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COUNTRY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

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To The Tournament Secretary: all NON-METROPOLITAN affiliated clubs

The Country Teams section of the State Teams Championship is undergoing some significant changes in 2018. These will give Country teams more representation in the State Finals, with each Zone now qualifying 2 teams to the State Final. There are few changes for the Outer Metropolitan and Northern Zones. However, to reduce the amount of travel required, the vast Southern & Western Zone has been subdivided into an Eastern CT Zone and a Western CT Zone, where slightly modified regulations will apply. The weekend of 30th June & 1st 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. The NSWBA will offer subsidies to all teams that play in the State Final at the NSWBA on the weekend starting on Friday evening 14th December.

Helen Milward is the Tournament Organiser for 2018. As usual, each Zone will have its own coordinator.

| Zone | Coordinator | Email | Phone |
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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=2018&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.

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.

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 2018 Country Teams Championship follows.

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| Friday 2 nd Mar: | Deadline for applications from clubs to host Regional Final |
| Friday 2 nd Mar: | Deadline for applications from clubs to host Zonal Final |
| Saturday 2 nd Jun: | Deadline for completion of Club Qualifying events |
| Sunday 24 th Jun: | Default deadline for completion of Regional Finals |
| Tuesday 26 th Jun: | Default deadline for entries to the Zonal Finals |
| Sat 30 th Jun & Sun 1 st Jul: | Default date of Zonal Finals |
| Fri 14 th - Sun 16 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