



## AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - ELIGIBILITY

ANCs are often dominated by players from the capital cities. To make the Canberra ANC a truly national event, we are excited to offer two new events exclusively for the members of the smaller or regional bridge clubs.

The first event will be the **Australian Country Club Teams Championships** held from 6 to 8 July 2026 (alongside the Interstate Teams Championships). Each eligible bridge club is invited to nominate one team of four to six players to compete in the **red** point event. Teams would compete in the name of their club (for example, the 'Monaro Bridge Club team'), with entries submitted by the club. The entry fee for the three-day event will be \$960 per team. Clubs are encouraged to financially support their team's entry, perhaps by raising money in a special event used to select the team.

Following the teams event, there will be a two-day **red** point **Australian Country Pairs Championship** on 9 to 10 July 2026. This event will be open to any pair where both players are from a small or regional Club. Pairs do not have to be nominated by a club, nor do they have to be members of the same club. There will be a **\$30 entry fee rebate for players entering both Country Club Championship** events.

The eligibility requirements for the Australian Country Championships (Pairs and Teams) are:

1. In the teams event, all members of the team must have the same nominated home club.
2. Eligibility is determined by the size or location of the player's nominated home club. The club must fit the definition of a 'country club' OR a 'smaller club':
  - A 'country club' is one that regularly meets outside the major population centres, that is, outside the greater metropolitan regions of Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong, Canberra, Melbourne, Geelong, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Adelaide and Perth.
  - A 'smaller club' is one with less than 150 financial members.
3. Entrants for the Australian Country Clubs Teams Championship must be nominated by their club, by email to the Tournament Organisers (Lyn Carter or Cathy Nichols) at [anc@abf.com.au](mailto:anc@abf.com.au). Each club may nominate only one team. It will not be possible to enter through MyABF. Once the entry has been accepted, it is the players' responsibility to ensure that the entry fee is paid.
6. Nomination by the club is not required for entrants to the Australian Country Pairs Championship. There may be more than one partnership from eligible clubs. Eligible players may enter through the normal MyABF process.

We accept that there may be doubts about players' eligibility, especially in relation to their home clubs. There are good reasons why some players do not play regularly at their nominated home club. Please discuss these cases with Lyn or Cathy.

As entries to ANC events will be limited by the size of the playing room, a club wishing to reserve a place for their team can do this by advising the ANC convenors (Lyn or Cathy) at any time before entries open.

For those players who do not meet the eligibility requirements for the *Country Club Championships* and/or are not selected to represent their club, there will be concurrent three-day teams and two-day pairs events as part of the ANC program, open to all.