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John Arkinstall State Open Teams Championship - 2019 SYDNEY METROPOLITAN ZONE

Dear Tournament Secretary

There are no major format changes to the Metropolitan Teams in 2019. The NSWBA's Jacaranda Teams Congress in September will incorporate the Metropolitan Teams Final and will qualify two teams to the State Teams Final, which has been brought forward to mid-November. Entry fees remain at a very cheap \$60 per team for clubs holding qualifying sessions, whilst direct entry to the Jacaranda Teams Congress 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. I will again 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=2019&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 27 October 2019 starting at 10.00am** at the NSWBA, combined with the NSWBA's Jacaranda 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=2019&E=sotmetro>. If any problems arise over the interpretation of the regulations, please consult the Organiser.
5. Two teams from the Metropolitan Final will qualify to play in the Final Series of the State Teams to be played at the NSWBA on the weekend starting **at 7.00pm on Friday 15 November 2019**. At least one of these teams will come from teams that have qualified to the Metropolitan Final via a club qualifying event.
6. 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 / Jacaranda Swiss Teams.

7. 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, 10.00 am**

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

8. 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 at least one representative team to the Metropolitan Final.**

9. 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=2019&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 players in the nominated teams;
- A summary of the results of all qualifying session as a pdf, html or txt file. At a minimum, this will show the members of all teams and the number of matches each team won, drew and lost;
- **The masterpoint file as a .red file. This is mandatory if you score using a computer.**

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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