



# NSW BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



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## 2024 STATE WIDE PAIRS

Dear Club Secretary,

No changes to the structure of the State Wide Pairs for 2024. However, the last price increase was in 2016, so in line with the NSWBA's across-the board increases in late 2023, the entry fee will increase from \$4 to \$5 per person. There will also be a modest increase in the prizes awarded. This year's aim is for the number of pairs to exceed the pre-Covid numbers. Over to you, the club organisers, to do that. I had the same aim last year when we fell just eight pairs short. The SWP will remain a single session event, played face-to-face in clubs in the first week of August. The club organiser will receive all relevant instructions by email a few weeks prior to the event.

For those clubs that have not previously competed, here's a quick synopsis.

- The event may be run anytime in the week from 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August.
- Only face-to-face sessions are permitted – no online sessions regardless of platform.
- There is no need to disrupt your normal duplicate pairs sessions as the State Wide Pairs can be included as a normal session. Casual pairs can be accommodated, so you do not have to turn away pairs who don't wish to participate.
- Dealing files and hand records are all downloaded from a dedicated SWP website. The hand records include an analysis of all the hands played.
- The event is matchpointed across the state after the results from all participating clubs have been received.
- You do not need to score the event at your club, but may do so and award normal club green points for your session.
- Cash prizes will be awarded, as well as gift vouchers from the Bridge Shop and certificates for the winners in each club. Prizes are also awarded in the divisions of Under 25, Under 50 and Under 100 masterpoints, as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
- Red masterpoints are issued at Congress B4 level.

Results, prizes and certificates will be sent to all clubs as soon as practicable after the event. The results are also posted on the NSWBA web site.

It is necessary that your event organiser be contactable by email as all event information is sent by email.

All correspondence and queries should be sent to [swp@nswba.com.au](mailto:swp@nswba.com.au) or ring me on (02) 9744 1555 after 10.00 am.

Enter via the online form at <http://www.nswba.com.au/forms/statewidepairs.asp>

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