

# New South Wales Bridge Association

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## COUNTRY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

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**To The Tournament Secretary: all NON-METROPOLITAN affiliated clubs**

**Please note the revised format to encourage greater participation from clubs in the southern regions.**

As country NSW comprises such a large area, this section of the State Teams Championship will be contested in two divisions, Northern and Southern. The Northern Division Final will be held in Tamworth on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November. The Southern Division Final will be held in Goulburn on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November (venue and date to be confirmed). The winner of each division will be eligible to play in the State Teams Final at the NSWBA on the weekend starting on Friday evening 11<sup>th</sup> December. The NSWBA will offer a subsidy of at least \$400 to both representative teams.

The Convener for 2009 is Trish Carter. She will be assisted by Doreen Kjeldsen who will be coordinating and liaising with clubs in the southern regions. Their contact details can be found below or on the NSWBA website. A list of eligible affiliated clubs, divided into Regions and Divisions is enclosed. Any clubs not included in this list should contact the Convener.

All non-metropolitan affiliated clubs are invited to conduct one or two events in order to qualify teams to play in their Regional Final. Clubs may run a daytime and/or an evening event.

Clubs not wishing to run a qualifying competition may nominate one team per 50 home club members or part thereof with a limit of three teams. All players in a nominated team must be financial members of the nominating club.

Clubs that wish to run a Regional Final should contact the Convener by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

The tournament regulations, which include the charges for all stages, are enclosed. Please read them carefully, as it is your club's responsibility to adhere to them. Extra copies may be printed from the NSWBA website if required. A copy should be given to each team that represents your club in the Regional Final. If any problems occur in the interpretation of these regulations please consult the Convener.

Clubs should carefully note the following dates:

Any club wishing to run a Regional Final must apply to the Convener by 17<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

Club qualifying competitions must be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

Club results, *etc* must be returned to the Convener by 20<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

Regional Finals must be completed by 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Entries to the Divisional Finals must be received by the Convener by 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Northern Division Final will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

Southern Division Final will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 (to be confirmed).

State Open Teams Final will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

All correspondence regarding this championship should be addressed to the Convener (email preferred).

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*Considering the length of the competition and the travelling involved, clubs are advised to urge their players to enter as teams of 5 or 6 to allow some flexibility for later stages of the event.*