



NSW BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

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To all affiliated bridge clubs in NSW

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2020 CONGRESS/HOLIDAY/CRUISE APPLICATIONS

The Congress and State Events Coordinator will allocate congress, holiday and cruise dates for 2020 according to the guidelines below.

- All congresses, holidays and cruises must be approved by the Congress and State Events Coordinator, New South Wales Bridge Association.
- Holidays and cruises will generally receive automatic approval subject to resolution of clashes. The NSWBA is required by the ABF to gain approval for masterpointed events held outside NSW from the State Body in which the holiday or cruise is to be held. If the relevant State Body does not approve the event then the NSWBA will be forced to reject the application. Please include the approval with the application. *Note: Holidays and Cruises are treated the same as Congresses as far as Congress Licence Fees are concerned.*
- Super Congresses must be approved each year by the State Masterpoint Secretary, David Weston. Email masterpoints@nswba.com.au. Please email the approval to pauline.gumby@nswba.com.au.
- Due to the number of congresses, regional clashes particularly in and near Sydney are likely on some weekends. Clubs concerned will be consulted and in some cases clashes may occur with each club's consent. If agreement cannot be reached the following order of priorities will be applied to resolve the issue.
 - 1) An application received on time will have first right to a date;
 - 2) A 'primary'* (see below) congress will have first right over a non-primary one;
 - 3) Established congresses on a date will have first right;
 - 4) The first application received will have first right.

**Each club may list only one Congress as its Primary Congress.*

- In extreme cases the Congress and State Events Coordinator or NSWBA Council may override the above order.
- Applications are made using the [online application form](#) by October 31, 2019. The draft calendar will be posted on the NSWBA website. Clubs should check the website regularly to ensure that their details are correct and unacceptable clashes are not missed.
- One copy of the NSWBA wall planner will be sent to each club at the end of the year. Small supplies of spare wall planners will be available - if you want more please ask and they will be supplied on a first ask first served basis.

A copy of this letter and the online application form can be found on the NSWBA website at:
www.nswba.com.au/clubs/congressforms.asp.

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