

STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2021
NSWBA QUALIFYING EVENT
Supplementary Tournament Regulations

This competition is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, 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 29-30 November, 2021.

1.2 The event will be held online using the RealBridge platform over two nights as scheduled in the official NSWBA Program.

1.3 It is a requirement that all players on RealBridge have working video and audio connections. Players may only turn off their camera with the permission of the Director. Players in breach of this regulation will not be eligible for any prizes.

1.4 Each session will be scored using standard matchpointing with scores being tabulated as percentages. The percentage scores for each pair for both nights will be summed to calculate each pair's final score.

1.5 Movements each week will be at the discretion of the Director, but designed to maximise the number of rounds and boards against opposing pairs over the two weeks.

2 Entry and Eligibility

Every player must be an active member of the Australian Bridge Federation masterpoint system and a member of the NSWBA or one of its affiliated clubs.

3 Fees

The entry fee as specified on the official brochure must be paid in full before the start of play.

4 Substitutions

Pairs are allowed one substitution.

5 Systems

5.1 No Yellow systems will be permitted.

5.2 Pairs may not claim protected pair status.

6 Score Correction Period

The correction period ends at midday on the Wednesday immediately following each session.

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7 Tie-breaks

The following procedures (when applicable) will be applied in order until the tie is broken.

7.1 Where an incomplete movement was used, the total matchpoints of all the tying pairs' opponents shall be determined. The pair with the highest total shall be ranked highest.

7.2 Where there are separate fields and x^{th} place in one field is being compared to x^{th} place in the other (for the purpose of awarding prizes):

- (a) In the case of two-way ties, the pair closer to the $(x-1)^{\text{th}}$ pair in their field shall be ranked higher.
- (b) On every board, pairs shall be awarded two matchpoints for a score above the average, one matchpoint for an average score, and zero for a below average score. The highest scoring pair will be ranked highest.
- (c) In the case of two-way ties, the pair scoring higher in the round between the two pairs (should it have occurred) shall be ranked higher.

7.3 Lot.

8 Prizes

8.1 For an event with total entry of n pairs, the top $n/6$ eligible pairs (0.5 rounded up) will have their entry to the State Mixed Pairs Final on 29-30 November 2021 paid by the NSWBA. Should any such pair opt not to enter the Finals, their prize is forfeited.

8.2 All other eligible pairs may enter the State Open Pairs Finals for \$120 per pair.

9 Masterpoints

9.1 Red masterpoints will be awarded at State Championship level with a weighting of 5.00.

9.2 Masterpoints are awarded on a sessional basis only - there are no outright awards.