches 1 - 2: 7.00 pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Matches 3 - 7: 10.00 am Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
- 12.2 The two highest placed teams from the Round Robin will contest the 56 board Final (4 x 14 board stanzas) beginning at 10.00 am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
- 12.3 Players who do not qualify for the Final have free entry to the NSWBA Christmas Party Pairs on the Sunday.
- 12.4 Directors must be qualified at State level (Grade B) or above.
- 12.5 No entry fee or table money is payable by teams participating in the State Final.
- 12.6 Prizes in the State Final are 1<sup>st</sup> \$400 (plus medals) and 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200.

13. Timetable. Clubs should note the following dates:

Club results to be received by the Organiser by: **Monday 14 September 2014**  
Metropolitan Final (venue to be confirmed): **Sunday 20 September 2015 at 10.00 am**  
State Open Teams Finals at the NSWBA: **Friday 11 - Sunday 13 December 2015**

14. The Organiser of the Metropolitan Teams on behalf of the NSWBA is Michael Wilkinson. All relevant correspondence should be sent to:

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