

AUTUMN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2027: COME TO ADELAIDE

The 2027 Autumn National Championship includes a two or three-day Matchpoint Pairs event, with qualifying, (semi-final) and final.

The Teams events will be held first, on Wednesday and Thursday 28th and 29th April, with the Open Teams final being held on Friday 30th April. The Open Teams finalist will each receive prize money; subject to sufficient entries, the first-placed team will win \$4,000 and second will earn \$2,000.

The other categories for the Teams events are:

Under Grand Master Teams (all non-Grand Masters, up to a maximum of 1,100 MPs per player),

Under Life Master Teams (all non-Life Masters, up to a maximum of 400 MPs per player).

The masterpoint limits apply at the 31st December 2025. Those two events have \$1,000 first-place prize money on offer.

Whilst the final of the Open Teams is being held, we will be offering two other events on Friday 30th April:

- the Australian Blue Ribbon Pairs: Open – a matchpoint pairs event, with masterpoints being awarded for all scores of 46+% per session, with separate categories (only the Open starts on Friday),
and
- a one-day Butler Swiss Pairs event for restricted players – Under Grand Master, Under Life Master (with the same limits as above), Novice (under 100 MPs per player) and Rookie (under 35 MPs per player).

The Australian Blue Ribbon (ABR) Pairs will have three categories:

Open – which is a three-day matchpoint pairs event – qualifying, semi-finals, final

Under Grand Master – a two-day event – qualifying and final

Under Life Master – a two-day event – qualifying and final

On Saturday 1st May and Sunday 2nd May, the Australian Blue Ribbon Pairs continues.

The Open players play a semi-final, while the Under Grand and Under Life sections play a two-session qualifying. Both events lead to Sunday's finals (and plate and consolation events), with carry-forward.

In the Open event, the Teams finalists will have automatic entry to the ABR Pairs, including carryforward. The semi-finals will be divided into two fields, A and B. The top two pairs from the B semi-final will qualify for the final, and the next two pairs qualify for the plate.

In all events, those who do not qualify for the final will have a Consolation field offered, with the format and prizes to be determined by the number of entries.

Subject to sufficient entries, there will be very attractive prize money available. The Open place-getters will earn themselves \$5,000 for first, \$2,500 for second, \$1,000 for third, with additional awards for the best Women's, Senior and SA pairs (not place-getters). The restricted events offer \$2,000 and \$800 for first and second place.

Please see the Prize List for the full offerings. There are prizes for all 1st and 2nd place-getters in ALL events. Come along and support this innovative event! You may find yourself in the money.

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