

STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2023
NSWBA QUALIFYING EVENT
Supplementary Tournament Regulations

This competition is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, supplemented by the Tournament Regulations of the NSWBA as amended and these Supplementary Regulations. In case of conflict between these Supplementary Regulations and the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, the Supplementary Regulations shall apply.

1 The Event

- 1.1 This event qualifies pairs to play in the State Open Pairs Finals on 18-19 November, 2023.
- 1.2 The event will be held over two nights as scheduled in the official NSWBA Program.
- 1.3 Each session will be scored using standard matchpointing with scores being tabulated as percentages.
- 1.4 The percentage scores for each pair for both nights will be summed to calculate each pair's final score.
- 1.5 Casual pairs will be accepted into the field each week. Competing pairs must play both nights.
- 1.6 Movements each week will be at the discretion of the Director.
- 1.7 The event will be held online using the RealBridge platform. It is a requirement that all players on RealBridge have working video and audio connections. Players may only turn off their camera with the permission of the Director. Players in breach of this regulation will not be eligible for any prizes.

2 Entry and Eligibility

- 2.1 Every player must be an active member of the Australian Bridge Federation masterpoint system.
- 2.2 Players must be members of a club affiliated with the NSWBA.
- 2.3 Casual pairs should specify which of the sessions they plan to attend at the time of entry via MyABF. MyABF will require payment for both sessions; the NSWBA will refund any amounts due at the conclusion of the event. Alternatively, pay for one member of the partnership only.

3 Fees

The entry fee as specified on the official brochure must be paid in full on the first night.

4 Substitutions

Pairs are allowed one substitution.

5 Systems

- 5.1 No Yellow systems will be permitted.
- 5.2 Pairs may not claim protected pair status.

6 Score Correction Period

The correction period ends at midday on the Wednesday immediately following each session.

7 Qualification to the State Final

7.1 For an event with total entry of n pairs, the top $n/6$ eligible pairs (0.5 rounded up) will have their entry to the State Open Pairs Final on 18-19 November 2023 paid by the NSWBA. Should any such pair opt not to enter the State Finals, their prize is forfeited.

7.2 All other eligible pairs may enter the State Open Pairs Finals for \$120 per pair.

7.3 Pairs may enter the State Open Pairs Final directly for \$160 per pair.

8 Masterpoints

8.1 Red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship level with a weighting of 5.00.

8.2 Masterpoints are awarded on a sessional basis only - there are no outright awards.