

GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS - 2005
SYDNEY METROPOLITAN CLUBS QUALIFYING EVENT
SUPPLEMENTARY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. The Event

- 1.1 This competition is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge 1997, supplemented by the Tournament Regulations of the NSWBA as they stand at the time an issue arises, and these Supplementary Regulations. In the case of conflict between these Supplementary Regulations and the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, the Supplementary Regulations shall apply.
- 1.2 Each Metropolitan club is invited to hold one or two events to qualify teams to a Metropolitan Final.
- 1.3 If a club holds two qualifying events, one must be held in the evening and the other must be held during the day.
- 1.4 Clubs must run one of the following types of teams' competition, with the proviso that all matches must be of a minimum of eight (8) boards. Allowed movements are:
Round Robin, Swiss, Single Knock-out with Swiss repechage, or Double Knock-out with Swiss repechage.
- 1.5 The minimum number of sessions allowed is two (2) and the maximum number of sessions is five (5).
- 1.6 **The event may also be held as a special 2 session Congress type event on Sunday 6th March. The event should be advertised only within the participating club, and is in addition to any regular club sessions sanctioned under 1.3 above.**
- 1.7 Directors need only be qualified at the club level.
- 1.8 Each club qualifying event **may** qualify a maximum of one seventh (fractions rounded up) and **must** qualify a minimum of one seventh (fractions rounded down) of the number of teams entered to the Metropolitan Final. For 6 teams or less, 1 team must qualify.
- 1.9 Teams that qualify for the Metropolitan Final, who opt not to proceed, may be replaced by lower ranked teams invited in finishing order.
- 1.10 System regulations are to be set by the clubs. Note, however, that all systems will be permitted in the Metropolitan Final.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Teams may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players.
- 2.2 All team members must be active player members of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme.
- 2.3 Each player must be a member of a Sydney metropolitan bridge club affiliated with the NSWBA, though not necessarily a member of the club in whose event he/she is participating.
- 2.4 Players do not need to be residents of the Sydney Metropolitan region.
- 2.5 Clubs must allow non-members to play in any team that contains at least two (2) club members. That is, clubs *may* reject the entry of a team that has zero (0) or one (1) club member (or contains a player who is banned from the club for whatever reason), but must accept all other entries.
- 2.6 Players may enter in as many teams as they like, provided always that:
 - (a) Each team is in a different qualifying competition.
 - (b) Each team pays the specified table monies and/or tournament entry fees of the club.
- 2.7 There is no minimum board requirement for competitors in club qualifying events or the Metropolitan Final.

3. Substitutions and Augmentations

- 3.1 Substitutions are to be in accordance with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, though implementation and interpretation of these regulations is an internal club matter.
- 3.2 Players who have played zero boards for a team may be dropped from the team at any time without penalty. They will be treated as never having been team members.
- 3.3 Teams of 4 or 5 players that qualify for the Metropolitan Final may augment players after the completion of the club qualifying event provided:
 - (a) A request to augment is received by the Convener before Saturday 20th August 2005. Such request must specify the original team members, any replaced player, and the proposed players to be augmented.
 - (b) The augmented player(s) are judged (by the NSWBA Tournament Committee) to be of an equal or lesser standard than the original team members.
 - (c) Any augmented player must have previously entered a Metropolitan qualifying event though exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Convener.
 - (d) The augmented team contains more than half the members of the team who originally entered the event. (i.e. 3 of 4 or 5 and 4 of 6)
Example: A four-person team may augment either one or two players. If a pair withdraws from a four-person team, that team is no longer eligible to continue, though either pair would be eligible to augment onto another team of four.
 - (e) All augmented players comply with Regulations 2.2 and 2.3.
- 3.4 Players who have previously entered the event and subsequently been eliminated may be augmented.

- 3.5 Players still participating in any metropolitan GNOT qualifying event may not be augmented.
- 3.6 Players who have already qualified directly to the GNOT Final may play in a team (s) in a subsequent Metropolitan qualifying tournament (s), providing that their team is declared non-contending from the outset.

4. Fees

- 4.1 As for last year, each club will pay an entry fee of \$10 per team initially entered in the event, plus \$200 per team entering the Metropolitan Final. In addition, 90 cents per gold masterpoint awarded will be charged to the club. The entry fee for teams progressing direct to the National Final will be \$660. All quoted charges include GST.
- 4.2 No table money or entry fee will be collected from teams participating in the Metropolitan Final. All such fees, which must be paid by the clubs by Saturday 27th August at the latest, are included in the fees specified in regulation 4.1. (See Regulations 5.3, 6.3 and 6.4.)
- 4.3 Clubs should be aware of the fees payable (see 4.1 above) when setting tournament entry fees and table monies for their qualifying events.
- 4.4 Table fees for members and non-members are to be set by the club.
- 4.5 The NSWBA will pay all fees and expenses (including directing and masterpoint costs) associated with the Metropolitan Final.
- 4.6 The NSWBA will pay all entry fees to the ABF for the GNOT qualifying round and Final (to be held this year in Sydney from Friday 18th to Monday 21st November) with the exception of the two teams which qualify directly to the Final from the Double Bay Bridge Centre and Trumps Bridge Club.
- 4.7 The Double Bay Bridge Club, and the Trumps Bridge Club may levy an extra payment on the teams that qualify directly to the National Final from their events. Any such extra payment will be clearly advertised before the commencement of the event.

5. Masterpointing

- 5.1 The State Masterpoint Secretary or his or her representative will calculate all masterpoint awards.
- 5.2 Gold masterpoints will be available to the winners* of every match at the rate of 0.04 masterpoints per player per board per match. In the case of 5 or 6 person teams, the masterpoint awards per member will be 4/5 and 2/3 respectively unless the exact team composition is supplied for every match played.
- 5.3 Gold masterpoints will only be awarded for a club qualifying tournament if:
- (a) At least one seventh of the teams entered proceed to the Metropolitan Final.
 - (b) The Convener receives all fees payable by the club to the NSWBA before Saturday 27th August 2005.

* To qualify as winners for the purpose of masterpoint awards, the leading team must win by a margin greater than 0.2 MP per board over the match. Note especially that for 10 board matches a final IMP difference of 2 IMPs counts as a draw.

6. Administration

- 6.1 The Convener of this event (on behalf of the NSWBA Tournament Committee) is Tony Musgrove.
- 6.2 At the end of the qualifying event (and before Saturday 20th August) each club must provide the Convener with the following information:
- (a) The format of the event, including the number of boards played in each match, and the number of wins and draws achieved by each member of each team.
 - (b) Either
 - (i) A file on disk of the players and their ABF numbers in the same order that they occur on the tournament results sheet. This file may include gold point awards in standard format provided transparent paperwork is attached to allow checking.
 - or
 - (ii) Congress Award Forms, or a legible list of the players and their ABF numbers in the same order that they occur on the tournament results sheet(s)
 - (c) A list of teams progressing to the Metropolitan Final.
- 6.3 The Convener will present each participating club with an invoice to cover masterpointing charges and entry fees to the Metropolitan Final.
- 6.4 Upon payment of this invoice, the Convener will:
- (a) Confirm entry of all teams that qualify to the Metropolitan Final.
 - (b) Present the club results to the State Masterpoint Secretary for masterpointing.

6.5 All inquiries and correspondence should be directed to:

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