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For all clubs

State Mixed Pairs Championship 2026
Country Mixed Pairs Championship 2026

https://bridgensw.com.au/state-mixed-pairs/

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Bridge NSW invites all clubs to conduct qualifying events for the 2025 State Mixed Pairs and Country Mixed Pairs Championships. All affiliated clubs can play qualifying sessions and award red masterpoints at state championship level (W = 3.75) - you do not need to send a club representative pair to the State Finals in order to award red masterpoints. These sessions are part of a Bridge NSW State Championship, so they come with a higher weighting and are additional to your B4c allowance.

This is a MIXED pairs event and must be programmed and advertised as such. Non-mixed pairs may play in club qualifying sessions and are entitled to any red masterpoints won, but do not abuse this concession-to-practicality by rebranding normal sessions as a Mixed Pairs Qualifier and making no attempt to run a mixed pairs event. This would be unfair to all the mixed pairs that enter in good faith and have ineligible pairs "steal" their masterpoints. If you have a large number of non-mixed pairs wanting to play, run independent sections if you have enough mixed pairs to play as a separate section (basically five tables).

The regulations allow qualifying sessions to be played either online on the RealBridge platform or face-to-face. Sessions played on BBO or Stepbridge are not allowed. Participation in online sessions is restricted to players who are members of a club affiliated with Bridge NSW.

The State Finals are scheduled to be played F2F at the Sydney Bridge Centre. The cost for pairs entering the Final directly is $200 per pair, but this won't apply to club representative pairs. Metropolitan clubs will pay $160, a $40 discount for every representative pair sent to the State Final. Country clubs will pay $120, an $80 discount, but no additional subsidies will be paid.

Bridge NSW will charge clubs $2.59 for red masterpoints issued at club qualifying events. The base rate charged to us by the ABF has increased to $1.79. We are applying to this the same 80c per masterpoint fee that we levy for congresses. There will be no discount to the masterpoint charge for sending a team to the final.

The Championship Finals will be held at the Sydney Bridge Centre on the weekend of 16 and 17 May 2026. Start time on the Saturday is 10.30 am. Lunch on both days is included in the entry fees.

The top 14 pairs on Saturday will qualify for the State Mixed Pairs Final on the Sunday. In addition, the top 14 pairs from non-metropolitan clubs will qualify to a separate Country Mixed Pairs Final on the Sunday. Country pairs who qualify for the State Final may choose which Final they contend. A Country Final will be played if there are eight or more pairs prepared to play. Pairs that do not qualify for a final obtain free entry to the Autumn Swiss Pairs on the Sunday.

We welcome your club's participation in these events and look forward to receiving as many entries as possible for the State and Country Mixed Pairs Finals weekend.

Full details are included in the Supplementary Regulations available on the event webpage https://bridgensw.com.au/state-mixed-pairs/ .