



State Open & Country Pairs 2020

Covid-19 update - 4 September

The Finals: The Finals of the State Open Pairs and the County Pairs are scheduled for Nov 21-22 in Sydney. The NSWBA has as yet made no decision whether this event will be held as planned, held on-line, or cancelled. Regardless of the fate of the Finals, affiliated clubs are still able to hold club qualifying sessions for this event.

Finances: If the Final proceeds, whether on-line or face-to-face, the NSWBA will collect the entry fee from the pairs competing, so clubs do not need to budget for this expense. Clubs will be invoiced only for the masterpoints issued.

Club Qualifying Sessions:

- Club qualifying competitions must be held over a maximum of four sessions. Clubs may hold more than one qualifying event, but the maximum number of sessions allowed for any single club is five.
- Matchpoint scoring is compulsory.
- All club sessions must be finished by 13 November.

You do **not** need to notify the NSWBA of any pairs who intend to play the Finals, should they be held.

Masterpoints:

On-line qualifying sessions: You need to advise both David Anderson revoke1@live.com and Matthew McManus matmc@internode.on.net that you are running a SOP club qualifying event on BBO, with the relevant details. This is essential so that the correct BBO sessions are awarded red masterpoints at level B4. The ABF MPC will invoice your club directly for the red B4 masterpoints awarded at \$1.98 each.

Face-to-face sessions: The NSWBA will invoice your club for the red level B masterpoints awarded at \$1.28 each. Otherwise there is no change to the originally advised procedures - send the .red file and complete copies of the results of each qualifying session to Wing Roberts office@nswba.com.au

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