

GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS – 2023
NSBC DIRECT TO NATIONAL FINALS QUALIFYING 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.

General Supplementary Regulations that apply to both Sydney Metropolitan Direct Qualifying Events can be found at <https://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/2023/gnot/metro.asp>.

1 The Event

1.1 The event will be held online using the RealBridge platform over five nights, as scheduled in the official NSWBA Program. It is a requirement that all players on RealBridge have working video and audio connections. Players may only turn off their camera with the permission of the Director. Players in breach of this regulation will not be eligible to progress to subsequent stages.

1.2 The event will be run as a round-robin with 15 matches. Every team will play every other team.

1.3 Each match in the round-robin contains 10 boards.

1.4 Yellow systems will not be permitted.

2 Entry and Eligibility

2.1 Every player must be an active member of the Australian Bridge Federation masterpoint system.

2.2 Players must be residents of the Metropolitan GNOT Region or a neighbouring GNOT region. Residency requirements are irrelevant for any House team included in the field.

3 Tie Breaks

3.1 A tie in for between 1st and 2nd place at the end of Match Round 5 will be decided by a 4-board playoff arranged with the Director at a time suitable for both teams, preferably the same night. If the tie remains, single additional boards will be played until a result is obtained.

3.2 If necessary, other ties where entry to the metro final is being contended will be broken by ABF standard tie breaking regulations.

4 Qualification to subsequent stages

- 4.1 The top team at the end of Round 5 will qualify to the National Final.
- 4.2 The 2nd and 3rd placed teams in the will qualify to the Metropolitan Regional Final.
- 4.3 Any team that qualifies for the National or Metropolitan Regional Final, but opts not to proceed, will be replaced by the next highest ranked team available, provided always that the replacement team finished above the middle-ranked team of the Swiss Repechage. The House team is ineligible to play in the Metropolitan Final.

5. Fees

- 5.1 The entry fee as specified must be paid in full before play begins.
- 5.2 Thereafter, all subsequent entry fees for teams that qualify to the Metropolitan and/or the National Final will be paid by the NSBC.

6. Score Correction Period

The correction period ends at midday on the Saturday immediately following each session.

7. Masterpoints

- 7.1 Each 10+-board segment is treated as a separate match.
- 7.2 Winners of each match receive 0.4 gold MPs.
- 7.3 The MPs are shared if the winning margin is less than 3 IMPs.
- 7.4 Outright awards are made to the top third of the field.