

GNOT – NSWBA DIRECT QUALIFYING EVENT - 2010

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.

General Supplementary Regulations that apply to all the Sydney Metropolitan Direct Qualifying Events can be found at <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/2010/gnot/10GNOTDQERegs.pdf>

1. The Event

- 1.1 The event will be held over four nights as scheduled in the official NSWBA Program.
- 1.2 The event will be run with qualifying pools in Session 1 followed by a Double Knockout with a Swiss repechage.
- 1.3 Matches in the Swiss will be over 14 boards.
- 1.4 The initial field will be seeded.
- 1.5 All systems will be permitted. Pairs may not claim protected pair status.
- 1.6 The initial field will be seeded into a top, a middle and a bottom section. The top and bottom sections will each consist of the number of teams which will be drawn into 3 team pools for Session 1.

1.8 The Knock-out Sections

1.8.1 Session 1. The field is divided into the maximum number of pools of 3 teams, with one pool of either 2 or 4 teams as required. Each 3-team pool will consist of one team from each of the top middle and bottom sections, selected randomly. Any 2 or 4 team pool will consist entirely of teams selected randomly from the middle section. All matches will be over 14 boards. A 2-team pool will play 2 matches against the same opponents. The 2 winning teams in a 4 team pool will play each other in the second match unless one or both of the matches are tied, in which case the opponents for the second match will be decided by lot. At the conclusion of the first night, all teams will be ranked on the basis of (a) their number of wins, and (b) net IMPs.

The top 8 teams will qualify to the Double Knock-out section, the next 8 teams will qualify to the Single Knock-out section and all remaining teams will qualify to the Swiss.

1.8.2 Session 2. Match 1. The draw for the Knock-out sections will be conducted as soon as all results have been collated for Session 1. Within the Double Knock-out and Single Knockout sections, the team ranked first shall have choice of opponents from those teams ranked 5th to 8th. The second ranked team shall have next choice from the remainder of the teams ranked 5th to 8th. The third ranked team shall have the final choice from the remainder of the teams ranked 5th to 8th. Matches will be over 14 boards. Losing teams in the Single Knock-out section qualify to the Swiss. Losing teams in the Double Knock-out section qualify to the Single Knock-out section.

1.9.3 Session 2. Match 2. The draw for the Knock-out sections in Match 2 will be conducted as soon as all results have been collated for Match 1. Teams in the Double Knock-out section will be ranked according to their net IMPs in Match 1. The highest ranked team in the Double Knock-out section will choose their opponent from the teams ranked 3rd and 4th. In the Single Knock-out section, the team winning by the greatest margin in Match 1 will be drawn against the team from the Double Knock-out section which lost by the greatest margin. The Single Knock-out team which won by the next greatest margin will play the team which lost by the next greatest margin, *etc.*

1.9.4 Session 3 The two remaining undefeated teams in the Double Knock-out section will play off (28 board match), with the winning team qualifying to the National Final. Six teams will remain in the Single Knock-out section. They will play off in two 3-way pools with matches over 14 boards. The two losing teams from Session 3 of the Double Knock-out section will play in different pools. Teams who have already met in the Knock-out sections may not be drawn in the same pool. Having regard to this restriction, the team from the Double Knock-out section with the lower losing margin in Session 2 Match 2 will have first choice of opponents from the other 4 teams. The other losing team will have next choice. Should a valid choice still be possible, the team with the lower losing margin shall have a second choice of opponents.

1.9.5 Session 4 The losing team from the Double Knock-out section will play off with the two pool winners from the Single Knock-out section in a 3-way match with matches of 14 boards. The winning team will qualify to the National Final. The other two teams will qualify to the Metropolitan Regional Final.

1.9.6 All reseeding and choosing of opponents will occur at the completion of the previous match. Any ranked team which is not represented will forfeit its right to choose an opponent. The right to choose does not devolve to teams ranked in the bottom half of any field. If an appeal overturns a result in a particular match (after the draw has been made), no change will be made in the draw other than to replace the losing team with the winning team.

1.8 The Swiss Repechage

1.8.1 Results in the Swiss will be converted to victory points using the standard WBF 14 board match IMP to VP conversion scale.

1.8.2 The draw for round 1 of the Swiss repechage will be random.

1.8.3 Losing teams from the knockout will enter the Swiss on a score of 80% of the available VPs or the leading team's score, whichever is the greater, with the proviso that the score is no more than 5 VPs more than the leader's score.

1.8.4 Teams entering the Swiss after round 1 will be ranked on the basis of the loss suffered.

Rankings will be determined by:

- (a) loss of a play-off (by smallest difference using the following criteria)
- (b) smallest IMP difference (winning score - losing score)
- (c) smallest IMP quotient (winning score / losing score)
- (d) lot

1.8.5 For each round of the Swiss, the top ranked team in the Swiss will play the top ranked team dropping into the Swiss, the second ranked team in the Swiss will play the second ranked team dropping into the Swiss, *etc.*

1.8.6 Teams that have played in the knock-out sections may meet again in the Swiss.

1.9 Tie Breaks

1.9.1 Tie Breaks in Session 2 Match 1 of the knock-out sections will be decided by (in order): the board-a-match result (on each board, 1 point is awarded to the team which has the greater score), the result of the match recalculated using total points, lot.

1.9.1 Tie Breaks in Session 2 Match 2 of the knock-out sections will be decided by successive 2 board play-offs.

1.9.2. A tie in Session 3 of the Double Knock-out section will be broken by a 4-board playoff followed by successive 2 board play-offs until a result is achieved.

1.9.3 A tie for second place in the Swiss at the conclusion of round 7 will be broken by successive 4 board play-offs until a result is achieved.

1.9.4 Other ties in the Swiss will be broken by net IMPs.

1.10 Qualification to subsequent stages

1.10.1 Qualifiers to the National Final will be the winners of:

- (a) the Double Knock-out section
- (b) the Single Knock-out section

1.10.2. Qualifiers to the Metropolitan Regional Final will be:

- (a) the higher ranked last round loser in the Single Knock-out section
- (b) the other last round loser in the Single Knock-out section
- (c) the top ranked teams in the Swiss so that the total number of qualifiers to the Metropolitan Final is one seventh (fractions rounded up) of the initial entry.

1.10.3 Any team that qualifies for the National or Metropolitan Regional Final, but opts not to proceed or is non-contending, will be replaced by the next highest ranked team available, provided always that the replacement team finished above the middle-ranked team of the Swiss field.

2. Fees

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

2.2 Thereafter, all subsequent entry fees for teams that qualify to the Metropolitan and/or the National Final will be paid by the NSWBA.