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STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014 COUNTRY PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

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Dear Club Secretary

The NSWBA invites all affiliated clubs to conduct qualifying events for the 2014 State Open Pairs and Country Pairs Championships. The Championship Finals will be held at the NSWBA on the weekend of 18th and 19th October 2014.

The top 14 pairs on Saturday will qualify for the Open Pairs Final on the Sunday.

In addition, the top pairs from non-metropolitan regions will qualify to a separate Country Pairs Final on the Sunday. Country pairs who qualify for the Open Final may choose which Final they contend.

The idea of the Country Pairs Finals was introduced last year as a direct consequence of discussions at the annual Regional Representatives meeting. It was therefore somewhat disappointing to see a number of pairs who qualified for the 2013 Country Pairs Final not take up their spot. The NSWBA is well aware that pairs from country clubs invest a lot of time and money to come to Sydney for the Finals and we really want to see country pairs get the maximum value from that investment. That is only possible if your representative pairs stay for both days, so please encourage them to do so.

Please note the graduated scale of entry fees to the finals – the more pairs you send, the less your club is charged for each pair!

We welcome your club's participation in these events and look forward to receiving as many entries as possible to the State Open Pairs and Country Pairs Finals weekend.

The details are contained below and in the Supplementary Tournament Regulations.

Please read both documents 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 running a qualifying event must send at least one pair to represent the club at the State Final. The upper limit to the number of pairs that may be sent is the entire qualifying 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	\$110	\$110
2	\$100	\$200
3	\$90	\$270
4	\$80	\$320
5	\$70	\$350
6	\$60	\$360
7 and more	\$60	\$420+

3. Clubs located outside the Sydney metropolitan region 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.

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4. Timetable. Clubs should carefully note the following dates and times:

Club qualifying competitions must be completed and results and pair nominations must be sent to the Convener by no later than **Friday 10th October 2014**.

Session times for the Championship Finals are:

Saturday 18 October 2014 12:00 noon and 4.00 pm (supper provided 3.30pm)

Sunday 19 October 2014 10.00 am and 2.00 pm (supper provided at end of play)

Those players who do not qualify to either the Open Final or Country Pairs Final on Sunday will be granted free entry to the Spring Swiss Pairs Congress.

5. State Open Pairs prize money is 1st \$440, 2nd \$220 & 3rd \$110.
Country Pairs prize money is 1st \$320, 2nd \$160 & 3rd \$80.
The Spring Swiss Pairs event prize money is 1st \$240, 2nd \$120 & 3rd \$60.
6. An Excel form to assist clubs is available for download from the NSWBA website <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2014/sop.htm>. This is to be completed and used as a cover sheet and check list and then emailed to the NSWBA. Participating clubs must send the following to the NSWBA:
- (a) by email
- The completed coversheet available from the NSWBA website (see above) as an Excel file. This will include the names and ABF numbers of the nominated pairs;
 - A complete copy of the results of each qualifying session as a pdf, html or txt file;
 - **The masterpoint file as a .red file. This is mandatory if you score using a computer.**
- (b) by post
- A cheque for the masterpoints calculated at \$1.20 per masterpoint, made payable to the NSWBA;
 - Hard copy of any of the above information that should have been sent by email, but was not. Masterpoints sent without ABF numbers and names will not be accepted. If you score using a computer program you **MUST** email the masterpoint file as a .red file.
7. Clubs should note that **red masterpoints** for the qualifying sessions will be awarded after the Championship Final and **only to those clubs that send a representative pair to the Championship Finals**.

All cheques should be made payable to the NSWBA. All correspondence should be sent to:

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