

2018 COMMONWEALTH NATIONS SELECTION 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 The event will be held on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th December 2017, two sessions each day starting at 10.00am.
- 1.2 Dependent on the number of entrants, the event will be run as a standard Swiss Teams or Round Robin competition.
- 1.3 The length of each match will be dependent on the number of teams. The appropriate WBF continuous IMP to VP conversion scale will be used.
- 1.4 Yellow systems are not permitted. Pairs may not claim protected status against brown sticker conventions.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 Contending teams must consist of 4 players, each of whom is a *bona fide* member of a bridge club affiliated with the NSWBA.
- 2.2 Non-contending teams may enter, but must indicate their non-contending status at time of entry or to the Director before the start of play.

3 Fees

The entry fee of \$90 per player (\$45 for under 25's) must be paid in full before commencing play.

4 Substitutions

Substitutions are to be in accordance with the standard NSWBA Substitution Regulations with each match being treated as a separate session for the purposes of Regulation 4.8.1.

5 Tie Breaks

A tie for first place will be broken by a 4-board playoff, and if still tied, by successive 2-board playoffs until a winner is determined.

6 Masterpoints

Masterpoints are awarded with a weighting of 5.0 (Grade B - State Championship).

7 Augmentation

- 7.1 The winning contending team must augment another pair that played >75% of the boards in the event and
 - a) played in a contending team that finished in 2nd, 3rd or 4th position, or
 - b) was in the top third of the field on modified datums.
- 7.2 The Chairman of the Tournament Committee must be notified of the pair to be augmented by email tournament@nswba.com.au before 31st December, 2017.

8 Prize

- 8.1 The winning team (plus augmented pair) win the right to represent NSW in the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships in Broadbeach, February 14-18, 2018. The NSWBA will pay the \$1200 entry fee to the CNBC and provide a grant to the team of \$1800.
- 8.2 All other expenses (e.g. transportation and accommodation) and arrangements associated with attending the 2018 CNBC are the responsibilities of the team members.