



# NSW BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



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## COUNTRY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

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### To The Tournament Secretary: all NON-METROPOLITAN affiliated clubs

Big changes to the Country Teams in 2018 gave country teams greater representation in the State Finals; just a few minor tweaks are planned for 2021. The date for each Zonal Final is set by the Zonal Coordinator and posted on the Country Teams website. Each zone will qualify 2 teams to the State Final, except the Southern and Western Zones which each qualify one team. The State Final is held at the NSWBA, starting on Friday evening 12<sup>th</sup> November and the NSWBA will offer subsidies to all teams that play in it.

Helen Milward is the Tournament Organiser for 2021. As usual, each Zone will have its own coordinator.

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Northern:	Ian Price	<a href="mailto:priceshdc@gmail.com">priceshdc@gmail.com</a>	0432 153 294
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The supplementary tournament regulations for the NSW Country Teams can be found on the NSWBA website at [www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2021&E=sotct](http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2021&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. Participating clubs complete an Excel form to report details of their representative teams and qualifying events. This form [www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2021/docs/CT\\_Club\\_Entry\\_Form\\_2021.xlsx](http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2021/docs/CT_Club_Entry_Form_2021.xlsx) now includes a set of instructions explaining how to fill it in correctly. Please follow them precisely.

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 2021 Country Teams Championship follows.

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar:	Deadline for applications from clubs to host Regional Final
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar:	Deadline for applications from clubs to host Zonal Final
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Jun:	Date of Northern Zonal Final
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep:	Date of Outer Metropolitan Zonal Final
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct:	Date of Southern Zonal Final
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct:	Date of Western Zonal Final
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Date of Finals of John Arkinstall State Teams (and Country Teams) at NSWBA

Deadline for completion of Regional Finals is about two weeks before the relevant Zonal Final.

Warren Lazer,  
Chairman, NSWBA Events Committee

Helen Milward  
Country Team Organiser