



NSW BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



First Floor, 162 Goulburn Street, East Sydney 2010.

Telephone: 9264 8111 E-mail: office@nswba.com.au Web: www.nswba.com.au

ABN 61 000 438 648

The Metropolitan Teams - 2020 Part of the John Arkinstall State Open Teams Championship

Dear Tournament Secretary

There will be one significant change to the Metropolitan Teams in 2020 - clubs can now hold a qualifying event and award red masterpoints at State Championship level without any requirement to send a representative team to the Metropolitan Final. The NSWBA's Jacaranda Teams Congress in September will again incorporate the Metropolitan Teams Final and will qualify two teams, one of which must be a club representative team, to the State Final. The entry fee to the Metropolitan Final is \$80 per team and includes lunch. This is a 50% discount on the entry fee for teams that enter the Jacaranda Teams Congress directly.

Holding a qualifying event for the Metropolitan Teams offers a great opportunity for your club members to earn red masterpoints at level B (*i.e* weighting of W= 5.00). The masterpoints issued are part of the NSWBA's State Championship allowance - they are cheaper than B4c masterpoints, have twice the weighting, and are additional to your B4c allowance.

Scoring must be IMP based, not matchpoints. Teams events are preferred, but Butler Pairs events are also allowed. Whichever format you play, the MP awards are maximised by ensuring all matches played consist of at least 5 boards.

The NSWBA looks forward to your club's participation in the qualification stages of this event. Further details are contained below and in the Supplementary Tournament Regulations available on the NSWBA website <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2020&E=sotmetro>.

Please read both documents carefully!

Warren Lazer
Chairman, NSWBA Tournament Committee

1. This event is part of the John Arkinstall State Open Teams Championship. The Metropolitan Final will be held on **Sunday 25 October 2020 starting at 10.00am** at the NSWBA, combined with the NSWBA's Jacaranda Teams Congress.
2. Entry fees for teams that have qualified via a club qualifying heat will be \$80 per team. Lunch is included for the team members.
3. Entries will be accepted into the Jacaranda Teams Congress from teams that are not representing an affiliated club. The entry fee for such teams is \$160 per team.
4. The supplementary Tournament Regulations are available from the NSWBA website, <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2020&E=sotmetro>. If any problems arise over the interpretation of the regulations, please consult the Organiser.

5. Two teams from the Metropolitan Final will qualify to play in the Final Series of the State Teams to be played at the NSWBA on the weekend starting **at 7.00pm on Friday 13 November 2020**. At least one of these teams will come from teams that have qualified to the Metropolitan Final via a club qualifying event.

6. There are no further entry fees or table monies for teams that qualify to the State Final. Cash prizes (dependent on the number of entries received) will be awarded to teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Metropolitan Final / Jacaranda Swiss Teams.

7. Timetable. Clubs should note the following dates.

Club results to be received by the Organiser by: **Monday 12 October 2020**

Metropolitan Final at the NSWBA: **Sunday 25 October 2020, 10.00 am**

State Open Teams Finals at the NSWBA: **Friday 13 - Sunday 15 November, 2020**

8. Masterpoints. Clubs should note that **red masterpoints** for the qualifying sessions will be awarded after the Metropolitan Final. You no longer need to send a representative team to the Metropolitan Final for your players to earn red masterpoints. Scoring must be IMP based, not matchpoints. It is permissible to play either a teams event or a Butler Pairs event. If using the latter, the MP awards will be much greater if each match is at least 5 boards in length.

9. Administration. An Excel form to assist clubs is available for download from the NSWBA website <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2020&E=sotmetro>. This is to be completed and used as a cover sheet and check list and then emailed to the Organiser. Participating clubs must send the following to the Organiser by email:

- The completed coversheet available from the NSWBA website (see above) as an Excel file. This will include the names and ABF numbers of players in all teams nominated to progress to the Metropolitan Final;
- A summary of the results for **every qualifying session** as a pdf, html or txt file. At a minimum, this will show:

For a teams event	For a Butler Pairs event
the members of each team	the pairs playing each week
any substitutes used	any substitutes used
the number of boards in each match	the number of boards in each match/round.
the win/draw/loss record of each team	win/draw/loss record of each pair for
	matches of 5 or more boards
- **The masterpoint file as a .red file.**

10. The NSWBA will issue each participating club with an invoice to cover the entry fees of representative teams and the costs of any red masterpoints issued. **Do not send any money until you receive the invoice.**

11. All correspondence should be sent by email to Warren Lazer at sotmetro@nswba.com.au
Home phone: 9744 1555 (10.00am to midnight)