



John Arkinstall State Teams 2025 Sydney Metropolitan Zone Supplementary Tournament Regulations

<https://bridgensw.com.au/state-open-teams-metropolitan-clubs/>

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1. The State Open Teams Championship is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 and the Bridge NSW Tournament Regulations.
2. All Sydney clubs are eligible to run club qualifying events of the Metropolitan Teams. These club events qualify teams to one of the two Metropolitan Teams Finals (see clause 11.1. for details).
3. Each Metropolitan Teams Final selects two teams to represent the Sydney Zone in the finals of the State Open Teams Championships held online on the RealBridge platform in November. (Ten teams, representing all zones in NSW, contest the Finals of the State Open Teams.)
4. Clubs may run one or two separate events, but the total maximum number of sessions a club can hold is **six**. Clubs may only run two separate qualifying events if each caters to different members (e.g. one is played during the day and the other at night, on a weekend or online).
5. Club qualifying events may be run as teams or IMP-scored pairs competitions.
6. Yellow Systems are not permitted in any stage, including the State Final.
7. Players do not have to be members of the club at which the qualifying competition is held, but must be resident in the Sydney Metropolitan area, or play a significant amount of bridge at one or more clubs located in the Sydney Metropolitan area.
8. Directors must be qualified at Club level (Grade D) or above.
9. If running a pairs event, Butler Pairs with match lengths of at least 5 boards should be preferred. This will maximise the award of red masterpoints which are awarded for every match won or drawn. A normal pairs movement with rounds of 2, 3 or 4 boards and employing IMP scoring is permissible, but will result in fewer masterpoints being issued, and these only to the top half of the field. One field movements (Howell or arrow-switch Mitchell) generate slightly more masterpoints than 2 field movements (Mitchell). Matchpoint scoring is not permitted.
10. Qualification to the Metropolitan Teams Final
 - 10.1 All teams participating in a club qualifying event are eligible to represent that club in the Metropolitan Final, provided they are *bona fide* competing teams. This means that each team must have entered and played the club qualifying event as a team – it is not allowable for players who have qualified in different teams to play together in the Final as club representatives, but see Clause 10.2 below.
 - 10.2 Teams may augment players at any time prior to Friday 22 November, *i.e.* either

before or after the Metropolitan Teams Final. Augmented players must be members of the club conducting the qualifying event. Permission to augment after 22 November may be granted by the Bridge NSW Events Committee in exceptional circumstances.

- 10.3 If holding an IMP-based pairs qualifying event, any 2 or 3 participating pairs may join together to form a team.
- 10.4 The entry fee to the Metropolitan Final for all club representatives is \$160 per team.
- 10.5 Clubs holding qualifying events can only award red masterpoints if at least one team from the event participates in a Metropolitan final.

11. Subsequent stages

- 11.1 Two Metropolitan Finals will be held. One Metropolitan Teams Final will be held in conjunction with the Pennant Hills Congress on Sunday 12 October 2025. The other Metropolitan Final will be held online on RealBridge on Monday 15 and 22 September at 7:30 pm.
- 11.2 The State Open Teams Finals will be held online on the RealBridge platform from Friday 28 November – Sunday 30 November 2024.
- 11.3 Further information about these stages of the State Teams (including prizes and the supplementary tournament regulations) can be found on the Bridge NSW website at <https://bridgensw.com.au/state-open-teams/>.

12. Masterpoints

- 12.1 Red masterpoints will be awarded. The event is run under Bridge NSW's grade B (State Championship) allowance – do not use your club's B4c sessions.
- 12.2 Red masterpoints for club sessions have a weighting of W=5.0. They are awarded on a sessional basis only; *i.e.* there are NO outright (placing) awards. They are to be calculated by the scoring program or club masterpoint secretary.
- 12.3 The red masterpoints awarded must be submitted to the Organiser as a .red file. They must not be sent to the State Masterpoint Secretary nor uploaded to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.
- 12.4 Bridge NSW will charge clubs \$2.54 for each red masterpoint issued. The cost of these points has been increased by the ABF to \$1.74 and Bridge NSW is charging the same 80c licence fee as we do for club congresses.

13. Administration

- 13.1 An Excel file to be completed by hosting clubs is available for download from the Bridge NSW website <https://bridgensw.com.au/state-open-teams-metropolitan-clubs/>. and used as a cover sheet and check list. At the end of the qualifying event (and before Saturday 13 September) this is to be completed and submitted via the form on the website together with:
 - A complete copy of the results each session as pdf, text, html, Word or Excel files. This must include a list of all teams and their members and the number of matches they won, drew and lost.

- Masterpoint information as a .red file, sent as an email attachment.

13.2 Bridge NSW will send an invoice to cover the masterpoint costs and the team entry fees after the conclusion of the Metropolitan Teams Final. Do not send any money until you receive the invoice.

14. Timetable. Clubs should note the following dates:

Club results to be received by the Organiser by: **Saturday 13 September**

Metropolitan Teams Final **Sunday 12 October 2025. Metropolitan Teams Online Final Mondays 15 and 22 September.**

State Open Teams Finals online **on RealBridge: Friday 28 – Sunday 30 Nov 2025**

15. The Organiser of the Metropolitan Teams on behalf of Bridge NSW is Dave Havyatt.