

GNOT 2017 NATIONAL FINAL LETTER TO CAPTAINS

A. GNOT NATIONAL FINAL

1. VENUE

The GNOT 2017 National Final will be held at **Tweed Ultima**, 20 Stuart Street, Tweed Heads, New South Wales 2485. **Tweed Ultima** is in the centre of town, is 5 km from the Gold Coast (Coolangatta) airport, and is handy to accommodation, restaurants, coffee shops and a great pub.

2. TRAVEL

The ABF has pre-purchased 4 air tickets for each team expected to travel by air. The procedures to be followed by all qualifying players including those who will receive a ground travel subsidy can be downloaded from [here](#).

3. ACCOMMODATION

Players in the GNOT are expected to make their own arrangements about accommodation. There are literally scores of places, resorts, motels, bed and breakfasts, pubs to stay in Tweed Heads. For details consult your travel agent, motoring club accommodation guides or internet sites.

4. SCHEDULE FOR TIMES OF PLAY

Because the GNOT National Final is being played in New South Wales, the times given for playing schedules are **Eastern Standard Summer Time**. GNOT participants staying in Queensland should note well that Queensland time is one hour behind New South Wales time.

The event commences on Friday 24 November at 9.30 am (ESST).

The 60 teams are:

Far North Queensland	Hunter 2	Geelong
North Queensland	Hunter 3	Gippsland 1
Whitsunday	Central Coast	Gippsland 2
Capricornia	Tablelands Illawarra	Melbourne 1
Wide Bay	South Coast	Melbourne 2
Sunshine Coast 1	Mountains 1	Melbourne 3
Sunshine Coast 2	Mountains 2	Northern Victoria
Sunshine Coast 3	Central Northern	Western Victoria
Gold Coast 1	South-West NSW	Southern Tasmania
Gold Coast 2	Western NSW	Northern Tasmania
Gold Coast 3	Sydney 1	Adelaide 1
Darling Downs	Sydney 2	Adelaide 2
Brisbane 1	Sydney 3	Adelaide 3
Brisbane 2	Sydney 4	SA Provincial
Brisbane 3	Sydney 5	Northern Territory

Northern Rivers 1	Sydney 6	WA Country
Northern Rivers 2	Sydney 7	WA Provincial
Mid North Coast 1	Canberra 1	Perth 1
Mid North Coast 2	Canberra 2	Perth 2
Hunter 1	ACT Provincial	Perth 3

5. FORMAT

- a. There are 60 teams. The field will be seeded taking into account recent form, past performance, and region of origin. The top 4 seeded teams will have a bye through to the second round of the knockout.
- b. The event will commence as a knockout, the first round being of 16 boards. There will be 56 teams playing head-to-head in this first knockout round. The 28 winning teams progress to the second knockout round along with the first 4 seeded teams; the 28 losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
- c. The Swiss repechage comprises nine 12-board rounds.
- d. The second knockout round comprises 32 teams and will be played over 24 boards in two 12-board sets. The 16 winning teams progress to the third knockout round; the 16 losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
- e. The third knockout round comprises 16 teams and will be played over 24 boards in two 12-board sets. The eight winning teams progress to the fourth knockout round; the eight losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
- f. The fourth knockout round comprises eight teams and will be played over 24 boards in two 12-board sets. The four winning teams progress to the fifth knockout round; the four losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
- g. The fifth knockout round comprises four teams and will be played over 36 boards in three 12-board sets. The two winning teams proceed directly to the semi-finals; the two losing teams proceed to the repechage final (repechage playoff).
- h. The repechage final comprises four teams — the two losers from the fifth round knockout and the two top teams from the Swiss. The repechage final will be played over 24 boards in two 12-board sets. The two winning teams proceed to the semi-finals.
- i. The semi-finals will be played over 40 boards in four 10-board sets.
- j. The final will be played over 56 boards in four 14-board sets.

6. TIMETABLE (GNOT NATIONAL FINAL)

Friday 24 Nov.	9.30 am	Knockout round 1
	11.35 am	Knockout round 2 Repechage round 1
	2.00 pm	Knockout round 2 (cont.) Repechage round 2
	3.35 pm	Knockout round 3 Repechage round 3
	5.10pm	Knockout round 3 (cont.) Repechage round 4
	Saturday 25 Nov.	10.00 am
11.35 am		Knockout round 4(cont.) Repechage round 6
2.00 pm		Knockout round 5 Repechage round 7
3.35 pm		Knockout round 5 (cont.) Repechage round 8
5.10 pm		Knockout round 5 (cont.) Repechage round 9
6.45 pm		Hospitality
Sunday 26 Nov.	9.00 am	Repechage final — stanza 1
	10. 40 am	Repechage final — stanza 2
	1.00 pm	Semi-finals — stanza 1
	2.25 pm	Semi-finals — stanza 2
	3.50 pm	Semi-finals — stanza 3
Monday 27 Nov.	5.15 pm	Semi-finals — stanza 4
	9.00 am	Final — stanza 1
	11.00 am	Final — stanza 2
	1.30 pm	Final — stanza 3
	3.30 pm	Final — stanza 4

7. BBO

A semi-final and the final of the GNOT National Final will be broadcast on BBO. This means strict adherence to the playing schedules announced for these segments of the tournament.

8. SYSTEMS REGULATIONS

Regulations pertaining to systems will be different depending upon whether your team is playing in the knockout phase of the event or in the Swiss repechage.

a. Knockout

YELLOW systems will be permitted in all knockout phases except knockout rounds 1 and 2. Pairs playing YELLOW systems must submit a concise summary, typed or written in black ink on one side of one sheet of A4 paper to the Chief Tournament Director before 9.30am on Friday 24 November 2017. Failure to comply may result in disallowance of the system.

b. Repechage

YELLOW systems will not be permitted in the Swiss repechage but will be permitted in the repechage final.

9. SCORING

Knockout matches will be scored by netimps. Matches in the Swiss repechage are scored by IMPs converted to VPs using the WBF scale for 12 board matches.

Losers in KO Round 1 enter the Swiss repechage with a score of 0 VPs and 0 IMPs.

Losers in KO Round 2 enter the Swiss repechage with a VP and IMP score equal to 90% of the Leader's score, but no more than 7.5 VPs less than the Leader's score.

Losers in KO Round 3 enter the Swiss repechage with a VP and IMP score equal to 95% of the Leader's score, but no more than 4.5 VPs less than the Leader's score.

Losers in KO Round 4 enter the Swiss repechage on the same VP and IMP score as the Leader.

10. HOSPITALITY

There will be a small function at close of play on Saturday evening 25 November at which the Chris Diment Trophy (and medallions) for the top Country Team will be presented.

B. GNOT PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Introduction

This 2-session stratified Swiss pairs event will be staged on Sunday 26 November starting at 9.15 am. **All players** who have participated in the GNOT National Final (irrespective of origin) and have been eliminated, are eligible to play free of charge. In addition, players from the Northern Rivers and Gold Coast Regions who have participated in GNOT 2017 qualifying events (i.e. Club Selections and/or Zonal Knockouts) are invited to play in the GNOT Pairs Championships. Life partners of players who participated in the GNOT National Final are also eligible to enter.

2. Entry

Pre-entry is required for the GNOT Pairs Championships. Players should enter:

1. Via email to jane.rasmussen@abf.com.au or gnot@abf.com.au or by mail to PO Box 397, Fyshwick, ACT, 2609, or by
2. Direct entry on the entry sheet at the venue.

Entry fee \$30 per person, except for players who have participated in the 2017 GNOT National Final (free of charge). Entries close at 7.30pm on Saturday 25 November, or earlier if the field is full.

3. Stratification

The GNOT Pairs Championships will comprise three categories, viz. the Metropolitan Pairs, the Provincial Pairs and the Country Pairs. Categorisation will be according to GNOT regions as follows:

Metropolitan	Provincial	Country	
Brisbane	Gold Coast	Far North Queensland	North Queensland
Sydney	Hunter	Whitsunday	Capricornia
Canberra	ACT Provincial	Wide Bay	Sunshine Coast
Melbourne	Southern Tasmania	Darling Downs	Northern Rivers
Adelaide	SA Provincial	Central Coast	Mid-North Coast
Perth	Northern Territory	South Coast	Tablelands-Illawarra
	WA Provincial	Central Northern	Mountains
		South-West NSW	Western NSW
		Geelong	Gippsland
		WA Country	Northern Victoria
		Northern Tasmania	Western Victoria

4. Format

The GNOTPC will be played in a stratified Swiss format over seven 8-board matches.

Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated by the method stated in the GNOT National Final Supplementary Regulations. IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the WBF 6 board VP scale.

At the conclusion of the event, pairs will be placed in finishing order (i) overall and (ii) according to category. Medallions will be awarded to the winning pair overall and to the winning pairs in each category.

5. Hospitality

There will be a brief function at close of play on Sunday afternoon during which medallions will be presented.

6. Timetable

Sunday 26 Nov	9.15 am	Swiss round 1
	10. 15 am	Swiss round 2
	11.15 am	Swiss round 3
	12.15 pm	Swiss round 4
	2.00 pm	Swiss round 5
	3.00 pm	Swiss round 6
	4.00 pm	Swiss round 7
	5.00 pm	Hospitality and awards

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