

GNOT 2023 NATIONAL FINAL

LETTER TO PLAYERS

For players who are in italics on the myabf GNOT list of teams <https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/899> will not receive this information sheet as they are not registered with myabf. It is up to Team members to check the list and forward to team members which are highlighted in italics throughout the list

A. GNOT NATIONAL FINAL

QLD Wellness Guidelines -

Players and officials are asked not to attend any event if they are infectious, or if they are supposed to be isolating or quarantining. Those who come to play and, feeling unwell, self-diagnose that they may be infectious, should inform the director and leave the venue.

1. VENUE

The GNOT 2023 National Final will be held at Queensland Contract Bridge Club (QCBC), 67 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102 – 07 33913241

2. TRAVEL

The ABF will provide subsidies as published on the ABF website

<https://abfevents.com.au/events/gnot/2023/docs/2023GNOTCashSubsidies.pdf>

The subsidy will be paid on Friday December 1. To enable this procedure to occur, the ABF Secretariat Jane Rasmussen requires the captain (or person of his/her choosing) to provide their bank details. The captain is the first mentioned person on this list

<https://abfevents.com.au/events/gnot/2023/field.asp#field>

3. ACCOMMODATION

Players in the GNOT are expected to make their own arrangements about accommodation.

4. LUNCHES

BYO Lunch. There is a fridge available at the club for lunches that require refrigeration. On the premises and prior to the start of play – we will provide a prepaid SUBWAY ordering system - for those that would prefer SUBWAY. Payment will only be accepted by way of DEBIT/CREDIT card.

5. WATER/TEA AND COFFEE (morning and afternoon tea)

QCBC have a water bubbler which is plumbed in and provides constant cold water. Reusable plastic cups will be provided for your convenience however feel free to bring your own bottles and fill up from the cooler. Tea and Coffee will be provided free of charge up to the start of the second match. Morning and Afternoon – store purchased biscuits will be supplied for your convenience.

6. PARKING

Plenty of parking underneath the building of 67 Ipswich Road and at the rear of QCBC off Wilton Street and QCBC has secured parking off Henry Street which is a large parking lot – to obtain free parking in this parking lot, just put a system card on the dash board. Please note that you can park on the street on Saturday and Sunday but not Friday or Monday, so please be very careful where you park.

7. PENS

Please supply your own. It is much safer for you to provide your own pen. We will have a supply of sanitized used pens as a back up.

8. SCHEDULE FOR TIMES OF PLAY

The event commences on Friday 1 December at 9.30 am.

The 60 teams are:

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

9. FORMAT

- There are 60 teams. The field will be seeded taking into account recent form, past performance, and region of origin. The top 4 seeded teams will have a bye through to the second round of the knockout.
- The event will commence as a knockout, the first round being of 16 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 along with the first 4 seeded teams; the 28 losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
- The Swiss repechage comprises nine 12-board rounds.
- The second knockout round comprises 32 teams and will be played over 24 boards in two 12-board sets. The 16 winning teams progress to the third knockout round; the 16 losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
- The third knockout round comprises 16 teams and will be played over 24 boards in two 12-board sets. The eight winning teams progress to the fourth knockout round; the eight losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
- The fourth knockout round comprises eight teams and will be played over 24 boards in two 12-board sets. The four winning teams progress to the fifth knockout round; the four losing teams enter the Swiss repechage.
- The fifth knockout round comprises four teams and will be played over 36 boards in three 12-board sets. The two winning teams proceed directly to the semi-finals; the two losing teams proceed to the repechage final (repechage playoff).
- The repechage final comprises four teams - the two losers from the fifth round knockout and the two top teams from the Swiss. The repechage final will be played over 24 boards in two 12-board sets. The two winning teams proceed to the semi-finals.
- The semi-finals will be played over 40 boards in four 10-board sets.
- The final will be played over 56 boards in four 14-board sets.

10. TIMETABLE (GNOT NATIONAL FINAL)

Match 1 and 3 for each day are exact – other times are approximate.

Friday 1 Dec.	9.30 am	Knockout round 1
	11.35 am	Knockout round 2 Repechage Round 1
	1.45 pm	Knockout round 2 (cont.) Repechage Round 2
	3.20 pm	Knockout round 3 Repechage round 3
	4.55 pm	Knockout round 3 (cont.) Repechage round 4
	Saturday 2 Dec	9.30 am
11.05 am		Knockout round 4 (cont.) Repechage round 6
1.20 pm		Knockout round 5 Repechage round 7
2.55 pm		Knockout round 5 (cont.) Repechage round 8
4.20 pm		Knockout round 5 (cont.) Repechage round 9
6.00 pm		Hospitality
Sunday 3 Dec.	9.00 am	Repechage final – stanza 1
	10. 40 am	Repechage final – stanza 2
	1.00 pm	Semi-finals – stanza 1
	2.25 pm	Semi-finals – stanza 2
	3.50 pm	Semi-finals – stanza 3
Monday 4 Dec.	5.15 pm	Semi-finals – stanza 4
	9.00 am	Final – stanza 1
	11.00 am	Final – stanza 2
	1.30 pm	Final – stanza 3
	3.30 pm	Final – stanza 4

11. BBO

The final of the GNOT National Final will be broadcast on BBO.

12. 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**

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 before 9.30am on Friday 1 December 2023. Failure to comply may result in disallowance of the system.

- **Repechage**

YELLOW systems will not be permitted in the Swiss repechage but will be permitted in the repechage final.

13. SCORING

Knockout matches will be scored by netimps. Matches in the Swiss repechage are scored by IMPs converted to VPs using the WBF scale for 12 board matches.

Losers in KO Round 1 enter the Swiss repechage with a score of 0 VPs and 0 IMPs.

Losers in KO Round 2 enter the Swiss repechage with a VP and IMP score equal to 90% of the Leader's score, but no more than 7.5 VPs less than the Leader's score.

Losers in KO Round 3 enter the Swiss repechage with a VP and IMP score equal to 95% of the Leader's score, but no more than 4.5 VPs less than the Leader's score.

Losers in KO Round 4 enter the Swiss repechage on the same VP and IMP score as the Leader.

14. HOSPITALITY

There will be a small function (Pizza/wine/beer/OJ) at close of play on Saturday evening, 2 December sponsored by TBIB at which the Chris Diment Trophy (and medallions) for the top Country Team will be presented.

B. GNOT PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Introduction

This 2-session stratified Gold Point Swiss pairs event will be staged on Sunday 3 December starting at 9.15 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.

2. Entry – at venue

3. Stratification

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	North Queensland
Sydney	Hunter	Whitsunday	Capricornia
ACT	ACT Provincial	Wide Bay	Sunshine Coast
Melbourne	Southern Tasmania	Darling Downs	Northern Rivers
Adelaide	SA Provincial	Central Coast	Mid-North Coast
Perth	Northern Territory	South Coast	Tablelands-Illawarra
	WA Provincial	Central Inland	Mountains
		South-West NSW	Western NSW
		Geelong	Gippsland
		WA Country	Northern Victoria
		Northern Tasmania	Western Victoria

4. Format

The GNOTPC will be played in a stratified Swiss format over seven 8-board matches. Scoring will be by IMPs against a datum calculated by the method stated in the GNOT National Final Supplementary Regulations. IMPs are converted to VPs in accordance with the WBF 6 board VP scale.

At the conclusion of the event, pairs will be placed in finishing order (i) overall and (ii) according to category. Medallions will be awarded to the winning pair overall and runners up and to the winning pairs in each category.

5. Pairs Timetable – Match 1 and 5 are exact – other times are approximate.

Sunday 3 Dec	9.15 am	Swiss round 1
	10. 15 am	Swiss round 2
	11.15 am	Swiss round 3
	12.15 pm	Swiss round 4
	2.00 pm	Swiss round 5
	3.00 pm	Swiss round 6
	4.00 pm	Swiss round 7
	5.00 pm	Awards

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