

2026 ANC ENTRY FEES & TEAMS ENTRY FORM

To: ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES
From: NATIONAL EVENT COORDINATOR Laurie Kelso
ANC ON-SITE TOURNAMENT ORGANISER Lyn Carter/ Cathy Nichols

Significant Deadline Dates:

Receipt of entries by the NEC 29th May 2026
Receipt of system cards by the ABF Webmaster 29th May 2026

Of Note:

- ♣ The Interstate Teams precede the TBIB Australian Butler Pairs Championship (ABPC)
- ♣ The Interstate Teams commence on Monday 6th July (matches of 16 boards)
- ♣ ELIGIBILITY:
 - ♥ Youth eligibility is born on or after 1-1-2001, except as authorised by the ABF Board/ ABF Youth Coordinator
 - ♥ Seniors' eligibility is born before 1-1-1962, except as authorised by the ABF Tournament Committee
- ♣ States/Territories must confirm the eligibility of their nominees for the Interstate Seniors' and Youth Teams by noting their date of birth on the entry form.
- ♣ All fees quoted are inclusive of GST.
- ♣ This Entry Form can be downloaded from <http://abfevents.com.au/events/anc/2026/>
- ♣ Fines, payable to the James O'Sullivan Trust Fund, for late submission of an entry form or a system card are set at \$220 per offence.

INTERSTATE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

- ◆ State/Territory Entry Closing Date: State/Territory ANC entries close 5 weeks prior to commencement of the ANC - 4.00 pm Friday 29th May 2026. Entries received after this date must be accompanied by the late entry fee of \$220.
- ◆ The Captains' Meeting is at the conclusion of the Welcome Swiss Pairs; Sunday 5th July (~6.00pm).
- ◆ All the Interstate Teams Championships start on Monday 6th July (Youth 9.30 am; Others 11.45 am) and consist of 16-board matches.
- ◆ Each State/Territory is entitled to enter Open, Women's, Youth and Seniors' teams.
- ◆ Age limits apply to Youth and Seniors' Events – see note on Eligibility above.

SYSTEMS:

- ♣ All events at the 2026 Australian National Championships are subject to the ABF System Regulations as revised to August 2024, which specify that systems must be described on ABF Standard System Cards.
- ♣ Players are responsible for correct classification of their system. Players in doubt about the correct classification of their system should consult the National Event Coordinator (NEC) prior to the closing date.
- ♣ Each player must bring to the table a current ABF Standard system card which is identical to that previously submitted, unless any changes have been approved by the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) and copies provided to other captains at the Captains' Meeting.
- ♣ Each team may register up to four systems
- ♣ A pair is restricted to one YELLOW system
- ♣ GREEN, BLUE, RED or YELLOW systems and BROWN Sticker conventions are permitted in the Interstate Teams.
- ♣ Defences to a YELLOW system (printed, typed or written legibly in black ink on a maximum of two A4 sheets) or a BROWN Sticker convention (printed, typed or written legibly in black ink on one side of an A4 sheet) may be used at the table under the conditions specified in the Supplementary Regulations.

- ♣ *System Disclosure:* Systems must be received at least five weeks prior to the commencement of the Interstate Teams
 - ♥ Before 4.00 pm Friday 29th May 2026.
 - ♥ As an electronic file produced using the ABF System Card PDF Form.
 - ♥ Uploaded to: <http://abfevents.com.au/events/anc/2026/uploadCC.asp#uplCard>
 - ♥ With pairs identified by State/Territory and team category.
 - ♥ Systems will be vetted prior to becoming visible on the website. (System cards requiring amendment must be corrected and re-uploaded before 4.00 pm on Friday 5th June 2026.)
- ♣ Supplementary notes may be submitted with a maximum of four A4 sheets.
- ♣ Complete and detailed notes must be provided for any YELLOW system. Four copies of these system notes must be lodged with the CTD before the Captains' Meeting.
- ♣ Failure to lodge a system before the deadline may bar a pair from using a BROWN Sticker convention or a YELLOW system. In addition, the offending State/Territory pays a fine of \$220.

STATE/TERRITORY ENTRY FEE:

- ♣ For 2026 the entry fee is \$1,540 per team (including GST).
- ♣ Tax Invoices will be issued.
- ♣ State representatives who do not qualify to a teams final are entitled to free entry to the 1-Day ANC Interstate Matchpoint Pairs (commencing on Friday 10th July).

VICTORY PRESENTATION:

- ◆ The ANC Victory Dinner will be held on Friday 10th July at 7:00pm (following the conclusion of the Interstate Teams Finals).
- ◆ Cost per person: \$110 including GST (must be purchased on or before June 15th).
- ◆ A tax invoice will be issued.
- ◆ PLEASE INDICATE THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING THESE TICKETS.

ENTRY FORMS: Please

- ♣ Enter/type ABF number, surname, given name(s) and, where applicable, date of birth and status for representing Australia on the entry form.
- ♣ Complete and sign the summary sheet of entry fees.
- ♣ Return both pages of the entry form to the National Event Coordinator (NEC).
- ♣ Include the entry fees
 - ♥ by a copy of your direct deposit to:
 - Acc. Name: Bridge Federation ACT
 - BSB: 325-185
 - Acc. No: 0375 5046
 - Reference: <Your State>

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 Laurie Kelso,
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2026 ANC STATE ENTRY FORM

ANC entry fee	\$1,540 (per team)		\$.....
Late entry fee	\$220		\$.....
Victory Presentation	\$110tickets @ \$110	\$.....
Tickets to be collected by	
		TOTAL	\$.....

The Organising Committee would be most appreciative if States/Territories included their requirements for Victory Dinner Tickets on this Entry Form. It is the easiest way to get a tax invoice for this cost. Tickets must be ordered before June 15th and cost \$110 per person.

(State/Territory)..... (Signed).....(Secretary)

**Please enter ABF Number, Names and A (Australian by birth/citizenship) or R (Residency).
For Senior and Youth Teams please enter the date of birth in the first column.**

TEAMS		ABF No.	SURNAME	GIVEN NAME(S)	A	R
OPEN	1					
	1					
	2					
	2					
	3					
	3					
(N)PC						
WOMEN	1					
	1					
	2					
	2					
	3					
	3					
(N)PC						
SENIORS						
	1					
	1					
	2					
	2					
	3					
	3					
(N)PC						
YOUTH						
	1					
	1					
	2					
	2					
	3					
	3					
(N)PC						

Mobile Phone Numbers of your Captains

Category	Captain	Mobile Number
OPEN		
WOMEN'S		
SENIORS'		
YOUTH		

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES

2025 WINNERS

INTERSTATE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

			State	Captain
OPEN	1 st	Denis Howard Trophy	SA	J Hunt
	2 nd	Bill Schaufelberger Trophy	VIC	J Thompson
WOMEN'S	1 st	Argus Cup	NSW	J McIlrath
	2 nd	W.A. Newspapers Cup	SA	P Morgan-King
SENIORS'	1 st	Ivy Dahler Trophy	NSW	J Foster
	2 nd	Top End Trophy	ACT	B Crossman
YOUTH	1 st	Cayley-McNeil Cup	VIC	R O'Reilly
	2 nd	Greenfield Trophy	QLD	M Gearing

Steve Hurley Shield

Highest datum score - Open Teams

R Januszke – P Chan

INTERSTATE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

			State
OPEN	1 st	M Courtney – J Butts	NSW
	2 nd	T Strong – J Magee	QLD
WOMEN'S	1 st	E Zeller – J Pigdon	QLD
	2 nd	J Reynolds – V Wood	WA
SENIORS'	1 st	D Munro – J Steer	WA
	2 nd	D Smith – T Hutton	QLD

AUSTRALIAN BUTLER PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

OPEN: K McCallum – A Johannsson, M Ware – M McManus,
C Geromboux – S Yuen
MIXED: D Wiltshire – S Ashton, J Butts – P Buchen,
M Wylie – P Nisbet
RESTRICTED: Not Held

ANC SWISS PAIRS A

D Neumann – J Tutty, P Schmidt – J Rivers, F Rew – G Kozakos

ANC SWISS PAIRS B

S Zhang – Y Li, J Rennie – J Coutts, T Lloyd – H Grosvenor