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## John Arkinstall State Open Teams Championship - 2016 SYDNEY METROPOLITAN ZONE

### Dear Tournament Secretary

Michael Wilkinson will be continuing as Organiser of the Metropolitan Teams into 2016. There will be two major changes this year, both aimed to dramatically improve participation. Firstly, the cost of entry for clubs holding qualifying sessions will drop considerably - to a flat \$60 per team. Secondly, in an attempt to boost numbers in the Metropolitan Final, direct entry from metropolitan players will be encouraged, *i.e.* the Final will be advertised and treated like a regular Swiss Teams Congress. The direct entry fee will be \$140 per team. As in recent years, two teams will qualify for the State Final in December. One of these qualifying spots will be guaranteed to a team that has qualified via a club heat, **but only if** the number of “club” teams participating is at least 12. There will also be prize money for the first, second and third places. As usual, we welcome your club’s participation in this event and look forward to strong support from the metropolitan clubs. Note that, as a consequence of these changes, clubs can no longer nominate teams into 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=2016&E=sotmetro>.

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

Warren Lazer  
Chairman, NSWBA Tournament Committee

1. The Metropolitan Final will be held on **Sunday 18 September 2016 starting at 10.00am** at the NSWBA. This event is part of the John Arkinstall State Open Teams Championship.
2. Entry fees for teams that have participated in a club qualifying heat will be \$60 per team.
3. Entries will be accepted into the Metropolitan final from teams that have not participated in a club qualifying event. The entry fee for such teams is \$140 per team.
4. The supplementary Tournament Regulations are available from the NSWBA website, <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2016&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 9 December 2016 at 7.00pm**. There are no further entry fees or table monies for teams that qualify to the State Final. Cash prizes (dependent on the number of entries received) will be awarded to teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Metropolitan Teams.
6. Timetable. Clubs should note the following dates.

Club results to be received by the Organiser by: **Monday 12 September 2016**

Metropolitan Final at the NSWBA: **Sunday 18 September 2016, 10.00 am**

State Open Teams Finals at the NSWBA: **Friday 9 - Sunday 11 December, 2016**

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=2016&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 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 teams;
  - 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.**
9. Clubs should note that **red masterpoints** for the qualifying sessions will be awarded after the Championship Final and **only to those clubs that send a representative team to the Championship Finals.**
10. The Tournament Organiser will issue each participating club with an invoice to cover the entry fees of representative teams and the costs of any red masterpoints issued. **Do not send any money until you receive the invoice.**
11. All correspondence should be sent to:

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