

2006 Grand National Open Teams Competition

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Dear Tournament Secretary,

If your club has regularly participated in the GNOT qualifying rounds we are confident that you will once again enjoy the 2006 competition. As usual, the co-operation of all Sydney metropolitan clubs is being sought to ensure the maximum number of entrants since this determines how many teams are allowed to represent Sydney in the National Final (currently eight teams).

All metropolitan Sydney clubs are invited to hold qualifying events to determine representative teams that will compete in a Metropolitan Final at the NSWBA on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th August. Entry will be on the basis of one team for every 7, entered in each club qualifying event. Although it is necessary for teams to attend both the Saturday sessions of the Metropolitan Final, it is permissible to retire hurt from the Sunday Swiss repechage. The Metropolitan Final qualifies four teams to the GNOT National Final which will again be held at Banora Point (Tweed Heads) from Friday 17th to Monday 20th November 2006.

Gold Masterpoints will be available to the winners of every match at the rate of 0.04 masterpoints per board, i.e. winners of a 14 board match will receive 0.56 Gold masterpoints per player, while winners of a 32 board match will receive 1.28 masterpoints per player.

In addition, three Metropolitan centres hold heats where an additional four teams are awarded direct qualification into the National Final. Outright Gold Masterpoints will be made to the top 1/3 of the field for these direct qualifying events.

Centres where teams may qualify directly to the GNOT National Final are as follows:

- i) NSWBA on 5 Monday evenings, March 6th to April 3rd (2 teams to qualify),
- ii) The Double Bay Bridge Centre on 5 Wednesday evenings, April 26th to May 24th (one team to qualify),
- iii) Trumps Bridge Club on 5 Wednesday evenings, May 31st to June 28th June (one team to qualify).

The Supplementary Tournament Regulations that are to be read in association with the NSWBA Tournament Regulations are enclosed. Please read the regulations carefully, as they explain the conditions that need to be fulfilled for Gold masterpoints to be awarded.

Should you require further details please contact the Convener of the event:

Tony Musgrove, preferably via e-mail on ardelm@optusnet.com.au (please note change from last year), or in desperation on 9520 5651, or via snail@12 Kelton Pl, Engadine 2233

Yours sincerely,

Tony Musgrove