



New South Wales Bridge Association



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State and National Championships in your Club

A quick summary and why your club should participate in them

The NSWBA conducts numerous events that are open to players in all its affiliated clubs. We would like to remind you of these events and encourage you to participate. There are a number of reasons that we commend these events to you:

1. Masterpoints

Participating in the heats of the Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) is the only way your players can earn gold masterpoints at a regular session in your club. Participating in State Championships is the cheapest way for your club to award red masterpoints to your members. Not only are red MPs for State Championships issued at twice the rate of Club Championships, these sessions are additional to your club's B4c entitlement. Only the Country Teams and Metropolitan Teams require your club to send club representatives to the next stage of the event in order to receive red masterpoints.

2. Grants

Teams that qualify receive travel grants from the ABF to attend the National Finals of the GNOT in Tweed Heads in late November. The NSWBA will provide travel and accommodation grants to pairs and teams representing affiliated clubs if they have to travel substantial distances to participate in finals of State events.

3. Experience and exposure

Playing in regional, zonal or state finals is fun. You meet and play against a different set of players and it improves your bridge.

The events that may be of particular interest to your club's members are:

- The Grand National Open Teams
- The State Open Pairs Championship and Country Pairs Championship
- The State Mixed Pairs Championship and Country Mixed Pairs Championship
- The State Wide Pairs
- The State Under 100 Masterpoints Pairs Championships
- The John Arkinstall State Teams (which includes the Country Teams Championship and the Metropolitan Teams Championship)

More information about each of these events can be found on the NSWBA website at <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/index.asp> and <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/gnot.asp> If your club has not participated in any of these events before, take a chance and make 2018 a year of change.

Yours sincerely,
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