

STATE OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2005

METROPOLITAN SECTION

NICK HUGHES, NSWBA CONVENER

Dear Tournament Secretary

During 2004, the FABC informed the NSWBA that they were unable to provide personnel to run the Metropolitan section of the State Open Teams championship.

Accordingly, the NSWBA has taken over the convening of the event directly this year and will host the Metropolitan final as well as the State finals. We are pleased to be able to inform you that the new structure enables us to make some cost savings and hence reduce the overall cost to clubs to compete in the event.

In particular please note the following key changes this year:

- **No charge per player per session.**
- A graduated scale of entry fees to the Metropolitan final – the more teams you send to the final, the less you pay for each team!
- Raising the maximum number of teams you can nominate directly to the Metropolitan 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 Metropolitan final.

1. This Championship is a section of the State Open Teams Championship. The Metropolitan Final will be held on Sunday 11 September 2005. The winner and runner-up will both be eligible to play in the Quarter Finals of the State Teams to be played at the NSWBA on the weekend starting Friday 25 November 2005.
2. Clubs not wishing to run a qualifying competition may nominate one team per 50 home club members or part thereof with a limit of five teams. Each nominated player must be a financial member of the nominating club.
3. The Metropolitan Final will be held at the NSWBA on Sunday 11 September 2005, starting at 9.30am. Entry fees for teams to the Metropolitan final will be due as follows:

Number of teams sent to the final	Cost per team	Total charge to the club
1	\$130	\$130
2	\$120	\$240
3	\$110	\$330
4	\$100	\$400
5	\$90	\$450
6 and more	\$80	\$480+

4. The Tournament Regulations are attached. Please read them carefully. It is your responsibility to adhere to these regulations. A copy of the regulations should be given to each team that qualifies to the Metropolitan Final. If any problem arises over the interpretation of the regulations, please consult the convener.

5. Timetable. Clubs should carefully note the following dates:

Completion of qualifying rounds at club level:	Monday, 29 August 2005
Club results to be received by the convener by:	Monday, 5 September 2005
Metropolitan Final (NSWBA):	Sunday, 11 September 2005,
9.30am	

6. **State Open Teams Finals to be held at the NSWBA:**

Quarter Finals (32 Boards)	Friday, 25 November 2005, 7:30 pm
Semi Finals (48 boards)	Saturday, 26 November 2005, 10.00
am	
Finals (48 boards)	Sunday, 27 November 2005, 10:00 am

If sufficient entries are received, there will be a supporters pairs event alongside the semi-finals on Saturday 26 November.

Note also that the **State Individual** championship will be held on **Sunday 27 November 2005.**

7. All correspondence regarding this Championship must be addressed to the convener:
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