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COUNTRY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

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To The Tournament Secretary: all NON-METROPOLITAN affiliated clubs

There is a major change to the Country Teams for 2023: **the State Final will be held online on the RealBridge platform**. This won't affect the Club sessions, Regional, or Zonal Finals, but will remove the accommodation and travel costs for teams who previously needed to travel to Sydney. The date for each Zonal Final is set by the Zonal Coordinator and posted on the Country Teams website. Each zone will qualify 2 teams to the State Final, except the Southern and Western Zones which each qualify one team. The State Final is scheduled to start on Friday evening 24th November.

Helen Milward is the Tournament Organiser for 2023. As usual, each Zone will have its own coordinator.

Zone	Coordinator	Email	Phone
Northern:	Ian Price	priceshdc@gmail.com	0432 153 294
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The supplementary tournament regulations for the NSW Country Teams can be found on the NSWBA website at www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2023&E=sotct, along with a list of eligible affiliated clubs divided into Regions within Zones. Please note that this list is not cut and dried; if your club is not on the list or wants to switch and play in a different Region or Zone, please contact the Tournament Organiser.

All non-metropolitan affiliated clubs are invited to conduct one or two events in order to qualify teams to play in their Regional Final. Clubs not wishing to run a qualifying competition may nominate one team per 50 home club members or part thereof with a limit of three teams. All players in a nominated team must be financial members of the nominating club. The entry fee for teams progressing to the Regional Finals is \$100 per team and is payable by clubs to the NSWBA upon receipt of invoice. Participating clubs complete an Excel form to report details of their representative teams and qualifying events. This form www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2023/docs/CT_Club_Entry_Form_2023.xlsx includes a set of instructions explaining how to fill it in correctly. Please follow them precisely.

Clubs hosting Regional and Zonal Finals will do so on the NSWBA's behalf and will be reimbursed for expenses incurred.

If you are the only club in your region to enter, discuss your possible options with your Zonal Coordinator.

A summary of the significant dates for the 2023 Country Teams Championship follows.

Friday 3 rd Mar:	Deadline for applications from clubs to host Regional Final
Friday 3 rd Mar:	Deadline for applications from clubs to host Zonal Final
Sat 24 th & Sun 25 th Jun:	Date of Northern Zonal Final
Sat 15 th & Sun 16 th Oct:	Date of Hunter Central Coast Zonal Final (TBC, likely just 1 day event)
Sunday 1 st Oct (TBC):	Southern Zonal Final will be on or before this date
Sunday 1 st Oct (TBC):	Western Zonal Final will be on or before this date
Fri 24 th - Sun 26 th Nov:	Finals of John Arkinstall State Teams (and Country Teams) online on RealBridge
Deadline for completion of Regional Finals is about two weeks before the relevant Zonal Final.	

Warren Lazer,
Chairman, NSWBA Events Committee

Helen Milward
Country Team Organiser