

STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

COUNTRY OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

SUPPLEMENTARY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. The State Open Pairs and Country Open Pairs Championship Finals will be held on 14th & 15th November 2015.
2. Clubs holding a qualifying event must send at least one pair to represent the club at the State Final, but there is no upper limit to the number of pairs that may be sent. Clubs will be charged per pair according to the following table:

Number of pairs sent to final	Cost per pair	Total charge to club
1	\$110	\$110
2	\$100	\$200
3	\$90	\$270
4	\$80	\$320
5	\$70	\$350
6	\$60	\$360
7+	\$60	\$420+

3. Clubs and players should note that pairs that have not qualified via an affiliated club will be accepted into the Final at a cost of \$110 per pair. They may enter by ringing the NSWBA Office (9264 8111) or enter on-line via the NSWBA website, <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/calendar.asp>.
4. To receive red masterpoints for a club qualifying competition and to get the benefits of the discounted entry fees specified in the table above, at least one *bona fide* representative pair must play in the Championship Final. **This means that the pair must have entered and played the club qualifying event as a pair - it is not allowable for players who have qualified in different partnerships to play together in the Final as club representatives.** Such players may, of course, enter the Final directly as allowed under clause 3.
5. The Championship is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007 and the Tournament Regulations of the New South Wales Bridge Association, as amended.
6. Yellow Systems are not permitted at any stage of the Championship.
7. Players must have an *active* Australian Bridge Federation masterpoint number.

8. Players do not have to be members of the club at which the qualifying competition is held.
9. Club qualifying competitions must be held over a maximum of three sessions.
10. Directors must be qualified at Club level or above.
11. Pairs playing in the Final are allowed one substitution on the Saturday and no substitutions on the Sunday. All substitutions must be in accordance with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations (Section 4) and must be approved in advance by the Tournament Organiser.
12. The top 14 pairs on Saturday will qualify for the State Open Pairs Final. In addition, the top 14 pairs from the non-metropolitan clubs will qualify to a separate Country Open Pairs Final. (The size of the Country Final will be reduced if fewer than 14 eligible pairs are available. Country pairs who qualify for the State Final may choose which Final they contend.
13. Clubs located outside the Sydney metropolitan region may apply to the NSWBA for financial assistance for pairs representing their clubs in the Championship Final. Only one subsidy per club will be allowed.
14. Masterpoints.

Red masterpoints will only be awarded for a club qualifying competition if a representative pair plays in the Championship Final.

- Red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship level and will cost \$1.20 each. They are to be calculated by the club masterpoint secretary with a weighting of 5.00.
- Red masterpoints will be 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. Red masterpoints cannot be awarded to players in the consolation as they cannot qualify for the next stage of the competition. (Green masterpoints may be awarded to these players as for a normal club session, through the standard quarterly return.)
- These sessions are run under the NSWBA's grade B (State Championship) allowance – do not use your club's B4c sessions.
- ***Please Note:*** The red masterpoints awarded must **NOT** be entered on the club's quarterly return to the ABF Masterpoint Centre but must be ***sent to the Tournament Organiser***. They may be entered on Congress Award forms (obtainable from the ABF Masterpoint Centre) showing the names and ABF numbers of all players in the section who have won masterpoints, or electronically, with an appropriate file. ***They should not be sent to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.***