

State Open Teams Championship 2008 METROPOLITAN SECTION

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Dear Tournament Secretary

The NSWBA will convene the Metropolitan Section directly this year and will host the State final series.

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 at **North Shore Bridge** (Club Willoughby, Cnr Penshurst St & Crabbes Ave — 1300 772377) on **Sunday 21 September 2008, starting at 10 am**. The winner and runner-up will both be eligible to play in the Final Series of the State Teams to be played at the NSWBA on the weekend starting **Friday night 12 December 2008**.
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. All players in a nominated team must be financial members of the nominating club.
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+

3. If any problem arises over the interpretation of the regulations, please consult the convener.
4. Timetable. Clubs should note the following dates:
Completion of qualifying rounds at club level: **Monday, 8 September 2008**
Club results to be received by the convener by: **Monday, 15 September 2008**
Metropolitan Final at North Shore Bridge: **Sunday, 21 September 2008, 10 am**
5. State Open Teams Finals to be held at the NSWBA:
Round Robin Qualifying 2 x 16 board matches commencing 7:30 pm Friday 12 December 2008
 3 x 16 board matches commencing 10.00 am Saturday 13 December
Final 56 boards commencing 10:00 am Sunday 14 December
Teams not playing the final may choose to enter the Christmas Pairs Congress on the Sunday.
6. All correspondence regarding this Championship should be addressed to the convener:
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METROPOLITAN SECTION – SUPPLEMENTARY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. The State Open Teams Championship is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge 2008 and the Tournament Regulations of the New South Wales Bridge Association, as amended.
2. Qualifying for the Final Series is divided into three sections:
 - 2.1 The NSWBA Qualifying event qualifies at least 3 teams to the Final Series.
 - 2.2 The Metropolitan section qualifies 2 teams to the Final Series via the Metropolitan Final.
 - 2.3 The Country section qualifies 1 team to the Final Series via the Country Final.

- 3 Qualifying Conditions
Clubs holding a qualifying tournament **must send at least one team** to represent the club at the Metropolitan Final in order to receive **red masterpoints** for a club qualifying competition.
4. Yellow Systems are not permitted in club qualifying events. Yellow Systems will be permitted in the Metropolitan Final in accordance with the NSWBA regulations in force at the time.
5. Players do not have to be members of the club at which the qualifying competition is held but must be resident in the Sydney Metropolitan area, or play a significant amount of bridge at one or more clubs located in the Sydney Metropolitan area, if they wish to participate in the Metropolitan section.
6. Qualifying may take the form of a teams event or butler pairs competition over a maximum of **six** sessions. Clubs may run two separate qualifying sections, provided one section is played during the day and the other at night.
7. Qualification to Metropolitan Final
 - 7.1 Teams placed in the top half of the field(s) are eligible to play in the Metropolitan Final, provided they are *bona fide* competing teams. This means that the team must have entered and played the club qualifying event as a team - it is not allowable for players who have qualified in different teams to play together in the Final as club representatives.
 - 7.2 Any substitution in, or augmentation to, a team that plays in the Metropolitan Final must comply with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations (see Section 4 of those regulations) and must be approved by the Convener prior to the commencement of the final.
A team can only be augmented by a single player or by a pair. Notwithstanding the above, the Convener, in his/her absolute discretion, shall have the right to accept or reject nominations which may be outside these guidelines, in order to facilitate the running of this event. Players should not assume a favourable decision by the Convener.
8. Masterpoints
 - 8.1 Red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship level (B). Red masterpoints are to be calculated by the club masterpoint secretary on a weighting of 5.0.
 - 8.2 Red masterpoints are awarded on a sessional basis only; i.e. there is NO outright award. If a club runs a qualifying session(s), followed by a final and consolation, only the players in the final will receive red masterpoints.
 - 8.3 The red masterpoints awarded are not to be entered on the club's quarterly or monthly return to the ABF Masterpoint Centre but must instead be sent to the convener. They may be entered on Congress Award forms (obtainable from the ABF Masterpoint Centre) showing the names and ABF numbers of all players in the section who have won masterpoints, or on an ABF formatted file on a 3.5 inch virus-checked diskette, or as an email attachment. They should not be sent to the ABF Masterpoint Centre by e-mail.
9. The Convener will require the following no later than **15 September 2008**:
 - 9.1 A complete copy of the results of each session, noting any change of personnel between sessions. A hard copy is preferred, though a Word/Excel/text/pdf file is also adequate.
 - 9.2 The completed Congress Award form, or diskette/email attachment in .mp2 or .red format.
 - 9.3 a list of those teams that will be playing in the Metropolitan Final including names and ABF numbers
 - 9.4 A cheque for the masterpoints and entry fees. Masterpoint costs are calculated at **\$0.95 per masterpoint**. Entry fees are calculated according to the table on the first page. Cheques are to be made payable to the NSWBA.
 - 9.5 NOTE: No nominations or entries will be accepted unless payment is received together with all of the requirements listed above.
10. Metropolitan Final
 - 11.1 The Metropolitan Final will be held as a Swiss or Round Robin or Knockout & Repechage teams competition over two sessions on Sunday 21 September 2008 at the North Shore Bridge, 10am start.
 - 11.2 The **top two** (accepting) teams from the Metropolitan Final are eligible to advance to the Final Series at the NSWBA on 12-14 December 2008. There is **no table money** for the final series.