

Sydney Spring Nationals



18 - 25 OCTOBER 2023

**TBIB OPEN TEAMS
BRIDGEGEAR INTERMEDIATE TEAMS**

**DICK CUMMINGS OPEN PAIRS
TED CHADWICK RESTRICTED PAIRS
SPRING NATIONAL NOVICE PAIRS**

**SPRING NATIONAL MIXED TEAMS
BOBBY EVANS SENIORS' TEAMS
TWO MEN AND A TRUCK RESTRICTED, NOVICE & ROOKIE TEAMS
PENLINE SWISS PAIRS**

RAINBOW SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS

Gold Masterpoints & Playoff Qualifying Points

**Venue: Level 2, Canterbury Park Racecourse
96 King St, Ashbury**

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Tournament Organiser: Ian Lisle (0425 255 980)

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OPEN EVENTS

YELLOW systems are only allowed in the TBIB Open Teams as per the supplementary regulations.

BROWN sticker conventions and **RED** systems are allowed in all Open and Mixed events.

All partnerships in every match in the Mixed Teams must consist of one male and one female player.

All players in the Seniors' Teams must have been born before 1/1/1961.

TBIB Open Teams

(incorporating the Linda Stern Women's Teams)

Open & Women's Qualifying:	Wednesday 18 th - Friday 20 th October Twelve round, 14 board Swiss Teams event Session times: 10:30am and 2:30pm
Open Semi-Final:	The top four teams qualify to play 56 board semi-finals on Saturday 21 st October, 9.30am
Open Final:	A 56 board final on Sunday 22 nd October, 9.30am
*Women's Final:	The top two eligible teams qualify to play a 56 board final on Saturday 21 st October, 9.30am

Entry Fee: \$680 per team of 4, 5 or 6 players
(\$640 if paid in full by 1st October 2023)

Open PQPs awarded as advised on the ABF website.

* If fewer than 6 teams enter, the Linda Stern Trophy will be awarded to the top placed eligible team at the end of the qualifying. No Final will be played.

Play will finish around 6:00pm each day.

Dick Cummings Open Pairs

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd October
Session times: 10:00am and 2:15pm

A **Swiss Matchpoint Pairs** event comprising 12 rounds of 10 boards; 6 rounds to be played each day. Matchpoints are converted to VPs.

Entry Fee: \$230 per pair

Open PQPs awarded as advised on the ABF website.

Play will finish around 6:15pm each day.

Spring Nationals Mixed Teams

All partnerships must consist of one male and one female player.

Bobby Evans Seniors' Teams

All players must have been born before 1/1/1961.

Qualifying: Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th October
Eight round, 14 board Swiss Teams event **
Session times: 10:30am and 2:30pm

Final: A 56 board final on Wednesday 25th October, 9.30am

Entry Fee: \$480 per team of 4, 5 or 6 players
(\$440 if paid in full by 1st October 2023)

** If the number of entries for either event is too low to support the movement above, its format may be modified.

Mixed PQPs awarded as advised on the ABF website.

Play will finish around 6:00 pm each day.

Penline Swiss Pairs

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th October
Eight round 14 board Butler Swiss Pairs event
Session times: 10:30am and 2:30pm

Entry Fee: \$230 per pair

Play will finish around 6:00 pm each day.

Rainbow Swiss Pairs Congress

Wednesday 25th October.
Six round 9 board Swiss Pairs event
Session times: 10:30am and 2:30pm

Entry Fee: \$80 per pair

Prizes awarded to best pairs in the following categories:
Mixed, Men's & Women's.

Play will finish around 6:00pm.

EVENTS WITH MASTERPOINT LIMITS

Limits as of 30/06/2023 for the masterpoint categories in the Spring Nationals

Category	MP limit	Allowed Systems
Rookie	50	Green and blue*
Novice	100	Green and blue*
Restricted	300	Green and blue*
Intermediate	750	Green, blue and red

* No **brown sticker conventions** are allowed. In addition, a pair may be further restricted from playing any method the CTD judges may not be readily understood by a significant proportion of the players in any of the above fields.

Bridgegear Intermediate Teams

Qualifying: Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October
Eight round 14 board Swiss Teams event
Session times: 10:30am and 2:30pm

Final: The top two teams qualify to play a 56 board final on
Friday 20th October, 10.30am

Entry Fee: \$480 per team of 4, 5 or 6 players
(\$440 if paid in full by 1st October 2023)

Play will finish around 6:00pm each day.

Spring National Novice Pairs

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd October
Session times: 10:00am and 2:15pm

A **Swiss Matchpoint Pairs** event comprising 12 rounds of 10 boards; 6 rounds to be played each day. Matchpoints are converted to VPs.

Entry Fee: \$230 per pair

Trophy sponsored by **Central Coast Bridge Club**

Play will finish around 6:15pm each day.

Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd October
Session times: 10:00am and 2:15pm

A **Swiss Matchpoint Pairs** event comprising 12 rounds of 10 boards;
6 rounds to be played each day. Matchpoints are converted to VPs.

Entry Fee: \$230 per pair

Play will finish around 6:15pm each day.

Two Men and a Truck Restricted, Novice and Rookie Teams

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th October
Eight round, 14 board Swiss Teams events
Session times: 10:30am and 2:30pm

Entry Fee: \$480 per team of 4, 5 or 6 players
(\$440 if paid in full by 1st October 2023)

Play will finish around 6:00pm each day.



The QBA has generously donated free entry to the 2024 Gold Coast Teams for the winners of the Intermediate and Restricted Teams. The datum winners (outside the winning teams) in these events win free entry to the Gold Coast Pairs.



Winners and runners-up in the Bridgegear Intermediate teams receive book vouchers that can be redeemed at the **Bridgegear** stall at the venue.

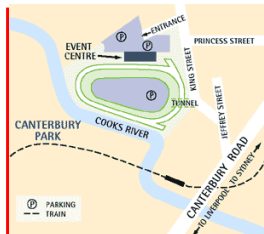
Australian Bridge Winners of all Novice and Rookie events win a year's subscription to Australian Bridge magazine (Online version).



The TBA has generously donated free entry to the 2024 Tasmanian Festival of Bridge Restricted Pairs Championship for the winners and runners-up of the Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs.

VENUE

SKY HIGH & GALAXIES ROOMS, LEVEL 2 (Lift access) CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE



PUBLIC TRANSPORT Canterbury Railway Station is about 1 km from the venue. The 413 Bus runs from Wynyard, Town Hall, Railway Square or Lewisham railway station. The 491 bus runs between Ashfield and Canterbury railway stations. Consult www.transportnsw.info for details.

PARKING Free parking is available at the venue's front door.

CATERING A free self-serve tea and coffee facility will be available in the playing area. Lunch may be ordered, with three menu options rotating daily. In addition, a cafeteria will be open to allow purchase of pies, sausage rolls, cakes and espresso coffee. A cash bar will be open for about an hour at the conclusion of play each day.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Persons applying to enter the Sydney Spring Nationals should be aware of the following:

1. The Regulating Authority (The Australian Bridge Federation) reserves the right to refuse admission to any player who is not in good standing with any registered bridge club, bridge association or the Regulating Authority.
2. No entry will be regarded as complete unless an entry has been submitted before the closing date, Friday 6th October 2023, with full entry fees paid and ABF numbers supplied. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser.
3. All players resident in Australia must be current financial members of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme.
4. Players born on or after 1/1/1998 receive a 50% rebate on their entry fees to all events at the Sydney Spring Nationals.
5. All session times in this brochure are provisional and may be altered by the organizers as necessary to ensure the smooth running of the event. It is the responsibility of players to be aware of the starting times of the sessions and rounds as announced by the Director and posted on the notice board.
6. Mobile phones and other means of electronic communication must be switched off whilst in the playing area. Penalties will apply for non-compliance (see ABF Tournament Regulations, Section 21).
7. Players reaching the semi-finals or finals of the Open, Women's, Mixed, Seniors' or Intermediate Teams must lodge their mobile phones (or other electronic communication devices) with the Tournament Director (or the Tournament Organiser) who will secure them during each session.
8. Systems permitted in the various events are determined in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations.

REGULATIONS

The System and Alerting Regulations for ABF Events apply to the Sydney Spring Nationals and can be found at www.abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFTournamentRegs2021.pdf

Supplementary regulations for the Sydney Spring Nationals will be posted at www.abfevents.com.au/events/results/2023/sn/docs/Supplementary%20Regulations.pdf

YELLOW systems are permitted only in the Open Teams. Pairs in any doubt about the classification of their system should submit a concise summary to the Tournament Organiser.

YELLOW System Notifications, including an adequately completed ABF System card and a bona fide defence, must be lodged by Friday 13th October 2023 at sn@abf.com.au.

PLAYOFF QUALIFYING POINTS

PQPs are awarded according to ABF regulations to players who are eligible. Detailed information about PQP and entry to the Australian Team Playoffs is published only on the ABF website.

Trophies

TBIB Open Teams:

TBIB Open Teams Trophy

Bobby Evans Seniors' Teams

Linda Stern Women's Teams Trophy

Spring National Mixed Teams:

Robert Evans Seniors' Teams Trophy

Dick Cummings Open Pairs:

Spring National Mixed Teams Trophy

Bridgegear Intermediate Teams:

The Herald Trophy

Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs:

The Bridgegear Intermediate Teams Trophy

Novice Pairs:

Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs Trophy

Restricted Teams:

Spring National Novice Pairs Trophy

Two Men and a Truck Restricted Teams Trophy

Medallions

Winners and runners-up in all events will receive ABF Medallions.

The top pairs in the datums in the Open, Intermediate, Mixed and Two Men and a Truck Teams also receive Medallions.

Need a Partner or Team Mates?

Contact the coordinator Ian Lisle sn@abf.com.au Tel: +61 425 255 980.

Entry and Payment Methods

Note; that an early bird discount applies for team events if full payment is received by 1st October 2023.

All entry fees include GST.

Online: Go to www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/638 and follow the link to Online Entries. There you can enter the player names, ABF numbers and contact email. You will be sent an email confirming receipt of your entry and giving you a reference number. Quote this number if not paying with MyABF Bridge Credits.

Please Note: All information is correct at the time of printing however changes may be made at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser.

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