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COUNTRY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

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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 2022, mainly allowing clubs to hold their qualifying sessions online. 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 scheduled to be held at the NSWBA starting on Friday evening 9th December, pandemic permitting; the NSWBA will offer subsidies to all teams that play in it.

Helen Milward is the Tournament Organiser for 2022. As usual, each Zone will have its own coordinator.

Zone	Coordinator	Email	Phone
Northern:	Ian Price	priceshdc@gmail.com	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=2022&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. If held online, RealBridge sessions award masterpoints with W=5.0, whilst BBO and StepBridge award them with W=2.5. 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/2022/docs/CT_Club_Entry_Form_2022.xlsx 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 2022 Country Teams Championship follows.

- Friday 4th Mar: Deadline for applications from clubs to host Regional Final
 - Friday 4th Mar: Deadline for applications from clubs to host Zonal Final
 - Sat 25th & Sun 26th Jun: Date of Northern Zonal Final
 - Sat 15th & Sun 16th Oct: Date of Outer Metropolitan Zonal Final (TBC, likely just 1 day event)
 - Sunday 2nd Oct (TBC): Southern Zonal Final will be on or before this date
 - Sunday 2nd Oct (TBC): Western Zonal Final will be on or before this date
 - Fri 9th - Sun 11th Dec: 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