

STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

COUNTRY OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

SUPPLEMENTARY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

NB This event awards red masterpoints with a weighting of W=5.00 (or 2.5 for BBO/StepBridge). It is imperative that the director of the sessions sets the weighting correctly when scoring the event. The procedure(s) for doing this in Compscore2, Scorebridge and ASE9 can be found in the appendix at the end of these regulations (Part A, B and C, respectively). See also Reg 20.

1. The Championship is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 and the Tournament Regulations of the New South Wales Bridge Association, as amended.
2. The State Open Pairs and Country Open Pairs Championship Finals will be held on 19th & 20th November 2022.
3. Yellow Systems are not permitted at any stage of the Championship.
4. Directors must be qualified at Club level or above.
5. Players must have an *active* Australian Bridge Federation masterpoint number.
6. Players do not have to be members of the club holding the qualifying competition.
7. The Masterpoint Scheme requires all competitors in online sessions to be members of a club affiliated with the NSWBA.
8. Club qualifying competitions must be held over a maximum of four sessions. Clubs may hold more than one qualifying event, but the maximum number of sessions allowed for any single club is five.
9. The upper limit to the number of pairs that may be sent is the entire qualifying field. Clubs will be charged \$120 per representative pair.
10. Clubs and players should note that pairs that have not qualified via an affiliated club will be accepted into the Final at a cost of \$140 per pair. They should enter via the NSWBA website, www.nswba.com.au/tourn/eventDetails.asp?tid=3586.
11. To get the benefits of the discounted entry fee above, **all pairs must be *bona fide* club representatives, i.e. each pair must have entered and played a club qualifying event as a pair - it is not allowable for players who have qualified in different partnerships to play together in the Final as club representatives.** Such players may, of course, enter the Final directly as allowed under Reg 10.
12. Clubs that do not run a qualifying competition may nominate one pair per 50 home club members or part thereof with a limit of 5 pairs. This option to nominate pairs is not available to clubs that have run a qualifying session.

13. Pairs playing in the State Final are allowed one substitution on the Saturday and no substitutions on the Sunday. All substitutions must be in accordance with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, submitted via the on-line substitution form at <http://www.nswba.com.au/forms/substitute.asp> and must be approved in advance by the NSWBA Events Committee.
14. The top 14 pairs on Saturday will qualify for the State Open Pairs Final. In addition, the top 14 pairs from the non-metropolitan clubs will qualify to a separate Country Open Pairs Final. Country pairs who qualify for the State Final may choose which Final they contend.
15. To be eligible to qualify for the Country Pairs Final a pair must either
 - (a) have qualified via a non-metropolitan affiliated club, or
 - (b) each member of the pair must have a main residence in a non-metropolitan region of NSW and/or be a *bona fide* member of and regular player at a non-metropolitan club. No pair that qualified via a metropolitan club is eligible for the Country Pairs Final.
16. Clubs located outside the Sydney metropolitan region may apply to the NSWBA for financial assistance for pairs representing their clubs in the Championship Final.
17. An Excel form to assist clubs is available for download from the NSWBA website www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2022&E=sop. This is to be completed and used as a cover sheet and check list and then emailed to the NSWBA. Participating clubs must send the following to the NSWBA 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 the pairs representing the club;
 - A complete copy of the results of each qualifying session as a pdf, html or txt file;
 - **The masterpoint file as a .red file. This is mandatory if you score using a computer.**
18. Clubs should note that red masterpoints for the qualifying sessions will be submitted to the Masterpoint Centre **after** the Championship Final.
19. The NSWBA will issue each participating club with an invoice to cover the entry fees of representative pairs or the cost of masterpoints issued. **Do not send any money until you receive the invoice.**
20. Masterpoints.

Red masterpoints are awarded for any club qualifying competition.
See Reg 20 a) for sessions run face-to-face or on RealBridge (W=5.00).
See Reg 20 b) for sessions run on BBO (W=2.5).
See Reg 20 c) for sessions run on StepBridge (W=2.5).

 - The red masterpoints awarded must **NOT** be submitted via the club's monthly upload to the ABF Masterpoint Centre. They must be sent as a .red file in an email attachment to the Tournament Organiser. ***Do not send anything to the ABF Masterpoint Centre or the State Masterpoint Secretary.***
 - Red masterpoints are awarded on a sessional basis only; *i.e.* there is NO outright award.

- These sessions are run under the NSWBA's grade B (State Championship) allowance – do not use your club's B4c sessions.
 - Provided at least one representative pair is sent to the State Final, the NSWBA will pay the costs of any red masterpoints awarded.
- a) For sessions held face-to-face or on RealBridge the red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship level with a weighting of 5.00. They are to be calculated by the scoring program or club masterpoint secretary. See the Appendix to these regulations.
 - b) For sessions held on BBO using the ABF's Virtual Club Program the red masterpoints will be awarded with a weighting of W=2.50. The title of the session should begin with "Pairs SOP 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=2.50. 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. The Director or Club Masterpoint Secretary is responsible for combining all the relevant MP files into a single .red file to forward to the Event Organiser. Make sure you comply with the usual StepBridge requirements – if in doubt, ask StepBridge before the sessions are held.
21. If the NSWBA decides that the State Final should be held on RealBridge rather than face-to-face, the following changes will be made:
- a) Clubs will be able to nominate up to 10 pairs as well as running a qualifying event.
 - b) The cost for all entrants will be reduced by \$20 per pair. Prizes will be reduced.
 - c) Eligibility for the Country Pairs Final will be based solely on the player's place of residence. A minimum of 12 Country pairs must be available for a separate Country Pairs Final to be held.
 - d) Start time for the Final will be brought forward to 10.00am.
22. All correspondence should be sent to the Tournament Organiser, Wing Roberts:

email: office@nswba.com.au Phone (02) 9264 8111

Appendix: Masterpointing the State Open Pairs Club Qualifying Event Correctly Part A - Using Compscore2

1. Set up individual sessions as normal, but choose “Red” for Masterpoints and “5.00” for Basic Weighting (see Figure 1).

Session Setup

State Mixed Pairs Club Qualifying

Session Date: 12-Jul-2017 Section: A Scoring: Matchpoint Extra Info

Session Name: State Mixed Pairs Club Qualifying Deal File: ... Director:

Masterpoints: Red Basic Weighting: 5.00 Addit. Weighting Factor: Extra Info

Movement Details

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Number of Tables (rounded up): Highest Board Number:

Number of Rounds: Boards per Round:

Half table: No half table Missing Pair:

Movement:

2. Type in the Movement Details and score normally. The masterpoints will be calculated correctly. Generate the required red point file using normal procedures.

Appendix: Masterpointing the State Open Pairs Club Qualifying Event Correctly Part B - Using Scorebridge

1. Enter the results and score up normally until the **Results and Outputs** window is reached (see Figure 1). Choose "Options" and "Master Point Options FOR THIS EVENT".

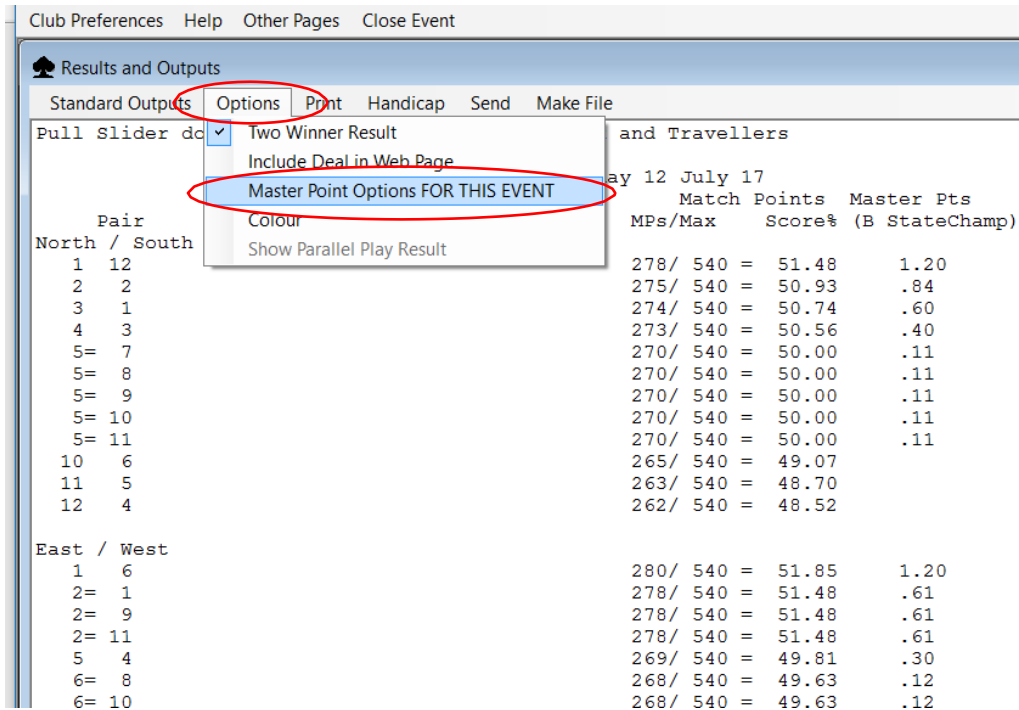


Figure 1: Master Point Options

2. Choose "B StateChamp" from the drop down menu (Figure 2). Click "OK".

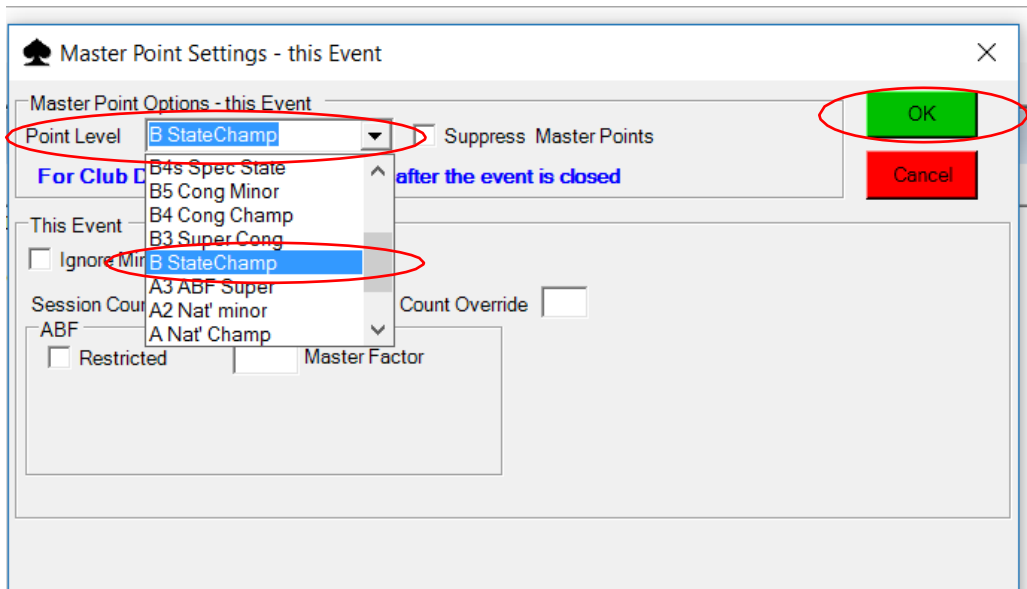


Figure 2: Master Point Settings

3. The masterpoints will be calculated correctly. Generate the required red point file using normal procedures.

Appendix: Masterpointing the State Open Pairs Club Qualifying Event Correctly Part C - Using ASE9

1. Set up individual sessions as normal, but choose “B State championship” for Masterpoint grade (see Figure 1).

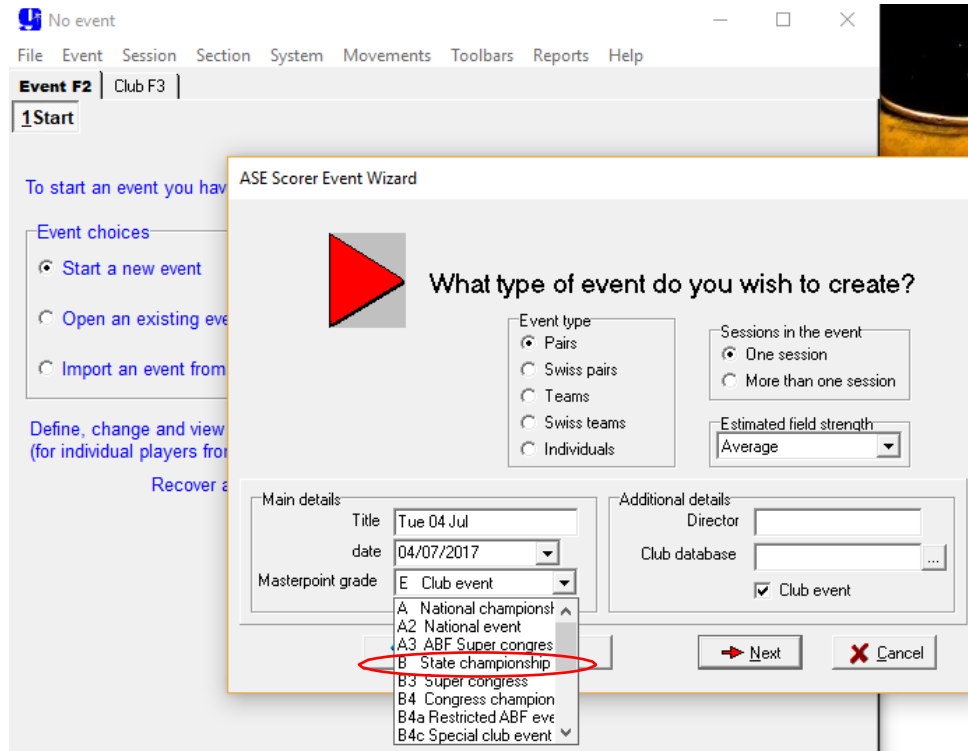


Figure 1: Setting up

Figure 2). Check the masterpoint tournament grade is “B State championship” and the Master factor grade is set to “None”. Make sure to click “Recalculate” before “OK”.

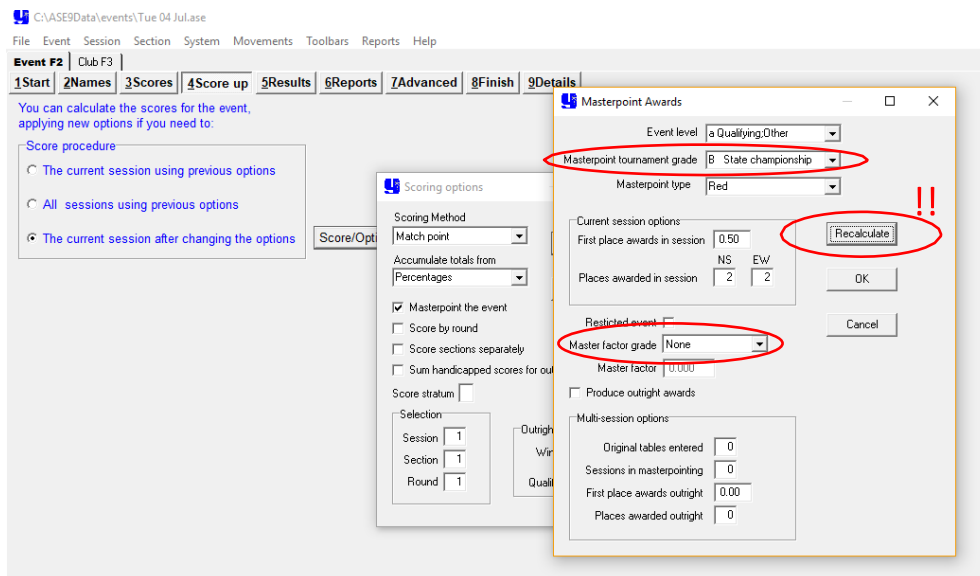


Figure 2: Masterpoint Awards

3. The masterpoints will be calculated correctly. Generate the required red point file using normal procedures.