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1. NATIONAL FINAL

Date Friday-Monday 28 November-1 December
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2. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS (Provisional To Be Confirmed)

2008 GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

National Final – Friday-Monday,
November 28 – December 1, 2008
Supplementary Regulations

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 Chairs of the Appeal and Tournament Sub-Committees will appoint members of those committees and will be the sole judges of a 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 (those players under the age of 18 years) 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 Tournament Organiser may nominate a "house unit" for any purposes consistent with the movement. The Tournament Organiser 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 Tournament Organiser before 12 noon Friday November 28th
 - ◆ 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.
- 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	4 Teams	Canberra 1	Sydney 1	Adelaide 1	Sydney 2
56 Teams	ACT Prov.	Darling Downs	Melbourne 3	Perth 2	Sydney 7
No Bye,	Adelaide 2	Far North Qld	Melbourne 4	Perth 3	Sydney 8
9.30am	Adelaide 3	Gippsland 1	Mountains	SA Prov.	T'lands-III.
	Barwon	Gippsland 2	Mor'ton Pen	S Cst-Monaro	Tasmania 1
	Brisbane 1	Gold Coast 1	N. Territory	S-W NSW	Tasmania 2
	Brisbane 2	Gold Coast 2	North Coast	Sunshine Cst 1	Tweed
	Brisbane 3	Henty	North Qld	Sunshine Cst 2	WA Country
	Canberra 2	Hunter 1	N. Rivers 1	Sydney 3	WA Prov.
	Capricornia	Hunter 2	N. Rivers 2	Sydney 4	West'n NSW
	Central Cst 1	Melbourne 1	Northern Vic	Sydney 5	Wide Bay
	Central Cst 2	Melbourne 2	Perth 1	Sydney 6	Whitsunday
	Central-N'th'n				

- The 60 teams are seeded taking into account form, past performance and region of origin.
- The event commences as a knockout with 56 teams playing head-to-head in KO round 1 while the other 4 teams have a bye. The 28 winning teams progress to second KO round; the 28 losing teams enter the GNOT Swiss.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The semi-finals are played over 48 boards in four 12-board stanzas.
- 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.
- 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.
 - 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
		Mornington Peninsula	Tweed

- 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								

7. SCORING AND DRAW

- Hands are pre-dealt by an ABF-approved computer program and hand records are available.
- KO matches are scored by IMP.
- Swiss matches are scored by IMP converted to VP using the WBF scale for 14 boards.
- 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.
- The draw for the KO is determined essentially by original seeding.
- 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.
- 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.

- a. Losers from KO round 1 enter the Swiss with a score of 0 VP and 0 IMP.
 - b. 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.
 - c. KO losers from round 4 cannot be drawn to play each other in Swiss round 7.
- 7.8 GNOT Pairs
- a. In round 1, the top ranked pair (1) will be drawn against the pair numbered $(n/2)-1$; the second ranked pair will be drawn against the pair numbered $(n/2)-2$; and so on.
 - b. In round 2, the top ranked pair (1) will be drawn against the pair numbered $(n/4)-1$; the second ranked pair will be drawn against the pair numbered $(n/4)-2$; and so on.
 - c. The round 3 draw will be based on the results of round 1 and the draw for round 4 will be based on the results of round 2.
 - d. The draws for rounds 5, 6 and 7 will be based on the results of rounds 4, 5 and 6 respectively. 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).
 - e. 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
- a. in a head to head match - the opponents progress to the next round
 - b. 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
 - c. 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. The total VP score of all opponents of each tied team shall be determined. The team whose opponents have the highest total shall be deemed to have had the most difficult draw and, therefore, shall be ranked higher..
 - b. The team with the greatest number of wins in VP (a draw is equal to half a win) shall be ranked higher.
 - c. The team with the greatest number of IMP shall be ranked higher.
 - d. By lot.
- 8.4 In the GNOT pairs ties are broken
 - a. to perform the Swiss draw - by net IMP; then lot.
 - b. the total VP score of all opponents of each tied pair shall be determined. The pair whose opponents have the highest total shall be deemed to have had the most difficult draw and, therefore, shall be ranked higher.

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 10 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
36	18	5	5

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

3. NATIONAL FINAL TIMETABLE

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

Friday: 9.30–11.15 Knockout Round 1

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

Canberra 1

Sydney 1

Adelaide 1

Sydney 2

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

4. NATIONAL FINAL FIELD

<i>ACT Provincial</i>	Ian Dalziel , Tony Jowett, Frances McCoull, Trevor Berenger, Laura Ginnan, Stephen Williams
<i>Adelaide 1</i>	David Smyth , Mark Jappe, John Maddison, Paul Hudson, Chris Lorimer, Greg Sargent
<i>Adelaide 2</i>	Phil Gue , Peter Chan, John Hewitt, Roger Januszke
<i>Adelaide 3</i>	Paul Williamson , Nathan Weber, Alex Lockwood, Shane Harrison
<i>Barwon</i>	Gordon Myers , Gabrielle Wilson, Arthur Robbins, Gary Ridgway
<i>Brisbane 1</i>	Ian Afflick , Bill Healy, Andy Slater, Sharon Birrer, John Morris
<i>Brisbane 2</i>	Ralph Parker , Neville Francis, Claire Green, Sheila Parker
<i>Brisbane 3</i>	Claire Hyne , Keith Bishop, Malcolm Littler, Sue O'Brien
<i>Canberra 1</i>	Ian Thomson , Richard Brightling, Arjuna Delivera, Ian Robinson, David Lilley, Peter Reynolds
<i>Canberra 2</i>	Stephen Fischer , Marianne Bookallil, Earl Dudley, Niek Van Vucht
<i>Capricornia</i>	Ron Lorraway , Jan Dooner, D Smith, W Lanham
<i>Central Coast 1</i>	Carolyn Molloy , Virginia Dressler, Christine Hadaway, Karen Ody
<i>Central Coast 2</i>	Peter Berzins , Dorothy Berzins, Diana Coats, Peter Coats
<i>Central Northern</i>	Greg Mayo , Sharon Mayo, Ian Price, Bruce Tier
<i>Darling Downs</i>	John Rose , Valerie Rose, Dorothy Wood, David Moran
<i>Far North Qld</i>	Helen Thompson , John Johnson, Pippa Hooper, Andrew Hooper
<i>Gippsland 1</i>	Chris Watson , Shirley Watson, Fred Sundermann, Graham Pollard
<i>Gippsland 2</i>	Dina Drury , Jack Kuiper, Colin Manley, John Sutton, John Sullivan
<i>Gold Coast 1</i>	Hari Baumanis , Sanmugaras Kamalarasa, Kerry Wood, Charlie Howard
<i>Gold Coast 2</i>	Nadya Tuxworth , Anthony Tuxworth, Merle Marr, Bruce Marr
<i>Henty</i>	Geoff Read , Dorothy Read, Paula Bailey, Helen Lovegrove
<i>Hunter 1</i>	Chris Dibley , Julie Gleeson, Robyn Fletcher, Paul McGrath
<i>Hunter 2</i>	George Hatherall , June Carr, June Jones, Nancy Pullman
<i>Melbourne 1</i>	Andrew Mill , Justin Stark, Justin Howard, Simon Hinge, Peter Hollands
<i>Melbourne 2</i>	Terry Strong , Jill Magee, Andrez Krolikowski, Rob Stewart, Dale Sheather, Paula Schroor
<i>Melbourne 3</i>	Wally Scott , Geoff Chettle, Grant Kilvington, Andrew Halmos
<i>Melbourne 4</i>	Rex Livingston , Quentin Van Abbe, Moira Hickey, Ray Anderson
<i>M'ittington Peninsula</i>	Judith Apfelbaum , Terry Collier, Beverley Pollard, Douwe Posthuma
<i>Mountains</i>	Machteld Baljet , Marcel Hoevenaars, Andrew Milne, Terrence Palmer
<i>North Coast</i>	Libby Power , Marion Mostyn, Judith Carpenter, Nigel McIvor, Gil Cooper
<i>North Qld</i>	Mac Stoneman , Lesleigh Rooney, Jan Manders, Warren Cook, Janelle Kipping
<i>Northern Rivers 1</i>	Eric Hurley , Judith Peiti, Marjorie Askew, Bill Powell
<i>Northern Rivers 2</i>	Robert Milward , Helen Milward, Roger Weathered, Barbara Weathered
<i>Northern Territory</i>	Stephen Hughes , Dmitri Hnaris, Therese Demarco, Rosemary Mooney, Alison Maynard
<i>Northern Victoria</i>	Jan Hackett , Tom Hackett, John Nankervis, Maggie Brown
<i>Perth 1</i>	Tad Bieganski , Bieta Bieganski, Andrew Swider, Jan Kochmanski, Anton Pol
<i>Perth 2</i>	Gerry Daly , Phil Tearne, John Ashworth, Karol Miller
<i>Perth 3</i>	Jane Reynolds , Sussan Wilkinson, Mike Bauser, Oliver Mailes
<i>SA Provincial</i>	Lois Duke , Ian Ramsay, Arthur Davies, David Shilling
<i>South Coast-Monaro</i>	John Bentley , Di Woolford, Sue Williamson, Lewis Seychell, Gary Riddell, Carol Riddell
<i>Sunshine Coast 1</i>	Rosemary Crowley , Adrian Mayers, Verna Brookes, Steve Brookes
<i>Sunshine Coast 2</i>	Alan Maltby , Di Maltby, Maureen Jakes, Rosemary Green
<i>SW NSW</i>	Kevin Douglas , Philip Williams, Bala Manicavasagar, Adrian Thompson
<i>Sydney 1</i>	Michael Wilkinson , Stephan Winkler, Nye Griffiths, Nick Rodwell
<i>Sydney 2</i>	Kim Morrison , Ross Stuart, Julian Foster, David Weston
<i>Sydney 3</i>	Bruce Neill , Richard Jedrychowski, Andrew Peake, Murray Green, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer
<i>Sydney 4</i>	Ron Klinger , Mat Mullamphy, Ted Chadwick, David Beauchamp, Val Cummings, Matthew Thomson
<i>Sydney 5</i>	Sartaj Hans , Maurits Van Der Vlugt, Matthew McManus, Ed Barnes, David Wiltshire, Catherine Ritter
<i>Sydney 6</i>	Gabriella Bremner-Moore , Seamus Browne, Bob Richman, Kieran Dyke, Paul Gosney, Ish Del'Monte
<i>Sydney 7</i>	Warren Dobes , Patrick Neary, Helena Hutton, Tony Hutton, Wayne Smith
<i>Sydney 8</i>	Kinga Moses , Neville Moses, Inez Glanger, Nazife Bashar, Marcia Scudder, John Scudder
<i>Tablelands-Illawarra</i>	Steve Hurley , Liz Hurley, Tim Marchant, Ian Porter
<i>Tasmania 1</i>	Gavin Bailey , Kirsten Bailey, Ian Callahan, David Wyllie
<i>Tasmania 2</i>	Val Badcock , Judy Mann, Jan Anderson, Floyd (Cvetko) Suban
<i>Tweed</i>	David Read , Shirley Brandham, Bruno Molino, Lyndel Watson
<i>WA Country</i>	Phyl Barnes , Joy Gibson, Trish Anderson, Jack Florkiewicz
<i>WA Provincial</i>	John Aquino , Richard Fox, Inga Hunt, Clive Hunt
<i>Western NSW</i>	Conway Seymour , Bjorn Eriksson, Peter Quin, Catherine Smith
<i>Whitsunday</i>	Vic Carroll , Jill Spencer, Agnes Pini, Mitchell Lange
<i>Wide Bay</i>	G Kellerman , F Arnold, R Davenport, D Gehrke, S Feige, R Feige

5. LETTER TO CAPTAINS

LETTER TO CAPTAINS RE THE GNOT 2008 NATIONAL FINAL

TO: ALL GNOT CAPTAINS

RE: GNOT 2008 NATIONAL FINAL, BANORA POINT (TWEED HEADS),
FRIDAY TO MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER-1 DECEMBER 2008.

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VENUE

The GNOT 2008 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 17 September 2008. 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 November 30, 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 28 November from Twin Towns Resort 8.00 am, 8.30 am & 9.00am

Friday 28 November from Club Banora At the players' convenience

Saturday 29 November from Twin Towns Resort 8.00 am, 8.30 am & 9.00am

Saturday 29 November from Club Banora At the players' convenience

Sunday 30 November from Twin Towns Resort 8.00 am & 8.30 am

Sunday 30 November from Club Banora At the players' convenience

The bus will stop en route, to and from Banora Point, to pick up and drop off players at points convenient to their accommodation. Players who wish to be picked up en route, must give adequate notice to a GNOT Organiser by contacting 0406 377 156, 0419 600 443 or 0412 064 903.

Players who take the earliest bus each morning should be aware that Club Banora does not open its doors until 9.00 am (Friday and Saturday) and until 8.30 am (Sunday).

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 28 November. There are two starting times, viz. 9.30 am (for the 56 teams that do not have first-round byes) and 12.00 noon (for the 4 teams that do have first-round byes).

The 4 teams that have a first-round bye, i.e. start play at 12.00 pm, are:

Sydney 1 Sydney 2 Canberra 1
Adelaide 1

The 56 teams that do not have a first-round bye, i.e. start play at 9.30 am, are:

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

FORMAT

1. There are 60 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 56 teams playing head-to-head in this first knockout round. The 28 winning teams progress to the second knockout round; the 28 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 28 November 2008. 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

There will be a small function at close of play on Saturday evening 29 November.

GNOT PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS (formerly the PROVINCIAL PAIRS)

This 2-session Swiss pairs event will be staged on Sunday 30 November starting at 9.00 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 2008 qualifying events (i.e. Club Selections and/or Zonal Knockouts) are invited to play in the GNOT Pairs Championships — entry fee \$5 per person. Entries to the GNOT Pairs Championships close at 5.00 pm on Saturday 29 November. Entries from players who have participated in the GNOT National Final will be accepted at the venue. Entries from other eligible players must be made through their Club Secretaries.

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	South Coast-Monaro
Sydney	Hunter	North Queensland	Mountains
Canberra	ACT Provincial	Whitsunday	Central-Northern
Melbourne	Tasmania	Capricornia	Western NSW
Adelaide	SA Provincial	Wide Bay	South-West NSW
Perth	WA Provincial	Sunshine Coast	Gippsland
	Northern Territory	Darling Downs	Mornington Peninsula
		Northern Rivers	Northern Victoria
		Tweed	Barwon
		North Coast	Henty
		Central Coast	WA Country
		Tablelands-Illawarra	

The GNOT Pairs Championships will be played as a stratified Swiss format over seven 8-board rounds. This means that there will be a single field and that pairs, irrespective of categorisation, may be drawn according to the normal Swiss draw against any other pair in the field. At the conclusion of the event, pairs will be placed in finishing order according to category. Medallions will be awarded to the winning pair in each category and to the winning pair overall.

There will be a brief function at close of play (commencing about 4.45 pm) on Sunday afternoon during which medallions will be presented.

6. **GNOT PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS** A2 Gold Points (formerly the **PROVINCIAL PAIRS**)

This 2-session Swiss pairs event will be staged on Sunday 30 November starting at 9.00 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 2008 qualifying events (i.e. Club Selections and/or Zonal Knockouts) are invited to play in the GNOT Pairs Championships - entry fee \$5 per person. Entries to the GNOT Pairs Championships close at 5.00 pm on Saturday 1 December. Entries from players who have participated in the GNOT National Final will be accepted at the venue. Entries from other eligible players must be made through their Club Secretaries.

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
Sydney	Hunter	North Queensland
Canberra	ACT Provincial	Whitsunday
Melbourne	Tasmania	Capricornia
Adelaide	SA Provincial	Wide Bay
Perth	WA Provincial	Sunshine Coast
	Northern Territory	Darling Downs
		Northern Rivers
		North Coast
		Central Coast
		Tablelands-Illawarra
		South Coast-Monaro
		Central-Northern
		Mountains
		Western NSW
		South-West NSW
		Gippsland
		Northern Victoria
		Barwon
		Henty
		WA Country
		Mornington Peninsula
		Tweed

The GNOT Pairs Championships will be played as a stratified Swiss format over seven 8-board rounds. This means that there will be a single field and that pairs, irrespective of categorisation. In round 1, the top ranked pair (1) will be drawn against the pair numbered $(n/2)-1$; the second ranked pair will be drawn against the pair numbered $(n/2)-2$; and so on. In round 2, the top ranked pair (1) will be drawn against the pair numbered $(n/4)-1$; the second ranked pair will be drawn against the pair numbered $(n/4)-2$; and so on. The round 3 draw will be based on the results of round 1 and the draw for round 4 will be based on the results of round 2. The draws for rounds 5, 6 and 7 will be based on the results of rounds 4, 5 and 6 respectively. At the conclusion of the event, pairs will be placed in finishing order according to category. Medallions will be awarded to the winning pair in each category and to the winning pair overall.

There will be a brief function at close of play (commencing about 4.45 pm) on Sunday afternoon during which medallions will be presented.

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.)

This table was prepared before some entries were received. If your travel subsidy is not shown in the table please contact Jane Rasmussen ASAP.

Region	Airfare Subsidy (Return)	Ground Transport Subsidy (Return)	Total
Brisbane		Brisbane – Tweed Heads \$78	\$78
Far North Qld	Cairns-Brisbane \$300	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$78	\$378
North Qld	Townsville-Brisbane \$204	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$78	\$282
Whitsunday	Mackay-Brisbane \$ \$180	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$78	\$258
Capricornia	Rockhampton – Brisbane \$200	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$78	\$278
Wide Bay	Nil	Gympie – Tweed Heads \$145	\$145
Sunshine Coast	Nil	Sunshine Coast – Tweed Heads \$100	\$100
Darling Downs	Nil	Toowoomba – Tweed Heads \$100	\$100
Sydney	Sydney-Gold Coast \$170	Nil	\$170
Northern Rivers	Nil	Local	TBA
North Coast	Nil	Coffs Harbour– Tweed Heads \$140	\$140
Hunter	Newcastle – Gold Coast \$200		\$200
Central Coast	Sydney-Gold Coast \$170	Woy Woy - Sydney \$20	\$190
Tablelands-llawarra	Sydney-Gold Coast \$170	Wollongong-Sydney \$20	\$190
South Coast-Monaro	Sydney-Gold Coast \$170	Merimbula – Sydney \$278	\$450
Mountains	Sydney-Gold Coast \$170	Leura – Sydney \$40	\$210
Central Northern	Sydney-Gold Coast \$170	Tamworth – Sydney \$140	\$310
		Armidale – Sydney \$119	\$290
South West NSW	Sydney-Gold Coast \$170	Leeton-Sydney \$161	\$331
Western NSW	Sydney-Gold Coast \$170	Wagga-Sydney \$140	\$310
Melbourne	Melbourne-Gold Coast \$200	Nil	\$200
Mornington Peninsula	Melbourne-Gold Coast \$200	Local \$40	\$240
Henty	Melbourne-Gold Coast \$200	Warrnambool-Melbourne \$100	\$300
Gippsland	Melbourne-Gold Coast \$200	Bairnsdale-Melbourne \$100	\$300
		Leongatha-Melbourne \$44	\$244
Northern Victoria	Melbourne-Gold Coast \$200	Yarrawonga-Melbourne \$92	\$292
Barwon	Melbourne-Gold Coast \$200	Geelong-Melbourne \$28	\$228
Canberra	Canberra – Brisbane \$244	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$78	\$322
ACT Provincial	Canberra – Brisbane \$244	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$78	\$322
Tasmania	Hobart-Brisbane \$364	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$78	\$442
Adelaide	Adelaide – Gold Coast \$280	Nil	\$280
SA Provincial	Adelaide – Gold Coast \$280	Nil	\$280
Northern Territory	Darwin – Brisbane \$420	Brisbane-Tweed Heads \$78	\$498
Perth	Perth – Gold Coast \$660	Nil	\$660
WA Provincial	Perth – Gold Coast \$660	Nil	\$660
WA Country	Perth – Gold Coast \$660	Busseton – Perth \$60	\$720
		Bunbury – Perth \$60	\$720

8. DRAW

SOUTH WEST NSW	v	MELBOURNE 4
SYDNEY 7	v	WIDE BAY
GIPPSLAND 2	v	PERTH 1
ADELAIDE 2	v	NORTH QLD
SUNSHINE COAST 2	v	TASMANIA 1
NORTHERN TERRITORY	v	CENTRAL COAST 2
WESTERN NSW	v	SYDNEY 6
SYDNEY 3	v	HENTY
GOLD COAST 2	v	NORTH COAST
NORTHERN RIVERS 2	v	ADELAIDE 3
MOUNTAINS	v	MELBOURNE 3
HUNTER 1	v	WA COUNTRY
GIPPSLAND 1	v	BRISBANE 1
BARWON	v	TWEED
GOLD COAST 1	v	CENTRAL COAST 1
SYDNEY 8	v	DARLING DOWNS
NORTHERN VICTORIA	v	CANBERRA 2
MELBOURNE 2	v	PERTH 3
ACT PROVINCIAL	v	BRISBANE 2
CENTRAL NORTHERN	v	CAPRICORNIA
MORNINGTON PENINSULA	v	SYDNEY 4
SYDNEY 5	v	WHITSUNDAY
FAR NORTH QLD	v	TABLELANDS- ILLAWARRA
BRISBANE 3	v	TASMANIA 2
WA PROVINCIAL	v	MELBOURNE 1
NORTHERN RIVERS 1	v	SA PROVINCIAL
HUNTER 2	v	PERTH 2
SUNSHINE COAST 1	v	SOUTH COAST-MONARO

9. MASTERPOINTS PROCESSED

• State Finals

- [2008 New South Wales](#)
- [2008 Northern Territory](#)
- [2008 Queensland](#)
- [2008 Tasmania](#)
- [2008 Western Australia](#)

• Regional Finals

- [2008 Central Coast Region](#)
- [2008 Central-Northern Region](#)
- [2008 ERBA Regional Final](#)
- [2008 Hunter Region](#)
- [2008 Illawarra-Tablelands Region](#)
- [2008 Mountains Region](#)
- [2008 Mornington Peninsula](#)
- [2008 Northern Rivers Region](#)
- [2008 South Australia Region](#)
- [2008 South-West Region](#)
- [2008 Ungarie Feeder](#)
- [2008 Western Region](#)
- [2008 WA Country Region](#)

• Club Heats

- [2008 Adelaide Heat](#)
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- [2008 Ballarat Heat](#)
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- [2008 Ballina Heat II](#)
- [2008 Bathurst Heat](#)
- [2008 Bega Heat](#)
- [2008 Blue Mountains Heat](#)
- [2008 Brisbane Water Heat](#)
- [2008 Brisbane Water II Heat](#)
- [2008 Brunswick Valley Heat](#)
- [2008 Canobolas Heat](#)
- [2008 Central Coast Heat](#)
- [2008 Central Coast Leagues Heat](#)
- [2008 Central Coast Leagues Heat \(Addendum\)](#)
- [2008 Coffs Harbour Heat](#)
- [2008 Commercial \(Albury\) Heat](#)

- [2008 Condobolin Heat](#)
- [2008 Cowra Heat](#)
- [2008 Dubbo Heat](#)
- [2008 Gawler Heat](#)
- [2008 Geelong Heat](#)
- [2008 Geelong II Heat](#)
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- [2008 Gunnedah Heat](#)
- [2008 Hawkesbury Heat](#)
- [2008 Hospital Heat](#)
- [2008 Illawarra Heat](#)
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- [2008 Leeton Heat](#)
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10. BRIDGE BASE ONLINE PRESENTATIONS

Semi Finals

DATE	BOARDS	TIME
Sunday 30 November	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 1 December	Boards 1-16	9.15am
	Boards 17-32	11.30am
	Boards 33-48	2.00pm
	Boards 49-64	4.00pm