

General Information for the 2009 Open Playoff

- Dates** Commence 9.45 am Saturday 21st March. Finish Thursday 26th March.
Anticipated finish time 3.00pm with results confirmed by 4.00pm Thursday 26th March.
- Venue** Hakoah Club, Bondi.
- Target events** PABF Open Championship Macau, 18th to 28th June.
Zone 7 Open Championship, date and venue not determined.
Bermuda Bowl, Sao Paulo, 28th August to 12th September).
The winning team chooses **either** the Zone 7 Championship and Bermuda Bowl **or** the PABF.
The second team plays in the remaining Championship(s).
- Format** There are two divisions. Players may enter in either or both.
Division One. The four teams with the highest total PQP.
Teams with less PQP must (re)-nominate in Division Two.
The four teams play a double round robin of 20-board matches. Teams ranked first and second enter the semi-final and teams ranked third and fourth play a repechage against the teams from Division Two that are ranked first and second via the Swiss.
Division Two. All entrants play an 8-round Swiss of 16 boards on Saturday and Sunday. The teams ranked first and second play in the repechage against the Division One teams as above. Other teams are eliminated.
Repechage, Semi-finals and Final. Knock-out matches – repechage & semifinal, 64 boards; final, 96 boards.
- Division One** Nomination Team-of-six. Players require a minimum of 24 PQP with a minimum of 1 PQP in the designated partnership.
Posted Prof E Magner, PO Box U166, Armidale, NSW 2351.
Entries Close 5pm Thursday 11th December 2008.
Changes Discretion to amend minor errors is available for 7 days.
- Division Two** Nomination Teams-of-four or six open to all players irrespective of PQP holding.
Posted Prof E Magner, P.O. Box U166, Armidale, NSW 2351.
Entries Close 5pm Monday 16th March 2009.
Changes Discretion to amend minor errors is available for 7 days.
- Acceptance** Division One Four teams with the highest PQP total.
Division Two All teams.
- Entry Fee** Different entry fees for different teams.

Division One		Entry fee for all stages	\$1560
Division Two	Swiss	Team of four (at least 2 players with a minimum of 24 PQP)	\$480
Division Two	Swiss	Team of six (at least 3 players with a minimum of 24 PQP)	\$480
Division Two	Swiss	Other teams	\$720
Division Two	Repechage	Additional entry fee of the difference between the original entry fee (\$480 or \$720) and the Division One entry fee (\$1560)	

- Subsidies** Travel subsidies (per player shown below) are paid to the four Division One teams and the two Division Two teams that qualify for the repechage.

Canberra	Sydney	Adelaide	Brisbane	Melbourne	Perth	Hobart	NT
\$200	0	\$500	\$400	\$400	\$700	\$500	\$700

- Declaration** Commencement of play by a Division One team or entry to the repechage by a Division Two team signifies acceptance by all its players of the conditions and the declaration of availability.

- Systems** Failure to post an Edwards standard system card on the web before 1st March (for Division One) and before 16th March (for Division Two) risks VP penalty.

**2009 OPEN PLAYOFF DIVISION ONE
NOMINATION FORM AND DECLARATIONS**
(to be completed by each player)

Submission of an entry warrants acceptance of the conditions detailed below for entry to the Playoff and availability to represent Australia in the Designated Event.

Entry fee less any travel subsidy are payable by cheque, not cash, at the venue prior to the start of play.

Players **become liable** for the entry fee immediately upon acceptance of their nomination regardless of whether they actually compete notwithstanding that it is payable on the first day.

Playoff Qualifying Points OPEN.....

Address.....

Telephone.....

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Fax.....

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e-mail.....

consult PQP list on web, then enter 100% of PQP earned as a pair plus 50% of other PQP

I state that

- ◆ I intend to play in the Playoff and accept the conditions under which it is conducted
- ◆ I have not nominated for the Playoff as a member of more than one team
- ◆ I have complied with the board rule in all the events for which I was awarded PQP
- ◆ I have a genuine intention to comply with the minimum board rule in the Playoff
- ◆ I expect to be available to represent Australia at the Designated Event(s)

2008/9 capitation paid to.....(Bridge Club)

Dated this.....day of December, 2008

Signed.....

(Block Capitals).....

CAPTAIN		PLAYING <input type="checkbox"/> or NON PLAYING <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Pair 1	Same Unit	Other Units	Total
NAME				
NAME				
	Pair 2			
NAME				
NAME				
	Pair 3			
NAME				
NAME				
Total PQP for team				