

**JOHN ARKINSTALL STATE TEAMS 2023**  
**SYDNEY METROPOLITAN ZONE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS FOR THE NSWBA**  
**JACARANDA TEAMS CONGRESS / METROPOLITAN TEAMS FINAL**

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. Qualification for the Final Series
  - 2.1 The Sydney Metropolitan Zone qualifies 2 teams to the Final Series via the NSWBA Jacaranda Teams Congress which incorporates the Metropolitan Final.
  - 2.2 The Country Teams Championship qualifies 6 teams to the Final Series as follows:
    - two from the Northern Zone
    - two from the Hunter Central Coast Zone
    - one from the Southern Zone
    - one from the Western Zone.
  - 2.3 The NSWBA Qualifying event qualifies 2 teams to the Final Series.
3. Entries
  - 3.1 Any team that participated in a club qualifying event is eligible to play in the Jacaranda Teams/Metropolitan Teams Final. The entry fee for such teams is \$80 per team and will be paid by the participating club. All such entries should be made by emailing Warren Lazer at [sotmetro@nswba.com.au](mailto:sotmetro@nswba.com.au).
  - 3.2 Any member of the ABF's Masterpoint Scheme may enter the NSWBA's Jacaranda Teams Congress via MyABF at <https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/532>. The entry fee, which includes lunch, is \$160 per team.
4. Yellow Systems are not permitted in the Metropolitan Final, nor in the State Final in accordance with the NSWBA regulations in force at the time.
5. The Director must be qualified at Congress Level C1 or above.
6. Format. For 14+ teams, the event will be run as a standard Swiss Teams competition playing either seven 8-board matches or six 9-board matches, dependent on the number of entries received and the Director's discretion. For 13 or fewer teams, a round robin of 5-board rounds will be utilised. The appropriate WBF continuous IMP to VP conversion scale will be used.
7. Substitutions are to be in accordance with the standard NSWBA substitution regulations.
8. Assuming a minimum entry of 24 teams, cash prizes of 1<sup>st</sup> \$480, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$240 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$120 will be awarded. The NSWBA reserves the right to reduce these prizes if fewer than 24 teams enter. The award of prizes is independent of whether a team accepts a place in the State Final.

9. Progression to the State Finals to be held online using the RealBridge platform on Friday 24 - Sunday 26 November 2023.
  - 9.1 Two teams will qualify to the State Final. One place in the State Final will be offered to teams that have entered via club qualifying competitions. The other place in the State Final will be offered to the entire field, subject to #9.2 and #9.3. Offers of places in the State Final will be made in finishing order.
  - 9.2 Offer of a place in the State Final will be made only to teams consisting wholly of players eligible to participate in a Metropolitan Zone club qualifying event.
  - 9.3 No team containing a player who has previously qualified to and accepted a place in the State Final will be offered a place in the State Final.
  - 9.4 Further information about the Final of the John Arkinstall State Teams (including prizes and the supplementary tournament regulations) can be found on the NSWBA website at <https://nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2023&E=sot>.
10. Augmentation
  - 10.1 Teams may augment players at any time prior to 17<sup>th</sup> November, *i.e.* either before or after the Metropolitan Final. Permission to augment after 17<sup>th</sup> November may be granted by the NSWBA Events Committee in exceptional circumstances.
  - 10.2 For teams that have entered under #3.1, augmented players must be members of the club conducting the qualifying event.
  - 10.3 Teams that have entered under #3.2 may augment any player eligible to participate in a Metropolitan Zone club qualifying event, provided said player was not a member of a team offered a place in the State Final via the NSWBA's Direct Qualifying Event.
  - 10.4 No team may augment beyond a maximum composition of 6 members.
  - 10.5 All augmentation requests should be emailed to Warren Lazer at [sotmetro@nswba.com.au](mailto:sotmetro@nswba.com.au)
11. Red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship (level B) using a weighting of 5.0.
12. Timetable. Clubs should note the following dates:  
Club results to be received by the Organiser by: **Monday 25 September 2023**  
Metropolitan Final at the NSWBA: **Sunday 8 October 2023 at 10.00 am**  
State Open Teams Finals on RealBridge: **Friday 24 - Sunday 26 November 2023**
13. The Organiser of the Metropolitan Teams on behalf of the NSWBA is Warren Lazer.  
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