

GNOT 2007 UPDATE – 26 NOVEMBER

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1. NATIONAL FINAL

Date	Friday-Monday 30 November-3 December
Location	Club Banora, Banora Point (Tweed Heads)
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2. NATIONAL FINAL TIMETABLE

N.B. All times stated are Australia Eastern Daylight Saving Time (NSW time)

Friday: 9.40–11.25 Knockout Round 1

The following teams have a first round bye and will start play at 12.00:

Canberra 1
Melbourne 1
Melbourne 2
Sydney 1
Sydney 2
Tasmania 1

12.00–1.45 Knockout Round 2 and Swiss Round 1

1.50–3.35 Knockout Round 2 and Swiss Round 2

4.10–5.55 Knockout Round 3 and Swiss Round 3

6.00–7.45 Knockout Round 3 and Swiss Round 4

Saturday 9.30–11.15 Knockout Round 4 and Swiss Round 5

11.30–1.15 Knockout Round 4 and Swiss Round 6

2.00–3.45 Knockout Round 5 and Swiss Round 7

3.55–5.40 Knockout Round 5 and Swiss Round 8

5.45–7.30 Knockout Round 5 and Swiss Round 9

7.30 Hospitality

Sunday GNOT REPECHAGE AND SEMI-FINALS

9.00–11.30 Swiss Repechage

12.30–2.00 Semi-Final Stanza 1

2.15–3.45 Semi-Final Stanza 2

4.15–5.45 Semi-Final Stanza 3

6.00–7.30 Semi-Final Stanza 4

Sunday GNOT PAIRS (formerly the PROVINCIAL PAIRS)

9.00–1.00 GNOT Pairs Rounds 1-4

1.45–4.45 GNOT Pairs Rounds 5-7

4.45 Hospitality

GNOT FINALS

Monday 9.00- 6.00 Finals Four 16-Board stanzas

The final will definitely finish no later than 6.30 pm

3. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

2007 GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**National Final – Friday-Monday,
November 30 – December 3, 2007
Supplementary Regulations**

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GENERAL

The Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) National Final and GNOT Pairs Championship are conducted by the Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated (ABF) in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations as modified by these Supplementary Regulations.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Tournament Organisers	John Brockwell, Kim Ellaway
Chief Tournament Director (CTD)	David Anderson
Director	Chris Diment
Assistant Director	Phil Sellars
Appeals Committee Chair	Eric Ramshaw
Appeals Consultant	Phil Gue
Tournament Committee Chair	Eric Ramshaw
Tournament Unit	Eric Ramshaw, Chris Diment
Recorder	John Brockwell
BBO Operators	Ray Ellaway, Charles Page
ABF Secretariat	Jane Rasmussen

The Chairman appoints the Appeal or Tournament Committee members and is the sole judge of their quorum.

1. VENUE

- 1.1. The venue is Club Banora, Leisure Drive, Banora Point (Tweed Heads), New South Wales 2486.
- 1.2. Dress must be neat and tidy, and conform to the requirements of the venue. Hats are not permitted. Minors must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- 1.3. Consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the playing area.
- 1.4. Smoking is not permitted in the playing area, or elsewhere as defined by the management of Club Banora and by New South Wales state law.
- 1.5. Mobile telephones (and other electronic communication devices) must be switched off during session time. If a player's mobile 'phone rings during session time and/or if a player speaks into or otherwise consults his 'phone, that player, his partnership and his team shall receive a warning for the first offence and incur a disciplinary penalty of 3 VP or 9 IMP as appropriate for each subsequent offence. The provisions of this paragraph may be waived if a specific dispensation is granted by the CTD.

2. TEAMS AND PAIRS

A team consists of 4, 5 or 6 players; a pair consists of 2 players.

- 2.1. Teams may augment to 6 players using any player eligible to represent the same Region until the commencement of KO round 4/GNOT Swiss round 5.
- 2.2. The CTD may approve substitutes for a team for cause, not convenience, for a maximum of 56 boards in the KO and Swiss phases and a further 50% of the boards in each of the repechage, semifinal and final. Boards played to break ties do not count. A substitute need not be qualified to represent the team's Region but must not be an entrant in another team unless that team has been eliminated from the event.
- 2.3. The CTD may approve substitutes for a pair for cause, not convenience, for a maximum of 2 rounds.
- 2.4. The convener may nominate a "house unit" for any purposes consistent with the movement. The convener makes every effort to nominate eligible players from a small group but, at the discretion of the tournament committee, a "house unit" may consist of any number of players including ineligible players.

3. SYSTEMS

- 3.1 ABF System Regulations apply and each pair must supply their opponents at the table with 2 current ABF Standard System cards on which their system is described.
- 3.2 GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN Sticker conventions are permitted without restriction.
- 3.3 YELLOW systems are not permitted in the GNOT Swiss, KO rounds 1 & 2 and repechage, or the GNOT Pairs.
- 3.4 YELLOW systems are permitted in the GNOT KO rounds 3, 4 & 5, semifinal and final provided pairs lodge with the Convener before 12 noon Friday November 30th
 - ◆ an adequate WBF or ABF standard system card (with not more than 2 supplementary A4 sheets, typed or written in black ink on one side)
 - with
 - ◆ a *bona fide* defence
 - and
 - ◆ seating is posted in accordance with these regulations.
- 3.5 In the event of a dispute concerning the classification of a convention or system the decision of the on- site representative of the ABF Tournament Committee is final.

4. DEFENCES AND COUNTER-DEFENCES

- 4.1 For defence against a YELLOW system, a pair using a GREEN, BLUE, or RED system may change any facet of its system, including opening calls, but may use a YELLOW system only if it has been submitted in accordance with #3 above.
- 4.2 During the auction, pairs may use written notes of their defence or counter-defence for YELLOW systems provided they comply with the regulations below. During the play period, a player's own notes may be used only to answer a question from the opponents.
- 4.3 A written defence must be:
 - ◆ typed or written in black ink on one side of an A4 sheet
 - ◆ lodged with the Director and approved at least 5 minutes before the scheduled session time
 - ◆ identical for each player
 - ◆ available to the opponents during the auction and play.
- 4.4 A written counter-defence must be approved by and lodged with the Director and two copies submitted to the opponents at the start of the session.
- 4.5 A pair using a YELLOW system is not permitted to change its opening calls for a defence or counter-defence.

5. SEATING

- 5.1 **Units registering one or more YELLOW systems lose all seating rights in all qualifying rounds against units** not registering a YELLOW system. YELLOW systems may be played only if the seating is posted correctly within 10 minutes of the posting of the draw or, in any other circumstances, with the agreement of the opposing captain and the CTD.
- 5.2 In other GNOT head-to-head matches, team captains toss for seating rights. The captain winning the toss may elect to seat first or last for the first stanza; the order of seating reverses for each subsequent stanza.
- 5.3 In the GNOT Swiss the team listed second in the draw seats first.

6. FORMAT AND SESSIONS

- 6.1 The GNOT is a KO of 5 rounds with the Swiss repechage of 9 rounds, played in stanzas of 14 boards.

Bye, 12.00pm	6 Teams	Canberra 1	Melbourne 1	Melbourne 2	Sydney 1	Sydney 2	Tasmania 1
52 Teams	Act Prov.	Canberra 2	Gippsland 2	Mountains	Perth 2	Sydney 4	WA Prov.
No Bye, 9.30am	Adelaide 1	Capricornia	Gold Coast 1	N. Territory	Perth 3	Sydney 5	West'n NSW
	Adelaide 2	Central Cst 1	Gold Coast 2	North Coast	SA Prov.	Sydney 6	Wide Bay
	Adelaide 3	Central Cst 2	Henty	North Qld	S Cst-Monaro	Sydney 7	Whitsunday
	Barwon	Central-N'th'n	Hunter 1	N. Rivers 1	S-W NSW	Sydney 8	
	Brisbane 1	Darling Downs	Hunter 2	N. Rivers 2	Sunshine Cst 1	T'lands-III.	
	Brisbane 2	Far North Qld	Melbourne 3	Northern Vic	Sunshine Cst 2	Tasmania 2	
	Brisbane 3	Gippsland 1	Melbourne 4	Perth 1	Sydney 3	WA Country	

- a. The 58 teams are seeded taking into account form, past performance and region of origin.
 - b. The event commences as a knockout with 52 teams playing head-to-head in KO round 1 while the other 6 teams have a bye. The 26 winning teams progress to second KO round; the 26 losing teams enter the GNOT Swiss.
 - c. The second KO round comprises 32 teams and is played over 28 boards in two 14-board sets. The 16 winning teams progress to the third KO round; the 16 losing teams enter the GNOT Swiss.
 - d. The third KO round comprises 16 teams and is played over 28 boards in two 14-board sets. The 8 winning teams progress to the fourth KO round; the 8 losing teams enter the GNOT Swiss.
 - e. The fourth KO round comprises 8 teams and is played over 28 boards in two 14-board sets. The 4 winning teams progress to the fourth KO round; the 4 losing teams enter the GNOT Swiss.
 - f. The fifth KO round comprises 4 teams and is played over 42 boards in three 14-board sets. The 2 winning teams progress directly to the semi-finals; the 2 losing teams proceed to the repechage final.
 - g. The repechage comprises 4 teams; the 2 losers from the fifth KO round and the 2 top teams from the Swiss. The repechage is played over 20 boards in two 10-board sets. The 2 winning teams proceed to the semi-finals.
 - h. The semi-finals are played over 48 boards in four 12-board stanzas.
 - i. The final is played over 64 boards in four 16-board stanzas.
- 6.2 The GNOT pairs is a stratified single-field Swiss-style event consisting of seven 8-board matches.
- a. Players who have been eliminated from the GNOT National Final or who competed in the GNOT heats in the Northern Rivers or Gold Coast Regions are placed in three categories as determined by their region *viz*: Metropolitan Provincial or Country.
 - b. Medallions are awarded to the overall winners and the winning pair in each category.

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

6.3 The Time of Appeal (Law 92B) and Correction Period (Law 79C) for the KO rounds, repechage, semi-final and final expire after the score is available for inspection for the time shown in the Table or at the commencement of the next KO match, semi-final or final round, whichever is earlier.

6.4 The Time of Appeal (Law 92B) and Correction Period (Law 79C) for the Swiss and GNOT Pairs expire at the times shown in the Table.

Day	Time	KO Rd/Set	Correction	Swiss	Correction	Day	Time	Stanza	Bds/Rd	Correction
Friday	9.30-11.15	1/1	15 min	Round		Sunday	9.00-11.30	Repechage	1-20	12.00
	12.00-1.45	2/1		1	9.00am		12.30-2.00	SF 1	1-12	
	1.50-3.35	2/2	30 min	2	9.00am		2.15-3.45	SF 2	13-24	
	4.10-5.55	3/1		3	9.00am		4.15-5.45	SF 3	25-36	
	6.00-7.45	3/2	30 min	4	9.00am		6.00-7.30	SF 4	37-48	8.00pm
Saturday	9.30-11.15	4/1		5	1.45pm	Sunday	9.00-1.00	Pairs 1-4		1.15pm
	11.30-1.15	4/2	30 min	6	1.45pm		1.45-4.45	Pairs 5-7		5.00pm
	2.00-3.45	5/1		7	8.00pm		4.45	Hospitality		
	3.55-5.40	5/2		8	8.00pm	Monday	9.00	Final	1-32	
	5.45-7.30	5/3	30 min	9	8.00pm		1.30	Final	33-64	
	7.30	Hospitality								

The times for the (semi-) finals may be altered by a unanimous decision of the Captains and Chief Tournament Director.

7. SCORING AND DRAW

- 7.1 Hands are pre-dealt by an ABF-approved computer program and hand records are available.
- 7.2 KO matches are scored by IMP.
- 7.3 Swiss matches are scored by IMP converted to VP using the WBF scale for 14 boards.
- 7.4 The prime principle applying to the draws for the Swiss, repechage and semi-finals is that, insofar as is possible, no team shall play a team that it has played previously.
- 7.5 The draw for the KO is determined essentially by original seeding.
- 7.6 The draw for the Swiss round 1 is random. The draw for subsequent Swiss rounds is according to rank. The team ranked highest plays the team ranked next highest that it has not already played, and so on. The CTD is permitted to alter this procedure if it is deemed necessary.
- 7.7 All KO losers enter the Swiss tied with all teams in the Swiss on the **same** VP/IMP score and are ranked by lot for the purposes of the draw.
- Losers from KO round 1 enter the Swiss with a score of 0 VP and 0 IMP.
 - Losers from KO rounds 2, 3, & 4 enter the Swiss with the same score, i.e. the VP score/mean IMP (0.5 rounded down) of the leading team(s) or 20 VP/21 IMP per round, whichever is the lower.
 - KO losers from round 4 cannot be drawn to play each other in Swiss round 7.
- 7.8 GNOT Pairs
- pairs are drawn against any other pair in the field according to the normal Swiss principles, irrespective of categorization.
 - the draw for round 1 is random draw for subsequent rounds is according to rank. The pair ranked highest plays the pair ranked next highest that it has not already played, and so on.
 - IMP scores are determined by comparison with a datum calculated as the arithmetic mean of the scores remaining after removal of the two highest and two lowest. (Butler principle).
 - IMP are converted to VP using the WBF scale for 8 boards.
- 7.9 Both captains (teams) or both pairs bear responsibility for submitting the table record/result sheet of a match/stanza as soon as possible and no later than 5 minutes after the completion its play. Repeated late submission attracts a procedural penalty of 3 IMP or 1 VP as appropriate.
- 7.10 Until the scheduled commencement of play a defective draw (as a result of appeals, correction of scoring errors etc.) is corrected for the last round of the GNOT Swiss or GNOT pairs. For other Swiss rounds, and at the (sole) discretion of the CTD, a grossly-defective draw may be altered in a way that causes minimal disruption to the tournament.
- 7.11 In case of a forfeit
- in a head to head match - the opponents progress to the next round
 - during KO round 5 - the repechage consists of the other unbeaten team from KO round 5 and the three teams ranked highest in the GNOT Swiss. The team knocked out in KO round 4 by the team that forfeits ranks first in any tie in the GNOT Swiss
 - in the Swiss - for the purpose of the draw, the offenders score 0 VP, -67 IMP (teams) or -51 IMP (pairs) and the non-offenders score 18VP, 12 IMP (teams) or 18 VP, 10 IMP (pairs); after the last round the non-offenders score is adjusted to the highest of:
 - ◆ 18 VP
 - or
 - ◆ the mean VP score of the non-offending team for its completed matches or
 - ◆ 30 minus the mean VP score of the opponents of the offending team in completed matches (not including forfeited matches of the offending team), maximum 25.
- The non-offender's IMP score is the mean of the range of the VP allocated.

8. TIES

- 8.1 Ties exist when teams have the identical IMP score in a KO match or the identical VP score in a Swiss.
- 8.2 In the GNOT KO matches, repechage, semifinal and final ties are broken by play of two boards then one board at a time.
- 8.3 In the GNOT Swiss ties are broken
 - a. after rounds 1, 3, 5, 7 & 8 - by net IMP, then lot.
 - b. after rounds 2 & 4 - teams with a VP score equal to that of the teams entering are ranked by lot and other ties broken as in #a.
 - c. after round 6 - teams with a VP score equal to that of the teams entering are ranked by lot (but losing teams from KO round 4 cannot play each other in Swiss round 7) and other ties broken as in #a.
 - d. after Swiss round 9 - by sum of opponents' VP (greater has preference), then sum of opponents' IMP (greater has preference), then lot.
- 8.4 In the GNOT pairs ties are broken
 - a. to perform the Swiss draw - by net IMP; then lot.
 - b. to determine placing - by sum of opponents' VP, then sum of opponents' IMP, then lot.

9. APPEALS

- 9.1 The CTD may reverse any of his or his assistant's decisions.
- 9.2 Appeals must be made
 - ◆ within the Time of Appeal. The correction and appeal period are shown in #6.3 & 4
 - ◆ in person
 - ◆ on the approved format (available from the CTD).
- 9.3 When an Appeals Committee judges that an appeal is without merit it awards a procedural penalty on the scale specified in the Appeals Regulations, against the appellant's score.
- 9.4 A substitution (allowed or disallowed) may be appealed only by either of the two units involved directly.

10. FOULED BOARDS

- 10.1 The director must be advised immediately an irregularity or misboard is suspected.
- 10.2 A ruling that a board is "fouled" (as defined in Law 87) must be sought within the Correction Period (Law 79C).
- 10.3 In the GNOT KO rounds and Swiss repechage rounds the result of a fouled board is cancelled and a score of 0 IMP is assigned to the board.
- 10.4 In the GNOT repechage, semifinal and final a substitute board is played by both tables unless the result of the match is known or any of the players has left the table at the conclusion of that stanza. In these cases, a score of 0 IMP is assigned to the board unless the match has further stanzas in which case the substitute board must be played in the next stanza.
- 10.5 In the GNOT pairs the datum for a fouled board is determined after the CTD rules that
 - ◆ the fouling was of no consequence and one or more of its results be included in the calculation or
 - ◆ the different forms of the board be treated as a separate entities and datums calculated for each separate entity using the n-2 middle scores for n=3-6 or Leaders Butler but n-4 middle score for n>6 in an Average Butler. or
 - ◆ one or more of its results be cancelled. A score of 0 IMP is assigned to those contestants whose score was cancelled.
- 10.6 The Director may penalise teams responsible for misboards or irregularities.

11. PUNCTUALITY, SLOW PLAY AND PENALTIES

11.1 The general provisions of ABF Tournament Regulation 8 concerning punctuality and slow play apply except as modified by #11.2-6 below.

11.2 For teams not seated and ready to play at the starting time, a procedural penalty of 3 IMP/board/team applies for any board(s) not completed within the allotted period.

11.3 The times (in minutes) allotted to the start of the last board and to complete play are:

Boards	8	10	12	14	16
Time to last board (min)	53			98	
Time to finish(min)	60	75	90	105	120

11.4 In the KO, GNOT Swiss and GNOT Pairs boards not commenced within the allotted period are not played and assigned a score of 0 IMP. In the repechage, semi-finals and final all boards are completed. Exceeding the period allotted to complete a stanza is not the only index of slow play.

11.5 Unless the CTD rules otherwise, there is no penalty for a first offence. Subsequent offences or a ruling from the CTD that a team is at fault attract a procedural penalty for that team of

Head-to-head match	3 IMP for each board not played and 1 IMP per minute
GNOT Swiss, GNOT Pairs	1 VP for the first and 2 VP for any other boards not played

12. ABF TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

12.1 Playoff Qualifying Points (PQP) are awarded to each eligible player.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
48	24	6	6

12.2 To be eligible for Playoff Qualifying Points a player must play at least 4 of the 9 sets of 14 boards in KO rounds 2-5/GNOT and/or Swiss rounds 1-9 and at least 50% of the boards in each of the semi-final and final. Boards played in the KO round 1, the repechage and boards played to break ties are not counted.

12.3 Detailed information about PQP and the mode of entry to the Playoff for Australian team selection is available only on the ABF website at www.abf.com.au. It is mailed only on receipt of a written request.

12.4 WBF Conversion Scales for Conversion of IMP to VP.

IMP – VP Conversion Scales							
8 boards				14 boards			
IMP	VP	IMP	VP	IMP	VP	IMP	VP
15-15	0-1	23- 7	24-26	0 - 2	15-15	31 - 34	23- 7
16-14	2-5	24- 6	27-29	3 - 7	16-14	35 - 38	24- 6
17-13	6-8	25- 5	30-33	8 - 10	17-13	39 - 43	25- 5
18-12	9-11	25- 4	34-37	11 - 14	18-12	44 - 48	25- 4
19-11	12-14	25- 3	38-41	15 - 18	19-11	49 - 54	25- 3
20-10	15-17	25- 2	42-45	19 - 22	20-10	55 - 60	25- 2
21- 9	18-20	25- 1	46-50	23 - 26	21- 9	61-66	25- 1
22- 8	21-23	25- 0	51+	27 - 30	22- 8	67 +	25- 0

4. LETTER TO CAPTAINS

LETTER TO CAPTAINS RE THE GNOT 2007 NATIONAL FINAL

TO: ALL GNOT CAPTAINS

RE: GNOT 2007 NATIONAL FINAL, BANORA POINT, (TWEED HEADS) FRIDAY TO MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER-3 DECEMBER 2007.

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VENUE

The GNOT 2007 National Final will be held at Club Banora, Leisure Drive, Banora Point (Tweed Heads), New South Wales 2486. (Club Banora is an arm of Twin Towns Services Club, Wharf Street, Tweed Heads, New South Wales 2485.)

TRAVEL

Players are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. There are convenient direct flights from most capital cities to the Gold Coast (Coolangatta airport). Coolangatta airport is approximately 7 km from the venue – Club Banora, Banora Point (Tweed Heads). Players travelling from some other centres will find it more convenient, and certainly cheaper, to fly to Brisbane and to travel to Tweed Heads by bus, train or rental car. Flight details can be found on airline websites: Qantas www.qantas.com.au, Virgin Blue www.virginblue.com.au, Jetstar www.jetstar.com.au. Each team will receive a travel subsidy from the ABF for four players. The airfare component of the subsidy is based on prices listed on airline websites on 4 September 2007. Details of subsidies payable appear below (6). Players may choose whatever mode of travel they wish. The ABF travel subsidy will remain the same whatever the mode of travel chosen.

Sometimes in the past, players have found that they cannot return home on the flights that they have booked because, perhaps unexpectedly, they qualify for the final, and that the airlines impose financial penalties for re-booking. The ABF will meet this contingency. Provided that a player's original return flight is scheduled not earlier than 7.30 pm on Sunday December 2, the ABF will pay any extra cost of re-booking should that player's GNOT commitments make it impossible to catch the original flight.

Where appropriate, the team captain will receive the subsidy for all four members of the team and will bear overall responsibility for travel arrangements. The cheques will be distributed during the Saturday of the GNOT at the venue by the GNOT convenor. However, exceptions may be made on the grounds of financial hardship and the cheques forwarded at an earlier date provided that the captain makes application to the ABF Secretariat explaining the circumstances.

LOCAL TRAVEL

There are free bus services from the Twin Towns Resort (Tweed Heads) to Club Banora (Banora Point) and return before play begins and after play finishes on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Friday 30 November from Twin Towns Resort 8.55 am & 9.15 am
Friday 30 November from Club Banora 8.15 pm & 8.45 pm
Saturday 1 December from Twin Towns Resort 8.30 am & 9.00 am
Saturday 1 December from Club Banora 8.15 pm & 8.45 pm
Sunday 2 December from Twin Towns Resort 8.10 am & 8.40 am
Sunday 2 December from Club Banora 5.30 pm & 6.30 pm

ACCOMMODATION

Players in the GNOT are expected to make their own arrangements about accommodation. There are literally scores of places, both resorts and motels, to stay in Tweed Heads and Coolangatta. For details consult your travel agent, the NRMA accommodation guide or internet sites.

SCHEDULE FOR TIMES OF PLAY

The event commences on Friday 30 November. There are two starting times, viz. 9.40 am (for the 52 teams that do not have first-round byes) and 12.00 noon (for the 6 teams that do have first-round byes).

The 6 teams that have a first-round bye, i.e. start play at 12.00 pm, are:

Sydney 1	Sydney 2	Canberra 1
Melbourne 1	Melbourne 2	Tasmania 1

The 52 teams that do not have a first-round bye, i.e. start play at 9.40 am, are:

Far North Qld	Central Coast 1	Gippsland 2
North Queensland	Central Coast 2	Northern Victoria
Whitsunday	Tablelands-Illawarra	Barwon
Capricornia	South Coast-Monaro	Melbourne 3
Wide Bay	Mountains	Melbourne 4
Sunshine Coast 1	Central-Northern	Henty
Sunshine Coast 2	South-West NSW	SA Provincial
Gold Coast 1	Western NSW	Adelaide 1
Gold Coast 2	Sydney 3	Adelaide 2
Darling Downs	Sydney 4	Adelaide 3
Brisbane 1	Sydney 5	Tasmania 2
Brisbane 2	Sydney 6	Northern Territory
Brisbane 3	Sydney 7	WA Country
Northern Rivers 1	Sydney 8	WA Provincial
Northern Rivers 2	Canberra 2	Perth 1
North Coast	ACT Provincial	Perth 2
Hunter 1	Gippsland 1	Perth 3
Hunter 2		

FORMAT

1. There are 58 teams. The field will be seeded taking into account form, past performance, and region of origin.
2. The event (until the semi-final stage) will be played in 14-board sets.
3. The event will commence as a knockout, the first round being of 14 boards. There will be 52 teams playing head-to-head in this first knockout round. The 26 winning teams progress to the second knockout round; the 26 losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
4. The Swiss repechage comprises nine 14-board rounds.
5. The second knockout round comprises 32 teams and will be played over 28 boards in two 14-board sets. The 16 winning teams progress to the third knockout round; the 16 losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
6. The third knockout round comprises 16 teams and will be played over 28 boards in two 14-board sets. The eight winning teams progress to the fourth knockout round; the eight losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
7. The fourth knockout round comprises eight teams and will be played over 28 boards in two 14-board sets. The four winning teams progress to the fifth knockout round; the four losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
8. The fifth knockout round comprises four teams and will be played over 42 boards in three 14-board sets. The two winning teams proceed directly to the semi-finals; the two losing teams proceed to the repechage playoff.
9. The repechage playoff comprises four teams – the two losers from the fifth round knockout and the two top teams from the Swiss. The repechage playoff will be played over 20 boards in two 10-board sets. The two winning teams proceed to the semi-finals.
10. The semi-finals will be played over 48 boards in four 12-board sets.
11. The final will be played over 64 boards in four 16-board sets.

TIMETABLE

See the ABF website (www.abf.com.au).

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.

Knockout regulations. 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 by 12.00 noon on Friday 30 November 2007. Failure to comply may result in disallowance of the system.

Repechage regulations. YELLOW systems will not be permitted in the repechage phases of the event.

SCORING

Knockout matches will be scored by IMPs. The 26 first-round losers will enter the Swiss with a score of 0 IMPs. Teams subsequently entering the Swiss after being knocked out will be allocated the same score; that is, the score of the leading team, or 80% of the available VPs to date, whichever is the lower. Swiss matches will be scored by IMPs converted to VPs on the WBF 14-board scale.

HOSPITALITY

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5. NATIONAL FINAL FIELD

<i>ACT Provincial</i>	Josh Wilkinson, Sebastian Yuen, Bev Crossman, Bruce Crossman
<i>Adelaide 1</i>	Joachim Haffer, Ken Hocking, Paul Hudson, Peter Popp
<i>Adelaide 2</i>	Peter Chan, Phil Gue, John Hewitt, Roger Januszke
<i>Adelaide 3</i>	Paul Williamson, Nathan Weber, Sam Schulz, Shane Harrison
<i>Barwon</i>	Kevin Crough, Margaret Wylie, George Del Papa, Marilyn McInnes
<i>Brisbane 1</i>	Bill Hunt, Rosa Lachman, Angelo Gianazza, Mike Pemberton, Richard Ward
<i>Brisbane 2</i>	John Summerhayes, John Gough, John Morris, Sharon Birrer
<i>Brisbane 3</i>	Margaret Dyer, Lorraine Fredericks, Mary Ryan, Annette Mackay, Gordon Gemmell, Jan Hoffman
<i>Canberra 1</i>	Ian Thomson, Richard Brightling, David Lilley, Arjuna De Livera, Peter Reynolds, Ian Robinson
<i>Canberra 2</i>	Mark Abraham, Griff Ware, Christy Geromboux, Daniel Geromboux
<i>Capricornia</i>	Ron Lorroway, Jan Dooner, Donna Smith, William Lanham
<i>Central Coast 1</i>	Carolyn Molloy, Virginia Dressler, Noel Crockett, Shirley Crockett
<i>Central Coast 2</i>	Stewart Duxbury, Kaylee Lemon, Peter Johnman, Kerrie Johnman
<i>Central Northern</i>	Sharon Mayo, Greg Mayo, Ian Price, Bruce Tier
<i>Darling Downs</i>	Marilyn Sinclair, Mary Collins, Barbara Whitmee, John Whitmee
<i>Far North Qld</i>	Ken Miller, Lee Miller, John Hughes, Peerapan Maslen
<i>Gippsland 1</i>	Judy Banks, Claire Lee, Corrier Van Lier, Jeannie Anderson
<i>Gippsland 2</i>	Fred Sundermann, Chris Watson, Shirley Watson, Graham Pollard
<i>Gold Coast 1</i>	Jenny Han, Adam Grodomirksi, Charlie Howard, Kerry Wood
<i>Gold Coast 2</i>	Anthony Tuxworth, Nadya Tuxworth, John Pritchard, Kamalarasa Sanmugara
<i>Henty</i>	Jamie Simpson, Janet Attrill, Gwen Hindhaugh, Patsy Till
<i>Hunter 1</i>	Michael Parfait, Julie Gleeson, Robyn Fletcher, Paul McGrath
<i>Hunter 2</i>	Ken Wilks, Eileen Pickles, Pravin Nahar, Bernie Adcock
<i>Melbourne 1</i>	Boris Tencer, George Gaspar, Michael Chrapot, Miriam Tencer, Sam Arber, Henri De Jong
<i>Melbourne 2</i>	Charles Snashall, Grant Kilvington, Felicity Beale, Diana Smart, Robbie Van Riel, David Smith
<i>Melbourne 3</i>	Ben Kingham, Martin Wardle, Justin Howard, Peter Hollands
<i>Melbourne 4</i>	Dale Sheather, Paula Schroor, Terry Strong, Jill Magee
<i>Mountains</i>	Liz Scorer, Diane Kajons, Rosemary Hummelshoj, Lloyd Cleaver
<i>North Coast</i>	Libby Power, Pam Jones, Nigel McIvor, Judith Carpenter
<i>North Qld</i>	Helen Thompson, John Johnson, Jackie Bliss, Elsie Stubbs
<i>Northern Rivers 1</i>	Peter Tootell, Helen Tootell, Gary Lynn, Roger Stanfield
<i>Northern Rivers 2</i>	William Powell, Marj Askew, Janet Brown, Winston Guymmer, Eric Hurley
<i>Northern Territory</i>	Rex Hanson, Judy Herring, Howard Jeffery, Liz Jeffery
<i>Northern Victoria</i>	Peter Goddard, Liz Haywood, Nimal Weerasinghe, Lou Veenstra, Jennifer Goddard, Lynne Veenstra
<i>Perth 1</i>	Val Biltoft, Phil Tearne, Gerry Daly, Eddy Mandavy
<i>Perth 2</i>	Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, John Kemp, John Nicholas
<i>Perth 3</i>	Paul Brayshaw, Chris Mulley, Mitch Garbutt, Terri Garbutt, Matthew Raisin
<i>SA Provincial</i>	June Kleeman, Kevin Battersby, Obbie Reiziger, Kevin Clapp
<i>South Coast-Monaro</i>	Gary Riddell, Carol Riddell, Whalley Robin, Lorraine O'Brien
<i>Sunshine Coast 1</i>	Rosemary Crowley, Adrian Mayers, Rosemary Green, Maureen Jakes, Irene Ross
<i>Sunshine Coast 2</i>	Wilma Hiddins, Denis Smith, Camille Fludder, Jo Drake, Judith Slade, Dorothy Beil
<i>SW NSW</i>	Adrian Thompson, Michael Ross, Kevin Douglas, Jim Thomas, Phil Williams
<i>Sydney 1</i>	Robert Krochmalik, Brian Bedkober, Paul Lavings, Tony Leibowitz
<i>Sydney 2</i>	Toni Sharp, Marilyn Chadwick, Michael Wilkinson, David McDonald
<i>Sydney 3</i>	Robert Grynberg, David Stern, Avon Wilsmore, Tom Moss, Sartaj Hans, Paul Gosney
<i>Sydney 4</i>	George Finikiotis, Kevin Davies, Les Grewcock, Stephen Bock
<i>Sydney 5</i>	Barry Noble, George Bilski, Michael Prescott, Michael Courtney, Bob Richman, Bruce Neill
<i>Sydney 6</i>	Julian Foster, David Weston, Fred Curtis, Bob Sebesfi, Jamie Ebery, Tony Nunn
<i>Sydney 7</i>	Felix Molski, Jacek Samborski, Valerie Hardie, Namir Subhiyah
<i>Sydney 8</i>	Neville Nott, Les Marks, Wayne Zhu, Peter Bamborough
<i>Tablelands-Illawarra</i>	Steve Hurley, Liz Hurley, Leigh Foran, Theo Mangos
<i>Tasmania 1</i>	Ann Paton, Douglas Newlands, Jane Tyson, Robert Tyson
<i>Tasmania 2</i>	Dallas Cooper, Margaret Gibbs, Wynne Webber, Hilton Francis
<i>WA Country</i>	Michael Stewart, Jane Moulden, Glenda Barter, Bernadette Campbell
<i>WA Provincial</i>	John Aquino, Richard Fox, Pat King, Linda Watson, Steve Pynt
<i>Western NSW</i>	Murray Paterson, Barbara Glasson, Elaine Cassidy, Derek Cassidy
<i>Whitsunday</i>	Vic Carroll, Bess Baldry, Agnes Pini, Michelle Lange
<i>Wide Bay</i>	Jeanette Roughley, Cathy Reed, Bette Geary, Ross Muirhead, Sue Hunt

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7. NATIONAL FINAL TRAVEL SUBSIDIES

(Each player will receive a travel subsidy from the ABF as shown below. The subsidy will be paid for only 4 players per team.)

Region	Airfare Subsidy (Return)	Ground Transport Subsidy (Return)	Total
Brisbane		Brisbane – Tweed Heads \$60	\$60
Far North Qld	Cairns-Brisbane \$290	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$60	\$350
North Qld	Townsville-Brisbane \$280	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$60	\$340
Whitsunday	Mackay-Brisbane \$ \$120	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$60	\$180
Capricornia	Rockhampton – Brisbane \$160	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$60	\$220
Wide Bay	Nil	Gympie – Tweed Heads \$145	\$145
Sunshine Coast	Nil	Sunshine Coast – Tweed Heads \$72	\$72
Darling Downs	Nil	Toowoomba – Tweed Heads \$100	\$100
Sydney	Sydney-Gold Coast \$180	Nil	\$180
Northern Rivers	Nil	Local	TBA
North Coast	Nil	Coffs Harbour– Tweed Heads \$140	\$140
Hunter	Newcastle – Brisbane \$120	Brisbane – Tweed Heads \$60	\$180
Central Coast	Sydney-Gold Coast \$180	Woy Woy - Sydney \$20	\$200
Tablelands-Illawarra	Sydney-Gold Coast \$180	Wollongong-Sydney \$20	\$200
South Coast-Monaro	Sydney-Gold Coast \$190	Merimbula – Sydney \$250	\$440
Mountains	Sydney-Gold Coast \$180	Leura – Sydney \$40	\$220
Central Northern	Sydney-Gold Coast \$180	Tamworth – Sydney \$140 Armidale – Sydney \$119	\$320 \$300
South West NSW	Sydney-Gold Coast \$180	Griffith – Sydney \$166	\$346
Western NSW	Sydney-Gold Coast \$180	Orange – Sydney \$90	\$270
Melbourne	Melbourne-Gold Coast \$250	Nil	\$250
Henty	Melbourne-Gold Coast \$250	Warrnambool – Melbourne \$130	\$380
Gippsland	Melbourne-Gold Coast \$250	Sale – Melbourne \$60 Bairnsdale – Melbourne \$70	\$310 \$320
Northern Victoria	Melbourne-Gold Coast \$250	Bendigo – Melbourne \$42	\$292
Barwon	Melbourne-Brisbane \$230	Ocean Grove – Avalon \$40 Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$60	\$330
Canberra	Canberra – Brisbane \$270	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$60	\$330
ACT Provincial	Canberra – Brisbane \$270	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$60	\$330
Tasmania	Hobart-Brisbane \$290	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$60	\$350
Adelaide	Adelaide – Brisbane \$260	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$60	\$320
SA Provincial	Adelaide – Brisbane \$260	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$60	\$320
Northern Territory	Darwin – Brisbane \$440	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$60	\$500
Perth	Perth – Gold Coast \$600	Nil	\$600
WA Provincial	Perth – Gold Coast \$600	Nil	\$600
WA Country	Perth – Gold Coast \$600	Busselton – Perth \$60 Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$60 Margaret River – Perth \$70 Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$60	\$720 \$730

8. DRAW

Team		Team
Canberra 1	Vs	BYE
Northern Rivers 1	Vs	Sydney 8
Tasmania 2	Vs	Far North Queensland
Sunshine Coast 2	Vs	Perth 1
Adelaide 1	Vs	Darling Downs
North Coast	Vs	Melbourne 4
Gold Coast 1	Vs	Hunter 2
Barwon	Vs	Sydney 4
Melbourne 2	Vs	BYE
SA Provincial	Vs	Brisbane 3
Northern Territory	Vs	Gippsland 1
Capricornia	Vs	Sydney 6
Adelaide 2	Vs	Wide Bay
South Coast-Monaro	Vs	Perth 3
Central-Northern	Vs	Tablelands-Illawarra
BYE	Vs	Sydney 2
Melbourne 1	Vs	BYE
Northern Rivers 2	Vs	Sydney 7
Hunter 1	Vs	North Queensland
Gippsland 2	Vs	Adelaide 3
Sydney 5	Vs	Northern Victoria
WA Provincial	Vs	Brisbane 2
Central Coast 1	Vs	South-West NSW
BYE	Vs	Tasmania 1
Sydney 3	Vs	Henty
Sunshine Coast 1	Vs	Central Coast 2
Melbourne 3	Vs	Mountains
Whitsunday	Vs	Canberra 2
Brisbane 1	Vs	ACT Provincial
WA Country	Vs	Perth 2
Gold Coast 2	Vs	Western NSW
BYE	Vs	Sydney 1

9. MASTERPOINTS PROCESSED

Club Selections

Armidale
Bairnsdale
Batemans Bay
Bathurst
Blue Mountains
Brisbane Waters
Brunswick Valley
Canobolas
Central Coast
Central Coast Leagues Club
Coffs Harbour
Commercial Club (Albury)
Condobolin
Cowra & District
Goulburn
Great Lakes
Gunnedah
Hawkesbury
Hospital
Illawarra
Illawarra Bridge Association
(2006)
Lakes Entrance
Leeton
Lismore
Maitland
Merewether
Mid Mountains
Mollymook
Moruya

Murwillumbah
Muswellbrook
Nambucca Valley
Narromine-Trangie
Nelson Bay
New England
Newcastle
North Arm Cove
Nowra
Orange
Parkes
Paynesville
Penrith
Port Macquarie Hastings
Port Stephens
Sapphire Coast
Southern Highlands
Springwood
Tamworth
Taree
Tilligerry
Toronto
Traralgon
Tweed
Twin Towns
Wagga Wagga
Warrnambool
Wellington

Feeder Events Ungarie

Zonal Knockouts Central Northern
Macquarie

Regional Finals Tablelands-Illawarra (2006)
South-West NSW
Central Northern
Hunter
Western NSW
Mountains
Tablelands Illawarra
North Coast
Henty
Northern Rivers
Central Coast

10. BRIDGE BASE ONLINE PRESENTATIONS

Semi Finals

DATE	BOARDS	TIME
Sunday 2 December	Boards 1-12	12.30pm
	Boards 13-24	2.15pm
	Boards 25-36	4.15pm
	Boards 37-48	6.00pm

Finals

DATE	BOARDS	TIME
Monday 3 December	Boards 1-16	9.15am
	Boards 17-32	11.30am
	Boards 33-48	2.00pm
	Boards 49-64	4.00pm