

GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS – 2021
NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB DIRECT TO NATIONAL FINALS QUALIFYING EVENT
SUPPLEMENTARY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

These regulations are supplementary to the regulations published by the New South Wales Bridge Association for the Grand National Open Teams event for 2021. Those regulations can be found here:
https://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/2021/gnot/docs/GNOT_2021_Metro_DQE_Regs.pdf

These regulations relate to the North Shore Bridge Club's Grand National Open Teams event that qualifies one team directly to the National Finals in Tweed Heads from 26-29 November, 2021 and additional teams to the Metropolitan Final.

All dates are subject to change if Covid-19 outbreaks and/or and Government Regulations prevent the Metropolitan Final and/or National Final being held as planned.

1. Acronyms, Definitions and Personnel

NSWBA	New South Wales Bridge Association
NSBC	North Shore Bridge Club
SO	Sponsoring Organisation (<i>i.e.</i> either the NSWBA or the NSBC)
GNOT	Grand National Open Teams
DQE	Direct Qualifying Event
Metropolitan Final:	to be held at the NSWBA on 18-19 September 2021
National Final:	to be held at Tweed Heads on 26-29 November 2021

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2. This Direct Qualifying Event

- 2.1 The dates for the NSBC DQE are:
Thursdays 18, 25 February, 4 & 11 March on RealBridge
- 2.2 The NSBC event will qualify one team to the National Final. In addition, the event will qualify teams to the Metropolitan Final. The number of teams to so qualify will be a maximum of one seventh of the field (fractions rounded up) and a minimum of one seventh (fractions rounded down).
- 2.3 The competition is conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017, supplemented by the Tournament Regulations of the NSWBA as they stand at the time an issue arises and the Sydney Metropolitan Direct to National Finals Qualifying Event Supplementary Tournament Regulations and these Supplementary Regulations. In the case of conflict, these Supplementary Regulations will apply.
- 2.4 Entries for the event will close on Tuesday 16 February at 5pm.
- 2.5 Depending on the number of entries the event will run one of the following types of teams competition, with the proviso that all matches must be of a minimum of seven (7) boards. Allowed movements are: Round Robin, Swiss, Single Knock-out with Swiss repechage, or Double Knock-out with Swiss repechage, Swiss qualifying with final.
- 2.6 The Tournament Director may elect to accept a late entry or entries if that allows for an improved tournament movement.
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 Players should note that scores posted on RealBridge are not calculated according to these Supplementary Regulations. The official scores are those appearing on the NSBC website.
- 2.9 NSBC will appoint an online recorder for the event to whom players may report any concerns they have with player conduct.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 Teams are to consist of 4, 5 or 6 players.

- 3.2 All team members must be active player members of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme.
- 3.3 Each player must be a member of a Sydney metropolitan bridge club affiliated with the NSWBA, though not necessarily a member of the NSWBA or NSBC.
- 3.4 Players must be *bona fide* residents of the Sydney metropolitan region or a neighbouring NSW country GNOT region, *viz*, Central Coast, Mountains or Tablelands-Illawarra.

4. Non-Contending Teams

- 4.1 An entire team may declare itself as non-contending, providing it does so before the start of the DQE. ALL members of such teams forfeit all qualifying rights other than those allowed under Regulation 7.7.
- 4.2 Reference should be made to section 4 of the Sydney Metropolitan Direct to National Finals Qualifying Event Supplementary Tournament Regulations for other regulations regarding non-contending teams.

5. Qualification to the Finals

- 5.1 Reference should be made to section 5 of the Sydney Metropolitan Direct to National Finals Qualifying Event Supplementary Tournament Regulations for regulations regarding qualification to the finals.

6. Teams Proceeding to and Participating in the National Final

- 6.1 Reference should be made to section 6 of the Sydney Metropolitan Direct to National Finals Qualifying Event Supplementary Tournament Regulations for regulations regarding teams proceeding to and participating in the National Final.

7. Teams Proceeding to and Participating in the Metropolitan Final

- 7.1 Reference should be made to section 7 of the Sydney Metropolitan Direct to National Finals Qualifying Event Supplementary Tournament Regulations for regulations regarding teams proceeding to and participating in the Metropolitan Final.

8. Substitutions

- 8.1 Substitution regulations are published on the NSBC website. In the absence of any specific aspect within the NSBC regulations, the relevant clauses of Section 4 of the NSWBA Tournament Regulations will apply.

9. Fees

- 9.1 The NSBC will not levy an extra payment on the team that qualifies directly to the National Final from this event.
- 9.2 The NSBC will pay the entry fees for teams qualifying into the Metropolitan Final.