

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2005

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Dear Club Secretary

During 2004, the FABC informed the New South Wales Bridge Association that they were unable to provide personnel to run the State Open Pairs championship.

Accordingly, the NSBWA has taken over the running of the event directly this year and invites all affiliated clubs to conduct qualifying events of the State Open Pairs. The Championship Final to be held at the NSWBA on the weekend of 8th and 9th October 2005.

Please note the following key changes this year:

- Removing the requirement to send 1 pair in every 10 competing pairs to the final.
- A graduated scale of entry fees to the final – the more pairs you send to the final, the less your club is charged for each pair!
- Raising the maximum number of pairs you can nominate directly to the final if you do not hold a qualifying event from three to five.

We welcome your club's participation in this event and look forward to receiving as many entries as possible to the State Open Pairs finals weekend.

The details are contained below and the Supplementary Tournament Regulations are attached *Please read carefully!*

1. Clubs not wishing to run a qualifying competition may nominate one pair per 50 home club members or part thereof with a limit of 5 pairs.
2. Clubs may nominate between one pair and up to one third of the field.

Costs for pairs attending the Championship final are due as follows:

Number of pairs sent to the final	Cost per pair	Total charge to the club
1	\$100	\$100
2	\$90	\$180
3	\$80	\$240
4	\$70	\$280
5	\$60	\$300
6	\$50	\$300
7 and more	\$50	\$350+

3. Clubs located over 200 km. from Sydney *may apply* to the NSWBA for financial assistance for pairs representing their clubs in the Championship Final. Only one subsidy per club will be allowed.

