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COUNTRY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

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To The Tournament Secretary: all NON-METROPOLITAN affiliated clubs

The Country Teams section of the 2017 State Teams Championship will again be contested in three zones: Northern, Southern & Western, and Outer Metropolitan. The weekend of 1st & 2nd July 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. Each Zonal winner will be eligible to play in the State Teams Final at the NSWBA on the weekend starting on Friday evening 8th December. The NSWBA will offer subsidies to teams that play in the State Final.

Helen Milward is the Tournament Organiser for 2017. As usual, each Zone will have its own coordinator.

Zone	Coordinator	Email	Phone
Northern:	Ian Price	priceshdc@gmail.com	6772 5442
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The NSW Country Teams supplementary tournament regulations can be found on the NSWBA website at <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2017&E=sotct>, along with a list of eligible affiliated clubs divided into Regions within Zones. Please note that this list is not cut and dried; if your club is not on the list or wants to switch and play in a different Region or Zone, please contact the Tournament Organiser.

In response to issues raised at the last Regional Representatives meeting, there is now much greater freedom in augmenting members to teams proceeding to Regional, Zonal and State Finals. It is hoped this will address the problem of players entering a multi-stage event and later discovering their unavailability for subsequent stages.

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. The entry fee for teams progressing to the Regional Finals is \$100 per team and is payable by clubs to the NSWBA upon receipt of invoice. Clubs hosting Regional and Zonal Finals will do so on the NSWBA's behalf and will be reimbursed for expenses incurred. There is no entry fee for the Zonal Finals for those teams who qualify.

If you are the only club in your region to enter, discuss your possible options with your Zonal Coordinator.

A summary of the significant dates for the 2017 Country Teams Championship follows.

Friday 3 rd Feb:	Deadline for applications from clubs to host Regional Final
Friday 3 rd Feb:	Deadline for applications from clubs to host Zonal Final
Saturday 3 rd Jun:	Deadline for completion of Club Qualifying events
Sunday 25 th Jun:	Deadline for completion of Regional Finals
Tuesday 27 th Jun:	Deadline for entries to the Zonal Finals
Sat 1 st & Sun 2 nd Jul:	Default date of Zonal Finals
Fri 8 th - Sun 10 th Dec:	Date of Finals of John Arkinstall State Teams (and Country Teams) at NSWBA

Please **note** that the date for the Zonal Final is the weekend after the deadline for completion of Regional Finals.

Warren Lazer,
Chairman, NSWBA Tournament Committee