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John Arkinstall State Open Teams Championship - 2018 SYDNEY METROPOLITAN ZONE

Dear Tournament Secretary

There are no major format changes to the Metropolitan Teams in 2018. The NSWBA's Spring Teams Congress in September will incorporate the Metropolitan Final and will qualify two teams to the State Teams Final in December. Entry fees remain at a very cheap \$60 per team for clubs holding qualifying sessions, whilst direct entry will cost \$140 per team. There will also be prize money for the first, second and third places. This is a great opportunity to award red masterpoints in your club without using any of your B4c sessions - as this event is a State Championship, the masterpoints issued are part of the NSWBA's level B allowance. We look forward to your club's participation in the qualification stages of this event. The only significant change is that I will be taking on the job of Organiser.

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=2018&E=sotmetro>.

Please read both documents carefully!

Warren Lazer
Chairman, NSWBA Tournament Committee

1. This event is part of the John Arkinstall State Open Teams Championship. The Metropolitan Final will be held on **Sunday 28 October 2018 starting at 10.00am** at the NSWBA, combined with the NSWBA's Spring Teams Congress.
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=2018&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 14 December 2018 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Metropolitan Final / Spring Swiss Teams.
6. Timetable. Clubs should note the following dates.

Club results to be received by the Organiser by: **Monday 8 October 2018**

Metropolitan Final at the NSWBA: **Sunday 28 October 2018, 10.00 am**

State Open Teams Finals at the NSWBA: **Friday 14 - Sunday 16 December, 2018**

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=2018&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. 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.**
10. All correspondence should be sent to:

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