**GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS – 2024**

**NSW CLUBS QUALIFYING EVENTS**

**DEFAULT SUPPLEMENTARY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

**Clubs may use the following template to set the supplementary regulations for their GNOT Club Qualifying Events(s). Adapt and modify it as required for your club.**

1. The Event

1.1 This competition is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, supplemented by the Tournament Regulations of the NSWBA as they stand at the time an issue arises, and these Supplementary Regulations. In the case of conflict between these Supplementary Regulations and the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, the Supplementary Regulations shall apply.

1.2. The tournament will be conducted over 2, 3, 4 or 5 sessions as advertised.

1.3 Event Format [Select Pairs or Teams]

1.3.1 Pairs.

Scoring will be by [Butler IMPs / Cross IMPs].

Results of each match of 5 or more boards will be converted to victory points on the appropriate ABF continuous IMP to VP scale.

Rounds of 4 or fewer boards are treated like normal pairs events with sessional masterpoints being awarded to the top half of the field(s).

Casual pairs may be accepted into the field each week. Only pairs that attend each week (including duly authorised substitutes) are eligible to form teams to progress to the Regional Final.

At the conclusion of the event, pairs will be ranked on their cumulative [VP/IMP] scores, with the proviso that all casual pairs (i.e. those that did not play all scheduled rounds or arrange authorised substitutes) rank below competing pairs.

1.3.2 Teams

The tournament will be run as a Swiss or Round Robin. Number of matches and boards per match is at the Director’s discretion. [2 x 14-boards / 3 x 9-boards / 4 x 7-boards / 5 x 5-boards]

Results of each match will be converted to victory points on the appropriate WBF continuous IMP to VP scale.

Teams that qualify for the Regional Final, who opt not to proceed, will be replaced by lower ranked teams invited in finishing order. Other teams finishing in the top half of the field may proceed to the Regional Final as club representatives on payment of the full entry fee.

1.4 No yellow systems will be permitted.

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 As per the relevant region’s NSWBA GNOT CQE Regulations.

3. Progression to the Regional and National Finals

3.1 As per the relevant region’s NSWBA GNOT CQE Regulations.

4. Substitutions, Withdrawals and Augmentations

4.1 The number of allowed substitutions is to be in accordance with the relevant clauses of Section 4 of the NSWBA Tournament Regulations.

4.2 Teams or pairs that are in breach of the substitution regulations will not be offered a place in the Regional Final should they finish in a qualifying position.

4.3 As some players may qualify to the Regional Final in more than one team, teams that qualify to the Regional Final may not be able to progress as a complete unit. In such cases, any team that still contains at least 50% of its original membership may augment to become a viable team of 4, 5 or 6.

4.4 All augmented players must comply with Section 2 and

1. have played in any of the Club’s GNOT qualifying events, or
2. be financial members of the Club.

4.5 Players who have already qualified for the National Final may not be augmented. This rule applies even if the player withdraws from the team that has qualified to the National Final.

4.6 Players who have qualified to the Regional Final may withdraw without penalty and without assigning any reason.

4.7 Players who have qualified to the Regional Final may withdraw from that team and be augmented onto a different team that has qualified.

4.8 Should a qualified team of 4 or 6 fragment into two halves, each claiming rights to progress to the Regional Final after augmentation, that half containing the designated Team Captain will progress. The other half of the team, after augmentation, will be offered entry to the Regional Final, but will be liable for the full entry fee.

4.9 Teams that qualify for the Regional Final must indicate their intention to accept the offer at least 2 weeks before the start of the Regional Final. Any augmentations must be notified at the time of acceptance.

4.10 If a team withdraws after this date, the Club’s Executive Committee may, at its discretion, use any method to find a replacement team.

5. Masterpointing

5.1 Gold masterpoints at grade level A2 are awarded as per the relevant sections (including 7.5.7) of the [ABF Masterpoint Manual](http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/mpmanual/html/mpmanual.htm).