

2012 GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS

The All-Australian Tournament for players beneath the status of Life Master

Conditions of Contest

1. PREAMBLE

1.1 In 2012, the ABF will stage the fifth Grand National Pairs Championship of Australia (GNP). The GNP will be played as match-pointed pairs. The GNP is open to players beneath the status of Life Master as at 1 January 2012.

1.2 The format of the 2012 GNP will be unchanged from the format of previous tournaments. However, there are some minor changes to the regulations.

1.3 The 2012 GNP will have three stages. Early rounds (Club Selection) will be played in Clubs. Successful pairs from the Club Selection stage will be eligible to compete in a Regional Final. Successful pairs from Regional Finals will qualify for the National Final.

1.4 The National Final of the 2012 GNP will be played in Canberra in January 2013 as part of the Summer Festival of Bridge. Pairs that qualify for the National Final will receive travel assistance from the ABF. The actual amount will be a major proportion of the cost of travel from the location of one's HOME CLUB to Canberra and return.

1.5 Gold masterpoints will be awarded to 50% of the fields in Club Selections, to 50% of the field in Regional Finals and to 100% of the field in the National Final. Masterpoint scales for Club Selections and Regional Finals are given in Appendix 3 (see **GOLD** attachment).

1.6 Information about the GNP will be updated regularly and will be posted on the ABF website (www.abf.com.au).

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 **The 2012 GNP is open to players beneath the status of Life Master as at 1 January 2012.** Information about masterpoint standings at that date is available on the ABF website (www.abf.com.au).

2.2 An exception is made for clubs with less than 30 Home Club members. A Life Master is eligible to participate in GNP Club Selection events staged by such clubs, provided that the combined masterpoint holding of that player and his/her partner does not exceed 450 as at 1 January 2012.

3. FORMAT OF THE GNP

The tournament will have three stages. Early rounds (Club Selection events) will be played in Clubs. Successful pairs from the Club Selection stage will be eligible to compete in a Regional Final. Successful pairs from Regional Finals will qualify for the National Final.

Club Selections are run by the Club itself. Regional Finals are administered by a Regional Coordinator and a Regional Organiser. A list of Regional Coordinators and Regional Organisers is given in Appendix 4 - the **GREEN** attachment. The National Final is staged by the National Coordinators.

4. CLUB SELECTION EVENTS

4.1 In order to qualify pairs to compete in the Regional Final, a Club must run one or more match-pointed pairs qualifying events (Club Selections). **If a club runs only one club selection, that club selection must be a minimum of three sessions. If a club runs more than one club selection event, each of those club selections may be two-session events.**

There is no limit to the number of sessions that any one club can run. However, no player may participate as a contender in more than 12 sessions. This means that, should a player compete in more than 12 sessions of Club Selections, that player is deemed to be a non-contender in those surplus sessions and ineligible for Gold Masterpoints.

4.2 A Club is not permitted merely to nominate pairs to play in the Regional Final; there must be at least one Club Selection event. However, in special circumstances, this requirement may be modified by the application to the National Coordinators.

4.3 Clubs that normally have more than one session weekly may, if they wish, run two or more Club Selections; say, one Club Selection for the Monday players, another for the Wednesday players and a third Club Selection for the weekend players. Unless scheduling makes it unavoidable, multiple Club Selections (e.g. for Monday players, for Wednesday players and for weekend players) should never be run in the same week.

4.4 Entitlement to places in the Regional Final

4.4a. Each Club has an **entitlement** to a certain number of pairs for the Regional Final. For Clubs that run multiple Club Selections, the entitlement is based on the **combined** number of tables of GNP-eligible players that participated:

less than 5 tables of eligible players 5 pairs
5 to 7 tables of eligible players 8 pairs

7½ to 10 tables of eligible players 10 pairs
10½ to 15 tables of eligible players 12 pairs
15½ to 25 tables of eligible players 15 pairs
more than 25 tables of eligible players 20 pairs

This entitlement is firm irrespective of withdrawals. For instance, if a pair that qualifies through Club Selection is unable to play in the Regional Final, that pair may be replaced by any other pair that has played in a Club Selection event.

- 4.4b When a Club runs a Club Selection, it undertakes to send a **specified minimum** number of pairs to the Regional Final as follows:

less than 5 tables of eligible players 2 pairs
5 to 8 tables of eligible players 3 pairs
8½ to 12 tables of eligible players 4 pairs
12½ to 18 tables of eligible players 6 pairs
18½ to 25 tables of eligible players 8 pairs
more than 25 tables of eligible players 10 pairs

- 4.4c Should a club find itself unable to send the **specified minimum number of pairs** to the Regional Final, that club must seek dispensation from the Regional Coordinator/Organiser.

- 4.4d Should a club repeatedly send fewer than the **specified minimum number of pairs** to the Regional Final, the National Coordinators reserve the right to refuse allocation of gold masterpoints to the Club Selection events run by that club.

- 4.6 Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraphs, a very small Club (less than 30 Home Club members) may enter a single pair of **Home Club members** directly into the Regional Final without running a Club Selection event, **but only at the discretion of the National Coordinators**.

- 4.7 The Club Selection is open to all club members, both home-club members and non-home-club members. In its sole discretion, the Club may also accept entries from GNP-eligible players who are not members of the Club. However, if it does so, those non-club members shall compete in the Club Selection on an equal basis with club members and shall be entitled to qualify for the Regional Final and to win gold masterpoints.

- 4.8 Otherwise, the conduct of Club Selection events is a matter for the Club itself. The regulations that normally apply to other events conducted by the Club should apply also to GNP Club Selection event(s). It is prudent to have Supplementary Regulations for a GNP Club Selection. The Supplementary Regulations should deal with matters such as the format of the event, scoring procedures, tie-breaking, substitution and slow play. It is particularly important, especially for a Club that stages multiple Club Selections, to specify (i) the precise process of selecting pairs to represent the Club in the Regional Final and (ii) what happens in the event of withdrawals.

- 4.9 Because of inconvenience to Club members who are GNP-ineligible, it may not be feasible to run GNP Club Selections as “stand-alone” events. In such cases, the Club Selection may be integrated (stratified) into other events. Ways in which this might be done are set out in Appendix 1- the **BLUE** attachment.
- 4.10 Players’ privileges and obligations
- 4.10a Players are permitted to participate in more than one Club Selection in their Club and may participate in Club Selections in more than one Club. However, please note that no player may participate as a contender in more than 12 sessions of Club Selection events. This means that, if a player participates in more than 12 sessions of Club Selection, that player is not eligible as a result of participation in **surplus sessions** (i) to contend for a place in the Regional Final or (ii) to receive gold masterpoints.
- 4.10b Subject to the supplementary regulations of the club selection event, a pair that enters a Club Selection event gives an implicit undertaking, subject to unforeseen circumstances, to play in all sessions of the event as a contending pair. Club substitution regulations will apply to any player who is unable to play in all sessions of a Club Selection event.
- 4.10c Any GNP-eligible player may play in a Club Selection on a casual basis. However, such players are ineligible for gold masterpoints.
- 4.11 Club Organisers should endeavour to complete Club Selection events by 30 September 2012 unless the date scheduled for the Regional Final indicates otherwise - see the ABF website (www.abf.com.au).
- 4.12 Please note that **the ABF does not charge a Club for holding a GNP Club Selection event**. However it is prudent for a Club to structure entry fees (if any) for its Club Selection(s) in a way that takes account of the Club’s financial commitment to the Regional Final.

5 THE REGIONS

- 5.1 For GNP organisational purposes, Australia is divided into 38 Regions. Allocation of Clubs to Regions is tabulated in Appendix 2 - the **PINK** attachment.
- 5.2 Each Region is administered by a Regional Coordinator who is assisted by a Regional Organiser (see Appendix 2 - the **PINK** attachment). The Regional Coordinator has jurisdiction to administer the Regional Final held within his/her GNP Region. Where appropriate, the Regional Coordinator has substantial jurisdiction to administer the conduct of GNP Club Selections held within his/her GNP Region. The Regional Organiser is responsible for the organisation and conduct of the Regional Final.

- 5.3 Powers of the Regional Coordinator include:
- a. Determining residential qualification
 - b. Determining the eligibility of a player to participate in the GNP. (This regulation is intended to deal with players recently arrived from overseas.)
 - c. Formulation of substitution regulations for Club Selection events, where it is deemed that the Club's own substitution regulations are inappropriate. (An appropriate rate of substitution might be - one substitute at any one time per pair for not more than one session out of a three-session Club Selection event and/or for a maximum of one third of the total number of boards scheduled for the event.)
 - d. Determining commitments (to the Regional Final) arising from a Club's staging of a Club Selection.
 - e. Determining commitments (to the National Final) arising from a player's participation in the Regional Final.
 - f. Setting entry fees and table money for the Regional Final.
 - g. Ensuring that no player participates as a contender in more than 12 sessions of Club Selection events.
- 5.4 The Regional Coordinator is **not** entitled:
- a. To vary the eligibility criterion (beneath Life Master as at 1 January 2012) for participation in the 2012 GNP.
 - b. Subject to paragraph 5.3a. and 5.3b., to permit any Club to restrict the entry of any GNP-eligible, financial member of its Club from participation in any Club Selection that the Club may run. (This means *inter alia* that a club member who is financial but not a HOME CLUB member may not be excluded from participation in a Club Selection event run by his/her Club. See also paragraph 4.7.)
- 5.5 The Regional Coordinator shall administer the GNP regulations sympathetically and may, in specific circumstances, modify the regulations in the better interests of the tournament as a whole.
- 5.6 Subject to paragraph 5.4, there shall be no appeal against the regulations formulated by the Regional Coordinator. However, in the case of a dispute, a Club (or an individual) may seek a GNP National Coordinator to intercede on its behalf. Notwithstanding, the National Coordinator has no jurisdiction in the

matter except to make a recommendation, and the Regional Coordinator is under no obligation to accept such recommendation.

- 5.7 Some Clubs are allocated to more than one Region. Such Clubs may choose to send pairs to one or other of the Regional Finals.

6 THE REGIONAL FINAL

- 6.1 The Regional Final is a 2-session event that will be played at a central location within the Region.

- 6.2 Entry fees and table money for a Regional Final will be determined by the Regional Coordinator (see Appendix 4 - the **GREEN** attachment).

- 6.3 Most Regions are entitled to send two pairs to the National Final. Some (numerically) larger Regions are entitled to send more than two pairs (see Appendix 2 - the **PINK** attachment).

6.4 Obligations following qualification for a Regional Final

- 6.4a Immediately a pair has qualified for a Regional Final through a particular Club Selection, neither member of that partnership is eligible to **compete (as contenders)** in further Club Selections. Either member of the partnership, or both, may **play** in further Club Selections up to a maximum of 12 sessions (and win gold masterpoints) but must play as “non-contenders”. **This regulation will be strictly enforced.**

- 6.4b It is recognised that players may compete simultaneously in Club Selections run by different Clubs. Therefore, and notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 6.4a, should a player qualify for a Regional Final *via* a Club Selection from one Club while also competing in a second Club Selection staged by a second Club, that player is encouraged to continue to play in that second Club Selection **as a non-contender**, rather than to withdraw.

- 6.4c Should the circumstance outlined in paragraph 6.4b eventuate, and even should the said pair withdraw from the said Club Selection, the second Club shall lose no entitlements (pursuant to paragraph 4.5) regarding entitlement to places in the Regional Final.

- 6.5 The following is subject to the interpretation of the Regional Coordinator, against which there shall be no appeal, (see paragraph 5.3 - Powers of the Regional Coordinator).

Should any **player** who has qualified through Club Selection for the Regional Final subsequently withdraw for whatever reason, the Club has alternative procedures, *viz.* (i) the partnership shall be deemed to have withdrawn; such a

pair's place in the Regional Final will be filled at the discretion of the Club and by endorsement of the Regional Coordinator, (ii) the player withdrawing may be replaced by another player (who has competed in a Club Selection but who has not qualified for the Regional Final) at the discretion of the Club and by endorsement of the Regional Coordinator. The alternative chosen by the Club should be published in the supplementary regulations for the Club Selection(s).

- 6.6 The following is subject to the interpretation of the Regional Coordinator, against which there shall be no appeal, (see paragraph 5.3 – Powers of the Regional Coordinator).

Should a **pair** that has qualified through Club Selection for the Regional Final subsequently withdraw, that pair's place in the Regional Final will be filled at the discretion of the Club through which it qualified.

- 6.7 The highest-placed pairs in the Regional Final qualify for the National Final. The number of pairs that qualify for the National Final is given in Appendix 2 - the **PINK** attachment. Should a pair that has qualified for the National Final subsequently withdraw, that pair shall be replaced by the next highest-placed pair.

- 6.8 Should any **player** who has qualified through the Regional Final for the National Final subsequently withdraw for whatever reason, the partnership is deemed, at the discretion of the Regional Coordinator, to have withdrawn.

- 6.8a Should the Regional Coordinator rule that the pair has withdrawn, that pair's place in the National Final will be filled at the discretion of the Regional Coordinator.

- 6.8b Should Regional Coordinator rule that the pair has not withdrawn, the withdrawing player may be replaced by another player at the discretion of the Regional Coordinator.

7. NATIONAL FINAL

- 7.1 The entry fee to the National Final is \$420 per pair payable by the Regional Coordinators.

- 7.2 The National Final of the 2012 GNP will be played in Canberra on Saturday and Sunday 19-20 January 2013.

- 7.3 The National Final will be played as a match-pointed pairs event over four sessions, *viz.* Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday morning and afternoon. It is anticipated that session times will be:

Saturday Session 1 9.30 am to 1.00 pm
Saturday Session 2 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm

Sunday Session 3 9.30 am to 1.00 pm
Sunday Session 4 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm

- 7.4 The National Final will have a capacity of approximately 52 tables. Should the field not be filled by pairs that qualify through Regional Finals, the National Coordinators have the discretion to complete the field by invitation to “wild cards”. Pairs that participate in Regional Finals but do not qualify for the National Final may apply to the National Coordinators to be considered as wild cards. A player who has participated in a Regional Final but has not qualified for the National Final, may apply to the National Coordinators to pair with another non-qualifying player who has participated in the same Regional Final to be considered as a wild card pair. Wild card entrants to the National Final will only be accepted on the understanding that they will receive no travel assistance. (Wild card entrants **MUST** have competed in a Regional Final.)
- 7.5 There will be hospitality for participants at the conclusion of the National Final during which time the presentation of the trophy and medallions to the winning pair and of medallions to the placegetters will occur.

8. TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

- 8.1 Each pair participating in the GNP National Final will receive travel assistance from the ABF.
- 8.2 The general principles in determining travel assistance are:
- (i) The assistance for players from interstate (that is, from states other than NSW and ACT) is a proportion of the cost of return airfares from their state capital to Canberra.
 - (ii) In addition, those players who do not live in their capital city will receive additional assistance based on a proportion of the cost of ground travel from the location of their Home Club to their capital city.
 - (iii) In general, the assistance paid to NSW players will be a proportion of the cost of ground travel from the location of their Home Club to Canberra.
 - (iv) Notwithstanding the foregoing, NSW players whose Home Club is remote from Canberra may receive assistance based on a proportion of the cost of air travel.
- 8.3 Players’ travel assistance will be determined during the week following play of their Regional Final, or on the 1st November 2012, whichever is the earlier. Details of assistance payable will appear on the ABF website (www.abf.com.au) as soon as it has been determined. (It is prudent for Regional Organisers to stage their Regional Finals as early as feasible.)

- 8.4 Players may choose whatever mode of travel they wish. The ABF travel assistance will remain the same whatever the mode of travel chosen.
- 8.5 Travel Assistance will be paid either by direct deposit to the players account or by cheque. The GNP organisers have a strong preference to make payment by direct deposit.
- (i) Direct deposit details should be forwarded to the ABF Secretariat *via* email to secretariat@abf.com.au and the travel assistance will then be deposited on Saturday 19th January 2013.
- (ii) Cheques in favour of players who do not choose the direct deposit option will be given out between 8.30am and 9.15am on Saturday 19th January 2013.

9. MASTERPOINTS

- 9.1 Gold masterpoints will be awarded at all stages of the GNP as follows:

Club Selection 50% down the field
Regional Final 50% of the field
National Final 100% of the field

- 9.2 In calculating GNP Masterpoints, Club Masterpoint Secretaries should make use of the Masterpoint Tables given in the **GOLD** attachment to this document - Appendix 3.
- 9.3 For those Regions where the Regional Coordinator is the State Body, Club Masterpoint Secretaries must submit GNP masterpointing of Club Selection events to their State Masterpoint Secretaries. After endorsement, the State Masterpoint Secretaries will forward the information to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.
- 9.4 For those Regions where the Regional Coordinator is the ABF, Club Masterpoint Secretaries must submit GNP masterpointing of Club Selection events to the GNP Masterpoint Coordinator (address below). After endorsement, the GNP Masterpoint Coordinator will forward the information to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.
- 9.5 **GNP Club Selection masterpoints must not be sent directly to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.** Should that be done, the masterpoints will be rejected.
- 9.6 Regional Coordinators/Organisers will be responsible for meeting the cost of masterpoints for Regional Finals.

- 9.7 For those Regions where the Regional Coordinator is the State Body, the Regional Organisers must submit masterpointing of Regional Finals to their State Masterpoint Secretaries for endorsement.
- 9.8 For those Regions where the Regional Coordinator is the ABF, the Regional Organisers must submit masterpointing of Regional Finals to the GNP Masterpoint Coordinator (address below).
- 9.9 The Chief Tournament Director for the GNP National Final is responsible for masterpointing the National Final.
- 9.10 Some details about masterpointing Club Selection events, with particular reference to stratified formats, are given in the **GOLD** attachment to this document - Appendix 3.

10 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 10.1 It is possible that certain of these Conditions of Contest may require modification during the course of 2012. (Modifications will be made only when absolutely necessary and never whimsically.)
- (i) In the case of a major modification, all Clubs will be advised by nation-wide mailout.
- (ii) In the case of a minor modification, advice will be promulgated (in **red text**) *via* the ABF website (www.abf.com.au), giving the date of implementation of the modification.

Should any Club (and/or its members) believe that it is disadvantaged by such modification, the Club should contact a GNP National Coordinator to seek recourse. Any such application will be dealt with immediately.

- 10.2 The organisational protocol for the GNP is given in the **GREEN** attachment (Appendix 4) to this document.
- 10.3 All the information about the 2012 GNP contained in this document is also given on the ABF website (www.abf.com.au).

10.4 **Contacts**

Should any individual player, a Club, a Club Organiser, a Regional Organiser or a Regional Coordinator require further information, please contact one of us:

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Where the Regional Coordinator is the State Body, enquiries may also be directed there.

APPENDIX 1 - BLUE ATTACHMENT

Possible movements for Club Selection events

1. It is preferable that GNP Club Selection events be special events limited to GNP-eligible players, i.e. players beneath Life Master status as at 1 January 2012.
2. However, this will often be inconvenient. In such circumstances, the GNP Club Selection can be incorporated into another event, typically regular Club duplicate sessions. Everyone would play in the same field but, of course, only GNP-eligible players could qualify for the GNP Regional Final.
3. The Club may run whatever movement it chooses for its Club Selection(s). It should be noted that the greater the number of sessions, the more gold masterpoints awarded.
4. Insofar as is possible, a Club Selection movement should be designed so that every competing pair meets every other competing pair. With large fields, this is rarely possible, so consideration should be given to having a permanent north/south field and a permanent east/west field. In these circumstances, the fields should be seeded so that the combined strength of each field is approximately equal. The combined number of masterpoints held by each pair is a convenient basis for seeding as well as being reasonably accurate.
5. Occasionally, there may be some doubt about the eligibility of players who are newly arrived from overseas. This question can be resolved by consulting the Regional Coordinator/Regional Organiser or one or other of the GNP National Coordinators.

OTHER MATTERS

6. Supplementary regulations

- 6.1 It is prudent to have Supplementary Regulations for a GNP Club Selection. The Supplementary regulations should deal with matters such as the format of the event, scoring procedures, tie breaking, substitution and slow play. It is particularly important, especially for a Club that stages multiple Club Selections, to specify (i) the precise process of selecting pairs to represent the Club in the Regional Final and (ii) what happens in the event of withdrawals.
- 6.2 Clubs that normally have more than one session weekly may, if they wish, run two or more Club Selections; say, one Club Selection for the Monday players, another for the Wednesday players and a third Club Selection for the weekend players. It should be noted that the **combined number** of tables in the Club Selection(s) is the determinant of the number of pairs that a Club is entitled to nominate for the Regional Final.

6.3 Irrespective of the number of pairs that qualify through Club Selection but subsequently withdraw, the Club's entitlement for the Regional Final remains unchanged.

7. Charges

7.1 The ABF does not charge a Club for holding a GNP Club Selection event. However it is prudent for a Club to structure entry fees (if any) for its Club Selection(s) in a way that takes account of the Club's financial commitment to the Regional Final. Those commitments include an entry fee for each pair that the Club sends to the Regional Final and the cost of gold masterpoints awarded in the Club Selection(s).

7.2 Entry fees and table money for Regional Finals are determined at the discretion of the Regional Coordinator. Such fees take account of the total cost of staging the Regional Final (including the cost of masterpoints) and may vary from Region to Region. Entry fees that are already known are given in Appendix 4 - the **GREEN** attachment.

7.3 The Clubs are not charged for any of its players who qualify for the National Final. Pairs that qualify for the National Final will receive travel assistance from the ABF.

8. Contacts

Further information about possible movements for Club Selection events, supplementary regulations and costs can be obtained from:

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APPENDIX 2 - PINK ATTACHMENT

Allocation of Clubs to Regions

REGIONS (qualifying pairs) CLUBS

Brisbane (6)	Arana, Brisbane, Cards, Eastern Suburbs, Ipswich, Kenmore, Northern Suburbs, Queensland, Redcliffe, Redlands, Toowong, Sunnybank, Western Suburbs.
Far North Queensland (2)	Cairns, Eacham, Tablelands, Tully.
North Queensland (2)	Cleveland Bay, Townsville.
Whitsunday (2)	Bowen, Mackay, Moranbah, Proserpine.
Capricornia (2)	Rockhampton.
Wide Bay (2)	Bundaberg, Gympie, Hervey Bay, Kingaroy, Maryborough.
Sunshine Coast (4)	Caboolture, Caloundra, Coolum, Moreton/Bribie, Noosa, Sunshine Coast.
Gold Coast (4)	Broadwater, Gold Coast, Helensvale, Mudgeeraba, Sanctuary Cove, Surfers Paradise, Tamborine.
Darling Downs (2)	Dalby, Darling Downs, Goondiwindi, Lockyer, Roma, Stanthorpe, Toowoomba, Warwick.
Sydney (16)	ARV Hopetoun, Balgowlah-Dee Why, Bridge Away, Bridge Inner West, Bridgefolk, Carlingford, Carnavon, Castle Hill, Cheltenham, Cromer, Concord, Double Bay, Easts, Finesse, Forest, Forestville, Gordon, Harbourview, Hunters Hill, Hurstville, Killara, Kings and Queens, Ku-ring-gai, Long Reef, Manly Golf Club, Manly-Warringah Leagues, Mona Vale, Mosman Park, Narrabeen, NSWBA, North Shore, North Sydney, Palm Beach, Parramatta, Peninsula, Pennant Hills, Port Hacking, Randwick, Reef, Revesby, Royal Sydney, Social Ryde, Southside, St George, St George Budapest, Strathfield, Sydney University, Thornleigh, Trumps, Turramurra, Western Suburbs, Wollstonecraft.
Northern Rivers (4)	Ballina, Ballina Seniors, Brunswick Valley, Byron Bay, Lennox Head, Lismore, Murwillumbah, Tweed, Twin Towns, Yamba
North Coast (2)	Camden Haven, Coffs Harbour, Grafton, Great Lakes, Hawks Nest, Nambucca Valley, Port Macquarie, Port Macquarie Panthers, Port Macquarie-Hasting Bridge Body, Taree, Urunga.
Hunter (4)	Cessnock, Charlestown, Dora Creek, Hawks Nest, Hunter (Singleton), Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Merewether South, Nelson Bay, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Quick Tricks, Strathavon, Tilligerry, Toronto.
Central Coast (4)	Brisbane Water, Central Coast, Central Coast Leagues, Long Jetty, Strathavon.
Tablelands-Illawarra (2)	Berry, Bowral, Bungendore, Goulburn, Illawarra BA, Kiama, Nowra, Southern Highlands.
South Coast-Monaro (2)	Bateman Bay, Bridge @ the Bay, Bega Valley, Milton, Mollymook, Monaro, Moruya, Sapphire Coast.
Mountains (2)	Bathurst, Blue Mountains, Canobolas, Glenbrook, Hawkesbury, Ingleburn, Macarthur, Mudgee, Orange, Penrith, Springwood, St Marys, Windsor.
Central-Northern (2)	Hunter (Singleton), Gunnedah, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Scone, Tamworth.
North-West NSW (2)	Armidale, Coonabarabran, Glen, Moree, New England, Tenterfield.

Western NSW (2)	Bathurst, Canobolas, Condobolin, Coonabarabran, Cowra, Dubbo, Forbes, Narromine/Trangie, Nyngan, Orange, Parkes, Wellington.
South-West NSW (2)	Commercial Club (Albury), Cootamundra, Cowra, Griffith, Leeton, Tumbarumba, Tumut, Wagga Wagga.
Canberra (4)	Bungendore, Canberra, Capital, Cootamundra, Monaro, South Canberra.
Melbourne (8)	Alphington, Bayside, Caulfield Park, Dendy Park, Eastern, Eltham, Kattery, Kings and Queens, KLTC, Knox, Melbourne, MCC, Moonee Valley, Northern, RACV, Ravens, Royal South Yarra, Simply Social, Sunbury, Theodore Herzl, Tricks and Trumps, Upwey, VBA, Waverley, Whittlesea, Williamstown, Yarra Valley.
Gippsland (East Gippsland, West Gippsland) (6)	Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Paynesville, Phillip Island, Sale, South Gippsland, Traralgon.
Mornington Peninsula (2)	Berwick, Dromana, Frankston, Mornington, Mt Martha, Patterson, Peninsula, Rosebud, Rye Beach.
Northern Victoria (2)	Benalla, Bendigo, Donald, Echuca, Macedon, Ovens & Murray, Shepparton, Sunbury, U3A, Wodonga, Yarrawonga.
Barwon (2)	Geelong, Ocean Grove, Werribee.
Henty (2)	Ballarat, Blue Lake, Bendigo, Donald, Hamilton, Macedon, Sunbury ^B , U3A, Warrnambool.
Northern Tasmania (up to 3)	Burnie, Devonport, Launceston, Tamar, Ulverstone.
Southern Tasmania (up to 3)	Eastern Shore, Hobart City, Kingborough, TBA.
Adelaide (6)	Adelaide Bridge Centre, Bridge in the City, Glenelg, SABA, St Vincents, Reynella, Stepbridge
Country SA (2)	Blue Lake, Bridge in the Barossa, Gawler, Whyalla, Broken Hill, Riverland.
Top End (2)	Arafura, Darwin, Palmerston.
Central Australia (1)	Alice Springs
Perth (6)	Armadale, Canning, Community, Dianella, Fremantle, Gosnells, Italian, Kalamunda, Maccabi, Maylands, Melville, Nedlands, North Districts, Rockingham, South Perth, Swan Districts, Undercroft, Village, WABC, West Coast.
Country WA (2)	Avon Valley, Geraldton.
Great Southern (2)	Albany, Bridgetown, Bunbury, Busselton, Esperance, Kalgoorlie, Kendenup, Kojonup, Mandurah, Margaret River, South Coast.

Purposefully, some clubs have been allocated to two (or three) Regions. Such clubs may choose to play in one Region or the other or in both.

^A Qualifying pairs means the number of pairs from each Region that qualify for the Regional Final

^B Sunbury has been allocated to three Regions, *viz.* Melbourne, Northern Victoria., Henty. The Sunbury Club may play in one Region or two regions or all three.

^C Country WA will have no Regional Final. One pair will be selected from each Club (Avon Valley, Geraldton) to represent Country WA in the GNP National Final.

APPENDIX 3 - GOLD ATTACHMENT

Masterpoints - Attention Club Masterpoint Secretaries

Gold masterpoints will be awarded, on an extended scale, at all stages of the GNP:
Club Selections 50% down the field

Regional Finals 50% of the field

National Final 100% of the field

1 Tables

Tables of masterpoint awards for GNP Club Selections and GNP Regional Finals are given at the end of this GOLD attachment. Club Masterpoint Secretaries (Club Selections) and Regional Organisers (Regional Finals) must use these tables to make masterpoint awards for GNP events.

2 General

2.1 For those Regions where the Regional Coordinator is the State Body, Club Masterpoint Secretaries must submit GNP masterpointing of Club Selection events to their State Masterpoint Secretaries. After endorsement, the State Masterpoint Secretaries will forward the information to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.

2.2 For those Regions where the Regional Coordinator is the ABF, Club Masterpoint Secretaries must submit GNP masterpointing of Club Selection events to the GNP Masterpoint Coordinator. After endorsement, the GNP Masterpoint Coordinator will forward the information to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.

2.3 GNP Club Selection masterpoints must not be sent directly to the ABF Masterpoint Centre. Should that be done, the masterpoints will be rejected.

2.4 The ABF Masterpoint Centre will bill the Club directly for Club Selection masterpoints.

2.5 Regional Coordinators/Organisers will be responsible for meeting the cost of masterpoints for Regional Finals.

2.6 For those Regions where the Regional Coordinator is the State Body, the Regional Organisers must submit masterpointing of Regional Finals to their State Masterpoint Secretaries for endorsement.

2.7 For those Regions where the State Body is **not** the Regional Coordinator, the Regional Organisers must submit masterpointing of Regional Finals to the GNP Masterpoint Coordinator.

2.8 The Chief Tournament Director for the GNP National Final is responsible for masterpointing the National Final.

3. Masterpointing Club Selections integrated into other events

When Club Selections are integrated (stratified) into other Club events, masterpoints are calculated using the following procedure:

- a. Score the event as normal
- b. Allocate green masterpoints (or red masterpoints if the Club Selection is stratified with a red-pointed event) to GNP-ineligible pairs according to their finishing positions in the WHOLE field. This also is normal practice. Note, of course, that all Masterpoints (green and red) go only 50% down the field.
- c. Eliminate GNP-ineligible pairs from the field and re-order final placings as if the GNP-ineligible pairs had never existed.
- d. Allocate gold masterpoints (by reference to the tables below) to the GNP-eligible pairs according to their re-ordered finishing positions. These gold masterpoints go 50% down the field, i.e. 50% down the field of remaining (GNP-eligible) pairs.
- e. Please note, of course, that GNP-ineligible pairs get only green (or red if appropriate) masterpoints and that GNP-eligible pairs get only gold masterpoints. In other words there is no double-dipping.
- f. Please note also that a GNP-eligible player (beneath Life Master) partnered by a Life Master constitutes a GNP-ineligible pair and, therefore, such a pair can only get green (red) masterpoints.

MASTERPOINTS FOR EACH SESSION OF GNP CLUB SELECTIONS
(No outright awards for Club Selections)

TABLE 1. One winner movements

Place	Number of Tables												
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	0.45	0.60	0.75	0.90	1.05	1.20	1.35	1.50	1.65	1.80	1.95	2.10	2.25
2	0.32	0.42	0.53	0.63	0.74	0.84	0.95	1.05	1.16	1.26	1.37	1.47	1.58
3	0.23	0.30	0.38	0.45	0.53	0.60	0.68	0.75	0.83	0.90	0.98	1.05	1.13
4		0.20	0.25	0.30	0.35	0.40	0.45	0.50	0.55	0.60	0.65	0.70	0.75
5			0.19	0.23	0.26	0.30	0.34	0.38	0.41	0.45	0.49	0.53	0.56
6				0.18	0.21	0.24	0.27	0.30	0.33	0.36	0.39	0.42	0.45
7					0.18	0.20	0.23	0.25	0.28	0.30	0.33	0.35	0.38
8						0.17	0.19	0.21	0.24	0.26	0.28	0.30	0.32
9							0.17	0.19	0.21	0.23	0.24	0.26	0.28
10								0.17	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.23	0.25
11									0.17	0.18	0.20	0.21	0.23
12										0.16	0.18	0.19	0.20
13											0.16	0.18	0.19
14												0.16	0.17
15													0.16

TABLE 2. Two winner movements

Place	Number of Tables												
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	0.23	0.30	0.38	0.45	0.53	0.60	0.68	0.75	0.83	0.90	0.98	1.05	1.13
2	0.16	0.21	0.26	0.32	0.37	0.42	0.47	0.53	0.58	0.63	0.68	0.74	0.79
3				0.23	0.26	0.30	0.34	0.38	0.41	0.45	0.49	0.53	0.56
4						0.20	0.23	0.25	0.28	0.30	0.33	0.35	0.38
5								0.19	0.21	0.23	0.24	0.26	0.28
6										0.18	0.20	0.21	0.23
7												0.18	0.19

APPENDIX 4 - GREEN ATTACHMENT

GNP organisational protocol

National Coordinators: Responsible to the ABF for overseeing the GNP
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Regional Coordinator: Responsible for overseeing all GNP activities within the Region

Regional Organiser: Responsible to the Regional Coordinator for organising all GNP activities within the Region, especially the Regional Final

Club Organiser Responsible to the Club management for organising Club Selections

Regional organisation

Region Regional Coordinator Regional organiser (where known)

‡Brisbane QBA

‡Far North Queensland QBA

‡North Queensland QBA

‡Whitsunday QBA

‡Capricornia QBA

‡Wide Bay QBA

‡Sunshine Coast QBA

‡Gold Coast QBA

‡Darling Downs QBA

‡Sydney NSWBA

*Northern Rivers ABF

*North Coast ABF

*Hunter ABF

‡Central Coast Central Coast ABF and Central Coast Bridge Clubs

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*South Coast-Monaro ABF

*Mountains ABF

*Central-Northern ABF

*North-West NSW ABF

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*South-West NSW ABF

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†Country WA BAWA/ABF
*Great Southern ABF

† Regional Final entry fee and table money at the discretion of the Regional Coordinator.

* Regional Final entry fee \$40 per pair, payable by the Club; Regional Final table money \$10 per player per session, payable by the player.