

JOHN ARKINSTALL STATE TEAMS 2022
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. All Sydney clubs are eligible to run heats of the Metropolitan Teams. These club events qualify teams to the Metropolitan Teams Final, held in conjunction with the NSWBA's Jacaranda Teams Congress on Sunday 16 October.
3. The Metropolitan Teams Final selects two teams to represent the Sydney Zone in the finals of the State Open Teams Championships held in December. (Ten teams, representing all zones in NSW, contest the Finals of the State Open Teams.)
4. Clubs may run one or two separate events, but the total maximum number of sessions a club can hold is **six**. Clubs may only run two separate qualifying events if each caters to different members (*e.g.* one is played during the day and the other at night, on a weekend or online).
5. Club qualifying events may be run as teams or IMP-scored pairs competitions.
6. Yellow Systems are not permitted in club qualifying events nor the Metropolitan Final.
7. 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.
8. Directors must be qualified at Club level (Grade D) or above.
9. If running a pairs event, Butler Pairs with match lengths of at least 5 boards should be preferred. This will maximise the award of red masterpoints which are awarded for every match won or drawn. 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.
10. Qualification to the Metropolitan Teams Final
 - 10.1 All teams participating in a club qualifying event are eligible to represent that club in the Metropolitan Final, provided they are *bona fide* competing teams. This means that each 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 10.2 below.
 - 10.2 Teams may augment players at any time prior to Friday 2 December, *i.e.* either before or after the Metropolitan Teams Final. Augmented players must be members of the club conducting the qualifying event. Permission to augment after 2 December may be granted by the NSWBA Events Committee in exceptional circumstances.
 - 10.3 If holding an IMP-based pairs qualifying event, any 2 or 3 participating pairs may join together to form a team.
 - 10.4 The entry fee to the Metropolitan Final for all club representatives is \$80 per team. Lunch, provided by the NSWBA, is included in this entry fee.
 - 10.4 Entries will be accepted into the Metropolitan Final from teams that are not representing an affiliated club. The entry fee for such teams is \$160 per team.
 - 10.5 Clubs may hold club qualifying events and award red masterpoints without having to send any representative teams to the Metropolitan Final.

11. Subsequent stages

- 11.1 The Metropolitan Teams Final will be held at the NSWBA on Sunday 16 October 2022.
- 11.2 The State Open Teams Finals will be held at the NSWBA from Friday 9 - Sunday 11 December 2022.
- 11.3 Further information about these stages of the State Teams (including prizes and the supplementary tournament regulations) can be found on the NSWBA website at www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2022&E=sot.

12. Masterpoints

- 12.1 Red masterpoints will be awarded. The event is run under the NSWBA's grade B (State Championship) allowance – do not use your club's B4c sessions.
- 12.2 Red masterpoints are awarded on a sessional basis only; *i.e.* there are NO outright (placing) awards.
- 12.3 **The red masterpoints awarded must be emailed to the Organiser as a .red file.** They must **not** be sent to the State Masterpoint Secretary nor uploaded to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.
- 12.4 Awards for club sessions are dependent on the platform:
 - a) For sessions held face-to-face or on RealBridge the red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship level with a weighting of W=5.0. They are to be calculated by the scoring program or club masterpoint secretary.
 - b) For sessions held on BBO using the ABF's Virtual Club Program the red masterpoints will be awarded with a weighting of W=2.5. Depending on the format of the event, the title of the session should begin with "Pairs SOT RED" or "Teams SOT RED" so that they are not automatically processed by the ABF. The Director or Club Masterpoint Secretary is responsible for generating the appropriate .red file.
 - c) For sessions held on StepBridge the red masterpoints will be awarded with a weighting of W=2.5. You need to tell StepBridge all this beforehand and ask they email you the masterpoint file after the session. StepBridge must not upload the awards. Make sure you comply with the usual StepBridge requirements – if in doubt, ask StepBridge before the sessions are held. The Director or Club Masterpoint Secretary is responsible for combining all the relevant MP files into a single .red file to forward to the Metropolitan Teams Organiser.

13. Administration

- 13.1 An Excel file to assist hosting clubs is available for download from the NSWBA website www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2022&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 3rd October) the club needs to send the following to the Organiser by email:
 - The completed Excel coversheet available from the NSWBA website (see above).
 - 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.
 - A complete copy of the results each session 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 Teams Final.

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

- Masterpoint costs in 2022 are calculated at **\$1.28 per masterpoint**.
- Entry fees are \$80 per team and includes lunch.

14. Timetable. Clubs should note the following dates:

Club results to be received by the Organiser by: **Monday 3rd October 2022**

Metropolitan Teams Final at the NSWBA: **Sunday 16th October 2022 at 10.00 am**

State Open Teams Finals at the NSWBA: **Friday 9 - Sunday 11 December 2022**

15. 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