

# JOHN ARKINSTALL STATE TEAMS FINAL – 2015

## *Supplementary Regulations*

This competition is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007, supplemented by the Tournament Regulations of the NSWBA as amended and these Supplementary Regulations. In case of conflict between these Supplementary Regulations and the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, the Supplementary Regulations shall apply.

### **1 The Event**

1.1 The event will consist of a Qualifying Stage to be held on Friday, December 11 (7.00pm – 9.45pm) and Saturday, December 12 (10.00am – 6.10pm) and a Final stage (involving 2 or 4 teams) on Sunday, December 13 (10.00am – 5.15pm).

1.2 All systems will be permitted. Pairs playing a yellow system must submit a summary of their system and a suggested defence to the Chairman of the NSWBA Tournament Committee before Friday, December 4. Pairs may not claim protected pair status.

### **2 Qualifying Stage**

2.1 Eight teams qualify to Qualifying Stage of the Final – three from the NSWBA Qualifying Event, two from the Metropolitan Final and one from each of the three Country Zonal Finals.

2.2 A round-robin of 7 x 12 board matches will be held, scored using the WBF continuous VP scale for 12 board matches. At the end of the Qualifying Stage, the two highest placed teams will qualify to the State Teams Final. If no Country teams have qualified to the State Teams Final, the two highest placed Country Teams will qualify to the Country Teams Final.

2.3 Members of teams that do not qualify to a Final are offered free entry to the Sydney Bridge Centre Christmas Swiss Pairs Congress on Sunday, December 13.

### **3 Final(s)**

3.1 The State Teams Final and the Country Teams Final (if held) will be played over 4 x 14 board stanzas with no carry-over.

3.2 In the event that one Country Team qualifies to the State Teams Final, that team will be declared the Country Teams Champion.

3.3 The play in either or both Finals may be broadcast on Bridge Base Online.

### **4 Seating rights**

4.1 Seating rights in the Qualifying Stage are determined by the toss of a coin.

4.2 In the Final(s), the higher ranked team from the Qualifying Stage will have seating rights and may choose to sit first in either the odd- or even-numbered stanzas.

## **5 Tie Breaks**

- 5.1 Critical ties which occur at the end of the Qualifying Stage will be broken (in order) as follows:
- (a) in the case of two-way ties, the winner of the match between the two equally scoring teams shall be ranked higher;
  - (b) the team with the greatest number of wins in VPs (a draw is equal to ½ win) shall be ranked highest;
  - (c) the team with the greatest net IMP difference shall be ranked highest;
  - (d) the total VP scores shall be recalculated by successively deleting the worst result, then second worst result, etc. of each of the tying teams;
  - (e) lot.
- 5.2 Ties in the Final(s) are broken by a four board playoff. If still tied, the teams play successive one board playoffs until the tie is broken.

## **6 Substitutes**

- 6.1 A maximum of 5 substitutes per team may be approved for the Qualifying Stage. The team must be without substitutes for at least 4 of the 7 matches. Substitutes must be approved in advance via the NSWBA on-line substitution form, <http://www.nswba.com.au/forms/substitute.asp>.
- 6.2 Substitutes are not permitted in the Final(s).