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COUNTRY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2010

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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 all country regions.

As country NSW comprises such a large area, this section of the State Teams Championship will be contested in three divisions, Northern, Southern and Outer Metropolitan. All Divisional Finals will be held over three sessions on the weekend of 3rd and 4th July. This is much earlier than has been the practice in past years, but is in response to feedback in 2009, which suggested that it was difficult for teams to attend Divisional Finals later in the year. 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 10th December. The NSWBA will offer subsidies to all representative teams.

The Convener for 2010 is Louis Koolen and each Division will have its own coordinator.

Northern – Ian Price

Southern – Duncan Munro

Outer Metropolitan – Louis Koolen

Their contact details can be found in the accompanying Supplementary Tournament Regulations or on the NSWBA website <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2010/sot.htm#sotcf>. A list of eligible affiliated clubs, divided into Regions within Divisions is enclosed. Please note that this list is not cut and dried – if your club wants to switch and play in a different Region or Division, please contact the Convener. Any clubs not included in this list should also 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 their Divisional Coordinator by Friday 26th March.

Clubs that wish to run a Divisional Final should contact their Divisional Coordinator by Friday 9th April.

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.

A summary of the proposed timelines of the event is given at the end of the Supplementary Regulations.

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

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.