

NSW STATE AND COUNTRY MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2019

Supplementary Tournament Regulations

1. Entry, Eligibility and Fees.

1.1 Every player must be an active member of the Australian Bridge Federation masterpoint system.

1.2 All pairs must consist of one female and one male player.

1.3 Entries from affiliated clubs must be sent to Wing Roberts office@nswba.com.au and accompanied by the appropriate Excel and .red masterpoint files as explained in http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2019/docs/StateMixedPairs_Regs_2019.pdf. Fees for such pairs will be paid by the affiliated clubs.

1.4 Other pairs may enter directly via the NSWBA's on-line entry system. The entry fee for each such pair is \$120 per pair, payable by the players before commencement of play.

1.5 Country Pairs. To be eligible to qualify for the Country Pairs Final a pair must either
(a) have qualified via a non-metropolitan affiliated club, or
(b) each member of the pair must have a main residence in a non-metropolitan region of NSW and/or be a *bona fide* member of and regular player at a non-metropolitan club.
No pair that qualified via a metropolitan club is eligible for the Country Pairs Final.

2. The Event

2.1 This competition is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, 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.

2.2 Qualification for the Finals

2.2.1 A 2-session qualification will be held on Saturday 25 May, 2019, beginning at 10.30 am. The start time for the second session will be announced by the Director.

2.2.2 The field will be seeded into two separate fields, NS and EW, of equal overall strength. These NS and EW fields will remain the same and distinct for both sessions. Scoring will be across the field and the total cumulative of both sessions.

2.2.3 The number of pairs eligible for the Country Pairs Final will be spread evenly between the NS and EW fields.

2.2.4 Movements will be chosen so that each pair plays as many pairs in the opposing field as possible, consistent with 24-28 boards in each session and 2, 3 or 4 board rounds.

2.2.5 Each board will be scored using standard duplicate matchpoint scoring. Session scores will be tabulated as percentages.

2.2.6 The top 7 pairs NS and EW will qualify for the State Mixed Pairs Final.

2.2.7 The top 7 eligible NS and EW pairs will qualify to a separate Country Mixed Pairs Final. If fewer than 14 eligible pairs are available, the size of the Final will be reduced or an appropriate number of non-contending extra pairs will be included, at the Director's discretion.

2.2.8 Country pairs may decline a spot in the State Final in favour of one in the Country Final. Only pairs in the Country Mixed Pairs Final are able to win the Country Mixed Pairs Championship.

2.2.9 Players who fail to qualify for either the State or Country Pairs Finals are entitled to free entry to the NSWBA Swiss Pairs Congress on the Sunday.

2.2.10 Players who qualify for a Final may withdraw, but must notify the Director before leaving the venue on the Saturday.

2.2.11 There are no carry-forwards from the qualifying sessions to the Finals.

2.3 The Finals

2.3.1 Each Final will start on Sunday 26 May at 10.00 am. The start time for the second session will be announced by the Director.

2.3.2 Both Finals will be play 13 x 4-board rounds, barometer style, Howell movement - 6 rounds in session 1, 7 rounds in session 2.

2.3.3 Results will be displayed as soon as practicable after the completion of each round.

3 Tie Breaks

3.1 Tie Breaks for the last qualifying spot in either Final will be in accordance with section 12.2.4 of the NSWBA Tournament Regulations.

3.2 Ties in State and Country Finals will not be broken. Any titles or prize money will be shared equally.

4 Correction periods

4.1 For sessions 1 and 2 on the Saturday, 30 minutes after the end of each session.

4.2 For session 1 on the Sunday, the start of session 2 on the Sunday.

4.3 For session 2 on the Sunday, 5 minutes after the posting of the scores.

5. Substitutions

5.1 Only male for male and female for female substitutions are permitted.

5.2 Pairs are allowed one substitution for one session of the Saturday Qualifying. A substitute for a Country Pair must be a *bona fide* member of a non-metropolitan club for the pair to remain eligible to qualify for the Country Pairs Final.

5.3 All substitutions must be made in accordance with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, submitted via the on-line substitution form at <http://www.nswba.com.au/forms/substitute.asp> and must be approved in advance by the NSWBA Tournament Committee. In cases of emergency, where this procedure is not possible, the Director is empowered to rule on any proposed substitution.

5.4 No substitutions are permitted in the Finals on the Sunday.

6. Systems

6.1 No Yellow systems will be permitted.

6.2 Pairs may not claim protected pair status.

7. Prizes

7.1 Ties will not be broken - titles and prize moneys will be shared.

7.2 State Mixed Pairs Final

First: \$440 plus medals

Second: \$220

Third: \$110

7.3 Country Mixed Pairs Final

First: \$320 plus medals

Second: \$160

Third: \$80

8. Masterpoints

8.1 Red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship level with a weighting of 3.75.

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The event will be played as single field Swiss consisting of 7 x 8 board matches, played over 2 sessions.

Start time is 10.00am.

Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum, calculated as the arithmetic mean of the scores at all tables after eliminating the highest and lowest 10% of scores (0.5 rounded up).

IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the following VP scale.

IMP diff	Winner's VPs	Loser's VPs
0	10.00	10.00
1	10.39	9.61
2	10.78	9.22
3	11.17	8.83
4	11.56	8.44
5	11.95	8.05
6	12.34	7.66
7	12.73	7.27

IMP diff	Winner's VPs	Loser's VPs
8	13.12	6.88
9	13.51	6.49
10	13.90	6.10
11	14.29	5.71
12	14.58	5.42
13	14.87	5.13
14	15.16	4.84
15	15.45	4.55

IMP diff	Winner's VPs	Loser's VPs
16	15.74	4.26
17	16.03	3.97
18	16.32	3.68
19	16.61	3.39
20	16.90	3.10
21	17.19	2.81
22	17.48	2.52
23	17.76	2.24

IMP diff	Winner's VPs	Loser's VPs
24	18.04	1.96
25	18.32	1.68
26	18.60	1.40
27	18.88	1.12
28	19.16	0.84
29	19.44	0.56
30	19.72	0.28
31+	20.00	0.00

Red masterpoints will be issued at Congress level B4.