

2005 Grand National Open Teams Competition

January, 2005

Dear Tournament Secretary,

If your club has regularly participated in the GNOT qualifying rounds we are confident that you will once again enjoy the 2005 competition. As usual, the co-operation of all Sydney metropolitan clubs is being sought to ensure the maximum number of entrants since this determines how many teams are allowed to represent Sydney in the National Final (currently eight teams).

For those clubs who have not previously participated in this National competition, now is the time to give it a go. Remember this event is the only means by which a club can make Gold masterpoints available to its members. All metropolitan Sydney clubs are invited to hold qualifying events to determine representative teams that will compete in a Metropolitan Final at the NSWBA on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th August. Entry will be on the basis of one team for every 7 (rounded down), entered in each club qualifying event. The Metropolitan finals determine four qualifiers to the Grand National Open Teams qualifying rounds and final. These will be held in Sydney from Friday 18th to Monday 21st November 2005. Although it is necessary for teams to attend both the Saturday sessions, it is permissible to retire hurt from the Sunday Swiss repechage.

Gold Masterpoints will be available to the winners of every match at the rate of 0.04 masterpoints per board, i.e. winners of a 14 board match will receive 0.56 Gold masterpoints per player, while winners of a 32 board match will receive 1.28 masterpoints per player.

In addition, three Metropolitan centres hold heats where an additional four teams are awarded direct qualification into the National Final. Centres where teams may qualify directly to the National Final are as follows:

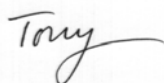
- i) NSWBA on 5 Monday evenings, 28th Feb, 7th, 14th, 21st March, and 4th of April, and will qualify 2 teams direct to the National qualifying round.
- ii) The Double Bay Bridge Centre on 5 Wednesday evenings, 18th, and 25th May, and 1st, 8th and 15th June, will qualify one team direct to the National qualifying round.
- iii) Trumps Bridge Club on 5 Wednesday evenings, 22nd, and 29th June, and 6th, 13th, and 20th July, will qualify one team direct to the National qualifying round.

The Supplementary Tournament Regulations that are to be read in association with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations are enclosed. Please read the regulations carefully, as they explain the conditions that need to be fulfilled for Gold masterpoints to be awarded.

Should you require further details please contact the Convener of the event:

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Yours sincerely,



Tony Musgrove