

**JOHN ARKINSTALL STATE TEAMS 2019**  
**SYDNEY METROPOLITAN ZONE**  
**CLUB QUALIFYING SUPPLEMENTARY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

1. The State Open Teams Championship is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 and the Tournament Regulations of the New South Wales Bridge Association, as amended.
2. Qualification for the Final Series is divided into 5 zones:
  - The Sydney Metropolitan Zone qualifies 2 teams to the Final Series via the Metropolitan Final.
  - The Country Teams Championship qualifies 6 teams to the Final Series, two from each of the Northern, Southern & Western, and Outer Metropolitan Zones.
  - The NSWBA Qualifying event qualifies 2 teams to the Final Series.
3. Qualifying Conditions  
Clubs holding a qualifying tournament **must send at least one team** to represent the club at the Metropolitan Final in order to receive **red masterpoints** for a club qualifying competition.
4. Yellow Systems are not permitted in club qualifying events nor the Metropolitan Final. Pairs wishing to play a yellow system in the State Final must notify the Chairman of the NSWBA Tournament Committee [tournament@nswba.com.au](mailto:tournament@nswba.com.au) of their intent at least 1 week prior to the start of the State Final. This notification must be accompanied by a copy of the system and a suggested defence for the opponents.
5. Players do not have to be members of the club at which the qualifying competition is held, but must be resident in the Sydney Metropolitan area, or play a significant amount of bridge at one or more clubs located in the Sydney Metropolitan area.
6. Club qualifying events may be run as teams or IMP-scored pairs competition, over a maximum of **six** sessions. Clubs may run two separate qualifying events, provided one is played during the day and the other at night.
7. If running a pairs event, Butler Pairs with match lengths of at least 5 boards should be preferred. A normal pairs movement with rounds of 2, 3 or 4 boards and employing IMP scoring is permissible, but will result in many fewer masterpoints being issued, and these only to the top half of the field. Matchpoint scoring is not permitted.
8. Directors must be qualified at Club level (Grade D) or above.
9. Qualification to the Metropolitan Final
  - 9.1 All teams participating in a club qualifying event are eligible to play in the Metropolitan Final, provided they are *bona fide* competing teams. This means that the team must have entered and played the club qualifying event as a team - it is not allowable for players who have qualified in different teams to play together in the Final as club representatives, but see Clause 9.2 below.
  - 9.2 Teams may augment players at any time prior to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, *i.e.* either before or after the Metropolitan Final. Augmented players must be members of the club conducting the qualifying event. Permission to augment after 8<sup>th</sup> November may be granted by the NSWBA Tournament Committee in exceptional circumstances.
  - 9.3 If holding a Butler Pairs qualifying event, any 2 or 3 participating pairs may join together to form a team.
  - 9.4 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.

## 10. Subsequent stages

10.1 The Metropolitan Final will be held at the NSWBA on Sunday 27 October 2019.

10.2 The State Finals will be held at the NSWBA Friday 15 - Sunday 17 November 2019.

10.3 Further information about these stages of the State Teams (including prizes and the supplementary tournament regulations) can be found on the NSWBA website at <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2019&E=sot>.

## 11. Masterpoints

11.1 Red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship (level B). Red masterpoints are to be calculated by the club masterpoint secretary on a weighting of 5.0. The event is run under the NSWBA's grade B (State Championship) allowance – do not use your club's B4c sessions.

11.2 Red masterpoints are 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. Green masterpoints may be awarded to these players as for a normal club session, through the standard quarterly return.

11.3 The red masterpoints awarded are not to be entered on the club's quarterly or monthly return to the ABF Masterpoint Centre, but must instead be emailed to the Organiser as a .red file. They must **not** be sent to the State Masterpoint Secretary nor the ABF Masterpoint Centre.

## 12. Administration

12.1 An Excel file to assist hosting clubs is available for download from the NSWBA website <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2019&E=sotmetro>. This is to be completed and used as a cover sheet and check list. At the end of the qualifying event (and before Monday **14<sup>th</sup> October**) the club needs to send the following to the Organiser by email:

- The format of the event, including the number of boards played in each match, the number of rounds played, and the number of teams (or pairs) in the event.
- The completed coversheet available from the NSWBA website (see above).
- A complete copy of the results as pdf, text, html, Word or Excel files. This must include a list of all teams and their members and the number of matches they won, drew and lost.
- Masterpoint information as a .red file, sent as an email attachment.
- A complete list of team members (*i.e.* names and ABF numbers) of teams that will proceed to the Metropolitan Final.

12.2 The Organiser will send an invoice to cover the masterpoint costs and the team entry fees after the conclusion of the Metropolitan Final. Do not send any money until you receive the invoice.

- Masterpoint costs in 2019 are calculated at **\$1.26 per masterpoint**.
- Entry fees are \$60 per team.

13. Timetable. Clubs should note the following dates:

Club results to be received by the Organiser by: **Monday 14 October 2019**

Metropolitan Final at the NSWBA: **Sunday 27 October 2019 at 10.00 am**

State Open Teams Finals at the NSWBA: **Friday 15 - Sunday 17 November 2019**

14. The Organiser of the Metropolitan Teams on behalf of the NSWBA is Warren Lazer. I can be contacted by phone on 9744 1555 (10.00am to midnight), but my preferred means of communication is via email.

All relevant correspondence should be emailed to [sotmetro@nswba.com.au](mailto:sotmetro@nswba.com.au)