

***STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2016***  
***NSWBA QUALIFYING EVENT***  
***Supplementary Tournament 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 This event qualifies pairs to play in the State Open Pairs Finals on 19-20 November, 2016.
- 1.2 The event will be held over two nights as scheduled in the official NSWBA Program.
- 1.3 The event will be run as a standard matchpoint pairs competition.
- 1.4 Depending on the number of entries received, the event will be structured with separate NS and EW fields or as a single field.

**2 Entry and Eligibility**

- 2.1 Every player must be an active member of the Australian Bridge Federation masterpoint system.
- 2.2 Players do not need to be members of the NSWBA.

**3 Systems**

- 3.1 No Yellow systems will be permitted.
- 3.2 Pairs may not claim protected pair status.

**4 Fees**

The entry fee as specified on the official brochure must be paid in full on the first night.

**5 Substitutions**

Substitutions are to be in accordance with the standard NSWBA substitution regulations.

**6 Prizes**

- 6.1 Pairs coming in the top sixth of the field(s) (0.5 rounded up) will have their entry to the State Open Pairs Final on 19-20 November 2016 paid by the NSWBA. Should any such pair opt not to enter the Finals, their prize is forfeited.
- 6.2 All other competing pairs may enter the State Open Pairs Finals for \$60 per pair.

**7 Masterpoints**

- 7.1 Red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship level with a weighting of 5.0.
- 7.2 Masterpoints are awarded on a sessional basis only - there are no outright awards.