

2009 GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS

The All-Australian Tournament for players with beneath the status of Life Master

Conditions of Contest

ELIGIBILITY CHANGE - BENEATH LIFE MASTER

THE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE 2009 GNP HAS BEEN CHANGED TO "BENEATH LIFE MASTER"

Previously the eligibility had been "fewer than 300 masterpoints". GNP organisers are looking at introducing the "fewer than 300 masterpoints" criterion from 2010.

Minor changes since promulgation of this document on 18th February 2009:

27th February 2009

See Conditions of Contest, paragraph 4.10b and 5.4c

See Appendix 2. Northern Districts club added to Perth region.

See Appendix 2. Sydney region eligible pairs now 8.

See Appendix 4. Regional Organiser for Western NSW is Keith Feidler.

Regional Organiser for SW NSW to be announced.

11th March 2009

See 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, Appendix 1, paragraph 1

28th September 2009

Rewording of Section 6.5 and inclusion of Section 6.8

1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1 In 2009, the ABF will again stage the Grand National Pairs Championship of Australia (GNP). The GNP will be played as match-pointed pairs. The GNP is open to players *beneath the rank of Life Master* as at 1 January 2009.
- 1.2 The format of the 2009 GNP will be unchanged from the format of the 2008 tournament. However, there are some changes to the regulations. The most significant of these relates to eligibility. In 2009, eligibility will be restricted to those players *beneath the rank of Life Master*. Other changes to the regulations that applied in 2008 are relatively minor.
- 1.3 The 2009 GNP will have three stages. Early rounds (Club Selection) will be played in Clubs. Successful pairs from the Club Selection stage will be eligible to compete in a Regional Final. Successful pairs from Regional Finals will qualify for the National Final.
- 1.4 The National Final of the 2009 GNP will be played in Canberra in January 2010 as part of the Summer Festival of Bridge. Pairs that qualify for the National Final will receive a travel subsidy from the ABF. The subsidy will be sufficient to meet the cost of travel from the location of one's HOME CLUB to Canberra and return. The GNP National Coordinators may consider

applications from players who do not reside close to their HOME CLUB(S) for a subsidy from place of residence.

- 1.5 Gold masterpoints will be awarded to 75% of the fields in Club Selections, to 100% of the fields in Regional Finals and to 100% of the field in the National Final. Masterpoint scales for Club Selections and Regional Finals are given in Appendix 3 (see GOLD attachment).
- 1.6 Information about the GNP will be updated regularly and will be posted on the ABF website (www.abf.com.au).

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 **The 2009 GNP is open to players *beneath the rank of Life Master* as at 1 January 2009.** Information about masterpoint standings at that date are available on the ABF website (www.abf.com.au).
- 2.2 An exception is made for clubs with less than 30 Home Club members. A Life Master is eligible to participate in GNP Club Selection events staged by such clubs, provided that the combined masterpoint holding of that player and his/her partner does not exceed 450 as at 1 January 2009.

3. FORMAT OF THE GNP

The tournament will have three stages. Early rounds (Club Selection events) will be played in Clubs. Successful pairs from the Club Selection stage will be eligible to compete in a Regional Final. Successful pairs from Regional Finals will qualify for the National Final. Club Selections are run by the Club itself. Regional Finals are administered by a Regional Coordinator and a Regional Organiser. A list of Regional Coordinators and Regional Organisers is given in Appendix 4 – the GREEN attachment.) The National Final is staged by the National Coordinators.

4. CLUB SELECTION EVENTS

- 4.1 In order to qualify pairs to compete in the Regional Final, a Club must run a match-pointed pairs qualifying event (Club Selection). The Club Selection must be a minimum of three sessions and a maximum of seven sessions. A Club may run up to a total of 15 sessions (but not more) of Club Selection events.
- 4.2 A Club is not permitted merely to nominate pairs to play in the Regional Final; there must be a Club Selection event of not less than 3 sessions.
- 4.3 Clubs that normally have more than one session weekly may, if they wish, run two or more Club Selections; say, one Club Selection for the Monday players, another for the Wednesday players and a third Club Selection for the weekend players. (Each of those multiple Club Selections must be a minimum of three sessions and a maximum of seven sessions.) Unless scheduling makes it unavoidable, multiple Club Selections (e.g. for Monday players, for Wednesday players and for weekend players) should never be run in the same week.

4.4 For those clubs that run multiple Club Selections, **the maximum number of sessions permissible is fifteen (15).**

4.5 **Entitlement to places in the Regional Final**

4.5a. Each Club has an **entitlement** to a certain number of pairs for the Regional Final. For Clubs that run multiple Club Selections, the entitlement is based on the **combined** number of tables of GNP-eligible players that participated:

less than 5 tables of eligible players	5 pairs
5 to 7 tables of eligible players	8 pairs
7½ to 10 tables of eligible players	10 pairs
10½ to 15 tables of eligible players	12 pairs
15½ to 25 tables of eligible players	15 pairs
more than 25 tables of eligible players	20 pairs

This entitlement is firm irrespective of withdrawals. For instance, if a pair that qualifies through Club Selection is unable to play in the Regional Final, that pair may be replaced by any other pair that has played in a Club Selection event.

4.5b. When a Club runs a Club Selection, it undertakes to send a **specified minimum** number of pairs to the Regional Final as follows:

less than 5 tables of eligible players	2 pairs
5 to 7 tables of eligible players	3 pairs
7½ to 10 tables of eligible players	4 pairs
10½ to 15 tables of eligible players	6 pairs
15½ to 25 tables of eligible players	8 pairs
more than 25 tables of eligible players	10 pairs

4.5c. A Club that runs a Club Selection but fails to send the **specified minimum** number of pairs to the Regional Final may be denied the right to award gold masterpoints for its Club Selection.

4.5d. The provisions of paragraph 4 5c may be varied upon application by the Club to the Regional Organiser. The decision of the Regional Organiser with respect to such application shall be final.

4.6 Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraphs, a very small Club (less than 30 Home Club members) may enter a single pair of **Home Club members** directly into the Regional Final without running a Club Selection event, **but only at the discretion of the National Coordinators.**

4.7 The Club Selection is open to all club members, both home-club members and non-home-club members. In its sole discretion, the Club may also accept entries from GNP-eligible players who are not members of the Club. However, if it does so, those non-club members shall compete in the Club Selection on an equal basis with club members and shall be entitled to qualify for the Regional Final and to win gold masterpoints.

- 4.8 Otherwise, the conduct of the event is a matter for the Club itself and the regulations that normally apply to other events conducted by the Club should apply also to the GNP Club Selection event(s). It is prudent to have Supplementary Regulations for a GNP Club Selection. The Supplementary regulations should deal with matters such as the format of the event, scoring procedures, tie breaking, substitution and slow play. It is particularly important, especially for a Club that stages multiple Club Selections, to specify (i) the precise process of selecting pairs to represent the Club in the Regional Final and (ii) what happens in the event of withdrawals.
- 4.9 Because of inconvenience to Club members who are GNP-ineligible, it may not be feasible to run GNP Club Selections as “stand-alone” events. In such cases, the Club Selection may be integrated (stratified) into other events. Ways in which this might be done are set out in Appendix 1 – the BLUE attachment.
- 4.10 **Players’ privileges and obligations**
- 4.10a Players are permitted to participate in more than one Club Selection in their Club and may participate in Club Selections in more than one Club. However, please note that the provisions of paragraph 6.4 (below) will apply and will be strictly enforced.
- 4.10b A pair that enters a Club Selection event gives an implicit undertaking, subject to unforeseen circumstances, to play in all sessions of the event. Any player who does not play in all sessions of a Club selection event is subject to the jurisdiction of the Regional Coordinator – see paragraph 5.3c (below).
- 4.11 Club Organisers should endeavour to complete Club Selection events by 30 September 2009 unless the date scheduled for the Regional Final indicates otherwise – see the ABF website (www.abf.com.au).
- 4.12 Please note that **the ABF does not charge a Club for holding a GNP Club Selection event**. However it is prudent for a Club to structure entry fees (if any) for its Club Selection(s) in a way that takes account of the Club’s financial commitment to the Regional Final.

5 THE REGIONS

- 5.1 For GNP organisational purposes, Australia is divided into about 36 Regions. Allocation of Clubs to Regions is tabulated in Appendix 2 (the PINK attachment).
- 5.2 Each Region is administered by a Regional Coordinator who is assisted by a Regional Organiser (see Appendix 2 – the PINK attachment). The Regional Coordinator has substantial jurisdiction to administer the conduct of GNP Club Selections and Regional Finals held within his GNP Region. The Regional Organiser is responsible for the organisation and conduct of the Regional Final.

- 5.3 Powers of the Regional Coordinator include:
- a. Determining residential qualifications
 - b. Determining the eligibility of a player to participate in the GNP. (This regulation is intended to deal with players recently arrived from overseas.)
 - c. Determining the number of sessions any player must play in a Club Selection to be eligible for gold masterpoints from that Club selection.
 - d. Formulation of substitution regulations for Club Selection events, where it is deemed that the Club's own substitution regulations are inappropriate. An appropriate rate of substitution might be – one substitute at any one time per pair for not more than one session out of a three-session Club Selection event and/or for a maximum of one third of the total number of boards scheduled for the event.
 - e. Determining commitments (to the Regional Final) arising from a Club's staging of a Club Selection.
 - f. Determining commitments (to the National Final) arising from a player's participation in the Regional Final.
 - g. Setting entry fees and table money for the Regional Final.
 - h. Ensuring that no player participates in more than 15 sessions of Club Selection events. (Note that 15 is the maximum number of GNP Club Selection events that any one Club may run.)

5.4 The Regional Coordinator is **not** entitled:

- a. To vary the masterpoint eligibility (>*Life Master* at 1 January 2009) for participation in the 2009 GNP.
- b. To vary the maximum number of Club Selection sessions that any one Club may run.
- c. Subject to paragraph 5.3b (immediately above), to permit any Club to restrict the entry of any GNP-eligible, financial member of its Club from participation in any Club Selection that the Club may run. (This means *inter alia* that a club member who is financial but not a HOME CLUB member may not be excluded from participation in a Club Selection event run by his Club.)

5.5 The Regional Coordinator shall administer the GNP regulations sympathetically and may, in specific circumstances, modify the regulations in the better interests of the tournament as a whole.

5.6 There shall be no appeal against the regulations formulated by the Regional Coordinator. However, in the case of a dispute, a Club (or an individual) may seek a GNP National Coordinator to intercede on its behalf. Notwithstanding, the National Coordinator has no jurisdiction in the matter except to make a recommendation, and the Regional Coordinator is under no obligation to accept such recommendation.

5.7 Some Clubs are allocated to more than one Region. Such Clubs may choose to send pairs to one or other of the Regional Finals **but not to both**.

6 THE REGIONAL FINAL

- 6.1 The Regional Final is a 2-session event that will be played at a central location within the Region.
- 6.2 Entry fees and table money for a Regional Final will be determined by the Regional Coordinator (see Appendix 4 – the GREEN attachment).
- 6.3 Most Regions are entitled to send two pairs to the National Final. Some (numerically) larger Regions are entitled to send more than two pairs (see Appendix 2 – the PINK attachment).
- 6.4 **Obligations following qualification for a Regional Final**
- 6.4a Immediately a pair has qualified for a Regional Final through a particular Club Selection, neither member of that partnership is eligible to **compete (as contenders)** in further Club Selections. Either member of the partnership, or both, may **play** in further Club Selections (and win gold masterpoints) but must play as “non-contenders”. **This regulation will be strictly enforced.**
- 6.4b It is recognised that players may compete simultaneously in Club Selections run by different Clubs. Therefore, and notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 6.4a (immediately above), should a player qualify for a Regional Final *via* a Club Selection from one Club while also competing in a second Club Selection staged by a second Club, that player is encouraged to continue to play in that second Club Selection **as a non-contender**, rather than withdraw.
- 6.4c Should the circumstance outlined in paragraph 6.4b (immediately above) eventuate, and even should the said pair withdraw from the said Club Selection, the second Club shall lose no entitlements (pursuant to paragraph 4.5) regarding entitlement to places in the Regional Final.
- 6.5 Should any **player** who has qualified through Club Selection for the Regional Final subsequently withdraw for whatever reason, the Club has alternative procedures, viz. (i) the partnership shall be deemed to have withdrawn; such a pair’s place in the Regional Final will be filled at the discretion of the Club and by endorsement of the Regional Coordinator, (ii) the player withdrawing may be replaced by another player (who has competed in a Club Selection but who has not qualified for the Regional Final) at the discretion of the Club and by endorsement of the Regional Coordinator. The alternative chosen by the Club should be published in the supplementary regulations for the Club Selection(s).
- 6.6 Should a **pair** that has qualified through Club Selection for the Regional Final subsequently withdraw, that pair’s place in the Regional Final will be filled at the discretion of the Club through which it qualified.
- 6.7 The highest-placed pairs in the Regional Final qualify for the National Final. The number of pairs that qualify for the National Final is given in Appendix 2 (the PINK attachment). Should a pair that has qualified for the National Final

subsequently withdraw, that pair shall be replaced by the next highest-placed pair.

- 6.8 Should any player who has qualified through the Regional Final for the National Final subsequently withdraw for whatever reason, the partnership is deemed to have withdrawn. Such a pair's place in the National Final will be filled at the discretion of the Regional Coordinator of the Region through which it qualified.

7. NATIONAL FINAL

- 7.1 The entry fee to the National Final is \$400 per pair payable by the Regional Coordinators.

- 7.2 The National Final of the 2009 GNP will be played in Canberra on Saturday and Sunday 16-17 January 2010, at the National Convention Centre.

- 7.3 The National Final will be played as a match-pointed pairs event over four sessions, viz. Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday morning and afternoon. It is anticipated that session times will be:

Saturday	Session 1	9.30 am to 1.00 pm
Saturday	Session 2	2.30 pm to 6.00 pm
Sunday	Session 3	9.30 am to 1.00 pm
Sunday	Session 4	2.30 pm to 6.00 pm

- 7.4 The National Final will have a capacity of approximately 60 tables. Should the field not be filled by pairs that qualify through Regional Finals, the National Coordinators have the discretion to complete the field by invitation to "wild cards". Pairs that participate in Regional Finals but do not qualify for the National Final may apply to the National Coordinators to be considered as wild cards. Wild card entrants to the National Final will only be accepted on the understanding that they will receive no travel subsidy. (Wild card entrants MUST have competed in a Regional Final.)

- 7.5 There will be hospitality for participants at the conclusion of the National Final during which time the presentation of the trophy and medallions to the winning pair and of medallions to the placegetters will occur.

8. TRAVEL SUBSIDIES

- 8.1 Each pair participating in the GNP National Final will receive a travel subsidy from the ABF sufficient to meet the cost of return travel to Canberra.

- 8.2 The amount of the subsidy will be determined in October 2009. The airfare component of the subsidy will be based on prices listed on airline websites on 1 October 2009. Details of subsidies payable will appear on the ABF website (www.abf.com.au) not later than 15 October 2009.

- 8.3 Players may choose whatever mode of travel they wish. The ABF travel subsidy will remain the same whatever the mode of travel chosen.

8.4 Cheques will be distributed during the first session of the GNP National Final. However, exceptions may be made on the grounds of financial hardship and the cheques forwarded at an earlier date provided that the player concerned makes application to the ABF Secretariat explaining the circumstances.

9. MASTERPOINTS

9.1 Gold masterpoints will be awarded at all stages of the GNP as follows:

Club Selection	75% down the field
Regional Final	100% of the field
National Final	100% of the field

9.2 Club Masterpoint Secretaries must note that most existing scoring programs for match-pointed events allocate masterpoints to only 50% of the field. This means that some masterpointing (from 50% to 75% of the field) must be done manually. Tables to assist with masterpointing are given in the GOLD attachment to this document (Appendix 3).

9.3 For those Regions where the Regional Coordinator is the State Association, Club Masterpoint Secretaries must submit GNP masterpointing of Club Selection events to their State Masterpoint Secretaries. After endorsement, the State Masterpoint Secretaries will forward the information to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.

9.4 For those Regions where the Regional Coordinator is **not** the State Association, Club Masterpoint Secretaries must submit GNP masterpointing of Club Selection events to the ABF Secretariat (address below). After endorsement, the ABF Secretariat will forward the information to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.

9.5 **GNP Club Selection masterpoints must not be sent directly to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.** Should that be done, the masterpoints will be rejected.

9.6 The ABF Masterpoint Centre will bill the Club directly for Club Selection masterpoints.

9.7 Regional Organisers will be responsible for meeting the cost of masterpoints for Regional Finals.

9.8 For those Regions where the Regional Coordinator is the State Association, the Regional Organisers must submit masterpointing of Regional Finals to their State Masterpoint Secretaries for endorsement.

9.9 For those Regions where the Regional Coordinator is **not** the State Association, the Regional Organisers must submit masterpointing of Regional Finals to the ABF Secretariat (address below).

9.10 The Chief Tournament Director for the GNP National Final is responsible for masterpointing the National Final.

9.11 Some details about masterpointing Club Selection events, with particular reference to stratified formats, are given in the GOLD attachment to this document (Appendix 3).

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

10.1 It is possible that certain of these Conditions of Contest may require modification during the course of 2009. (Modifications will be made only when absolutely necessary and never whimsically.)

(i) In the case of a major modification, all Clubs will be advised by nation-wide mailout.

(ii) In the case of a minor modification, advice will be promulgated (in red text) *via* the ABF website (www.abf.com.au), and giving the date of implementation of the modification.

Should any Club (and/or its members) believe that it is disadvantaged by such modification, the Club should contact one or other of the GNP National Coordinators to seek recourse. Any such application will be dealt with immediately.

10.2 The organisational protocol for the GNP is given in the GREEN attachment (Appendix 4) to this document.

10.3 All the information about the 2009 GNP contained in this document is also given on the ABF website (www.abf.com.au).

10.4 Contacts

Should any individual player, a Club, a Club Organiser, a Regional Organiser or a Regional Coordinator require further information, please contact one of us:

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APPENDIX 1 – BLUE ATTACHMENT

Possible movements for Club Selection events

1. It is preferable that GNP Club Selection events be special events limited to GNP-eligible players, i.e. players *beneath Life Master status*.
2. However, this will often be inconvenient. In such circumstances, the GNP Club Selection can be incorporated into another event, typically regular Club duplicate sessions. Everyone would play in the same field but, of course, only GNP-eligible players could qualify for the GNP Regional Final.
3. The Club may run whatever movement it chooses for its Club Selection(s) provided that each Club Selection is at least three sessions, but not more than seven sessions, in length. It should be noted that the greater the number of sessions, the more gold masterpoints awarded.
4. Insofar as is possible, a Club Selection movement should be designed so that every competing pair meets every other competing pair. With large fields, this is rarely possible, so consideration should be given to having a permanent north/south field and a permanent east/west field. In these circumstances, the fields should be seeded so that the combined strength of each field is approximately equal. The combined number of masterpoints held by each pair is a convenient basis for seeding as well as being reasonably accurate.
5. Occasionally, there may be some doubt about the eligibility of players who are newly arrived from overseas. This question can be resolved by consulting the Regional Coordinator/Regional Organiser or one or other of the GNP National Coordinators.

Other matters

6. **Supplementary regulations**
 - 6.1 It is prudent to have Supplementary Regulations for a GNP Club Selection. The Supplementary regulations should deal with matters such as the format of the event, scoring procedures, tie breaking, substitution and slow play. It is particularly important, especially for a Club that stages multiple Club Selections, to specify (i) the precise process of selecting pairs to represent the Club in the Regional Final and (ii) what happens in the event of withdrawals.
 - 6.2 Clubs that normally have more than one session weekly may, if they wish, run two or more Club Selections; say, one Club Selection for the Monday players, another for the Wednesday players and a third Club Selection for the weekend players. (Each of those multiple Club Selections must be a minimum of three sessions and a maximum of seven sessions.) It should be noted that the **combined number** of tables in the Club Selection(s) is the determinant of the number of pairs that a Club is entitled to nominate for the Regional Final.

6.3 Irrespective of the number of pairs that qualify through Club Selection but subsequently withdraw, the Club's entitlement for the Regional Final remains unchanged.

7. Charges

7.1 The ABF does not charge a Club for holding a GNP Club Selection event. However it is prudent for a Club to structure entry fees (if any) for its Club Selection(s) in a way that takes account of the Club's financial commitment to the Regional Final. Those commitments include an entry fee for each pair that the Club sends to the Regional Final and the cost of gold masterpoints awarded in the Club Selection(s).

7.2 Entry fees and table money for Regional Finals are determined at the discretion of the Regional Coordinator. Such fees take account of the total cost of staging the Regional Final and vary from Region to Region. Entry fees that are already known are given in Appendix 4 – the GREEN attachment.

7.3 The Clubs are not charged for any of its players who qualify for the National Final. Pairs that qualify for the National Final will receive a travel subsidy from the ABF.

8. Contacts

Further information about possible movements for Club Selection events, supplementary regulations and costs can be obtained from:

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APPENDIX 2 – PINK ATTACHMENT

Allocation of Clubs to Regions

REGIONS (qualifying pairs^A) CLUBS

Brisbane (6)	Arana, Brisbane, Cards, Corinda, Eastern Suburbs, Ipswich, Northern Suburbs, Queensland, Redcliffe, Redlands, Toowong, Sunnybank, Western Suburbs.
Far North Queensland (2)	Cairns, Eacham, Tablelands, Tully.
North Queensland (2)	Cleveland Bay, Townsville.
Whitsunday (2)	Bowen, Mackay, Moranbah, Proserpine.
Capricornia (2)	Capricorn, Gladstone, Rockhampton.
Wide Bay (2)	Bundaberg, Gympie, Hervey Bay, Kingaroy, Maryborough.
Sunshine Coast (4)	Caboolture, Caloundra, Coolum, Moreton/Bribie, Noosa, Sunshine Coast.
Gold Coast (4)	Broadwater, Gold Coast, Helensvale/Southport, Mudgeeraba, Surfers Paradise, Tamborine.
Darling Downs (2)	Dalby, Darling Downs, Goondiwindi, Lockyer, Roma, Stanthorpe, Toowoomba, Warwick.
Sydney (8)	ARF Hopetoun, Balgowlah-Dee Why, Bayside, Bondi, Bridge at Club Willoughby, Bridge Inner West, Bridge Today, Bridgefolk, Carlingford, Carnavon, Castle Hill, Cheltenham, Concord, Cove, Double Bay, Easts, Epping RSL, Finesse, Forest, Forestville, Gordon, Harbord Diggers, Hunters Hill, Hurstville, Ingleburn, Killara, Kings and Queens, Ku-ring-gai, Lindfield, Long Reef, Macarthur, Manly Golf Club, Manly-Warringah Leagues, Mona Vale, Monash, Mosman Park, Narrabeen, Neerlandia, NSWBA, North Sydney, Palm Beach, Parramatta, Peninsula, Pennant Hills, Play Bridge Sydney Harbour, Port Hacking, Randwick, Reef, Revesby, Royal Sydney Golf Club, Social Bridge Ryde, St George, St George Budapest, St Marys, Strathfield, Sydney Chinese, Sydney University, Trumps, Turramurra, Western Suburbs, Wollstonecraft.
Northern Rivers (4)	Ballina, Ballina Seniors, Brunswick Valley, Byron Bay, Lennox Head, Lismore, Murwillumbah, Tweed, Twin Towns, Yamba
North Coast (2)	Camden Haven, Coffs Harbour, Grafton, Great Lakes, Hawks Nest, Nambucca Valley, Port Macquarie, Port Macquarie Panthers, Port Macquarie-Hasting Bridge Association, Taree.
Hunter (4)	Cessnock, Charlestown, Dora Creek, Hawks Nest, Hunter (Singleton), Maitland, Merewether South, Nelson Bay, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Quick Tricks, Strathavon, Tilligerry, Toronto.
Central Coast (4)	Brisbane Water, Central Coast, Central Coast Leagues, Long Jetty, Strathavon.
Tablelands-Illawarra (2)	Berry, Bowral, Bungendore, Goulburn, Illawarra Bridge Association, Illawarra Master Builders, Kiama & District, Kiama Leagues, Nowra, Southern Highlands.

South Coast-Monaro (2)	Bateman Bay, Bega Valley, Milton, Mollymook, Monaro, Moruya, Sapphire Coast.
Mountains (2)	Alinga, Bathurst, Blue Mountains, Canobolas, Hawkesbury, Hospital, Ingleburn, Macarthur, Mid-Mountains, Mudgee, Orange, Penrith, Penrith RSL, Springwood, St Marys.
Central-Northern (2)	Hunter (Singleton), Gunnedah, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Oxley, Tamworth.
North-West NSW (2)	Armidale, Coonabarabran, Glen, Inverell (Delvyn), Moree, New England, Tenterfield.
Western NSW (2)	Bathurst, Canobolas, Condobolin, Cowra, Dubbo, Forbes, Narromine/Trangie, Nyngan, Orange, Parkes, Wellington, West Wyalong.
South-West NSW (2)	Commercial Club (Albury), Cootamundra, Cowra, Griffith, Harden, Leeton, Tumbarumba, Tumut, Wagga Wagga.
Canberra (4)	Bungendore, Canberra, Capital, Cootamundra, Monaro, South Canberra.
Melbourne (8)	Alphington, Bayside, Brown Bridge Studio, Brownbridge, Dandenong, Eastern, Eltham, Kattery, KLTC, Knox, Melbourne, MCC, Moonee Valley, Northern, Ravens, Sunbury ^B , Theodore Herzl, Upwey, VBA, Waverley, Williamstown, Yarra Valley.
Gippsland (East Gippsland, West Gippsland) (6)	Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Paynesville, Phillip Island, Sale, South Gippsland, Traralgon.
Mornington Peninsula (2)	Berwick, Frankston, Dromana, Mornington, Mt Martha, Peninsula, Rosebud, Rye Beach.
Northern Victoria (2)	Benalla, Bendigo, Donald, Echuca, Macedon, Ovens & Murray, Shepparton, Sunbury ^B , U3A, Wodonga, Yarrawonga.
Barwon (2)	Geelong, Ocean Grove.
Henty (2)	Ballarat, Blue Lake, Bendigo, Donald, Hamilton, Macedon, Sunbury ^B , U3A, Warrnambool.
Tasmania (4)	Burnie, Devonport, Eastern Shore, City Hobart, Kingborough, Launceston, Tamar, TBA, Ulverstone.
Adelaide (6)	Adelaide Bridge Centre, Bridge in the City, Bridge in the Hills, Glenelg, SABA, St Vincents, Reynella
Country SA (2)	Blue Lake, Bridge in the Barossa, Gawler, Whyalla, Broken Hill
Northern Territory (2)	Alice Springs, Arafura, Darwin, NTBA, Palmerston.
Perth (6)	Armadale, BAWA, Canning, Community, Dianella, Fremantle, Gosnells, Italian Club, Kalamunda, Maccabi, Maylands, Melville, Nedlands, Northern Districts, Rockingham, South Perth, Swan Districts, Undercroft, Village, WABC, West Coast.
Country WA (2)	Avon Valley, Geraldton.
Great Southern (2)	Albany, Bridgetown, Bunbury, Busselton, Esperance, Kalgoorlie, Kendenup, Kojonup, Margaret River, Mandurah, South Coast.

Purposefully, some clubs have been allocated to two (or three^B) Regions.

^A Qualifying pairs means the number of pairs from each Region that qualify for the Regional Final

^B Sunbury has been allocated to three Regions, viz. Melbourne, Northern Victoria. The Sunbury Club may choose which Region in which it will play.

^c Country WA will have no Regional Final. One pair will be selected from each Club (Avon Valley, Geraldton) to represent Country WA in the GNP National Final.

APPENDIX 3 – GOLD ATTACHMENT

Masterpoints – Attention Club Masterpoint Secretaries

Gold masterpoints will be awarded, on an extended scale, at all stages of the GNP:

Club Selections	75% down the field
Regional Finals	100% of the field
National Final	100% of the field

1 Tables

- 1.1 Tables of masterpoint awards for GNP Club Selections and GNP Regional Finals are given at the end of this GOLD attachment. Club Masterpoint Secretaries (Club Selections) and Regional Organisers (Regional Finals) must use these tables to make masterpoint awards for GNP events.
- 1.2 Club Masterpoint Secretaries must note that most existing scoring programs for match-pointed events allocate masterpoints to only 50% of the field. This means that some GNP masterpointing (from 50% to 75% of the field) must be done manually.

2 General

- 2.1 For those Regions where the Regional Coordinator is the State Association, Club Masterpoint Secretaries must submit GNP masterpointing of Club Selection events to their State Masterpoint Secretaries. After endorsement, the State Masterpoint Secretaries will forward the information to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.
- 2.2 For those Regions where the Regional Coordinator is **not** the State Association, Club Masterpoint Secretaries must submit GNP masterpointing of Club Selection events to the ABF Secretariat. After endorsement, the ABF Secretariat will forward the information to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.
- 2.3 **GNP Club Selection masterpoints must not be sent directly to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.** Should that be done, the masterpoints will be rejected.
- 2.4 The ABF Masterpoint Centre will bill the Club directly for Club Selection masterpoints.
- 2.5 Regional Organisers will be responsible for meeting the cost of masterpoints for Regional Finals.
- 2.6 For those Regions where the Regional Coordinator is the State Association, the Regional Organisers must submit masterpointing of Regional Finals to their State Masterpoint Secretaries for endorsement.

2.7 For those Regions where the State Association is **not** the Regional Coordinator, the Regional Organisers must submit masterpointing of Regional Finals to the ABF Secretariat.

2.8 The Chief Tournament Director for the GNP National Final is responsible for masterpointing the National Final.

3. Masterpointing Club Selections integrated into other events

When Club Selections are integrated (stratified) into other Club events, masterpoints are calculated using the following procedure:

- a. Score the event as normal
- b. Allocate green masterpoints (or red masterpoints if the Club Selection is stratified with a red-pointed event) to GNP-ineligible pairs according to their finishing positions in the WHOLE field. This also is normal practice. Note, of course, that these green (or red) masterpoints go only 50% down the field.
- c. Eliminate GNP-ineligible pairs from the field and re-order final placings as if the GNP-ineligible pairs had never existed.
- d. Allocate gold masterpoints (by reference to the tables below) to the GNP-eligible pairs according to their re-ordered finishing positions. These gold masterpoints go 75% down the field, i.e. 75% down the field of remaining (GNP-eligible) pairs.
- e. Please note, of course, that GNP-ineligible pairs get only green (or red if appropriate) masterpoints and that GNP-eligible pairs get only gold masterpoints. In other words there is no double-dipping.
- f. Please note also that a player beneath the status of Life Master partnered by a player who is a Life Master constitutes a GNP-ineligible pair and, therefore, such a pair can only get green (red) masterpoints.

OUTRIGHT MASTERPOINT AWARDS FOR A GNP REGIONAL FINAL**TABLE 7. Less than 10 tables – one winner**

Place	Number of tables						
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 st	0.60	0.80	1.00	1.20	1.40	1.60	1.80
2 nd	0.42	0.56	0.70	0.84	0.98	1.12	1.26
3 rd	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90
4 th	0.20	0.27	0.33	0.40	0.47	0.53	0.60
5 th	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.35	0.40	0.45
6 th	0.12	0.16	0.20	0.24	0.28	0.32	0.36
7 th	—	0.13	0.17	0.20	0.23	0.27	0.30
8 th	—	0.11	0.14	0.17	0.20	0.23	0.26
9 th	—	—	0.13	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.23
10 th	—	—	0.11	0.13	0.16	0.18	0.20
11 th	—	—	—	0.12	0.14	0.16	0.18
12 th	—	—	—	0.11	0.13	0.15	0.16
13 th	—	—	—	—	0.12	0.13	0.15
14 th	—	—	—	—	0.11	0.12	0.14
15 th	—	—	—	—	—	0.11	0.13
16 th	—	—	—	—	—	0.11	0.12
17 th	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.11
18 th	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.11

APPENDIX 4 – GREEN ATTACHMENT

GNP organisational protocol

National Coordinators: John Brockwell & Di Marler jbrockwell@grapevine.net.au dianne.marler@santos.com.au	Responsible to the ABF for overseeing the GNP
Regional Coordinator:	Responsible for overseeing all GNP activities within the Region
Regional Organiser:	Responsible to the Regional Coordinator for organising all GNP activities within the Region, especially the Regional Final
Club Organiser	Responsible to the Club management for organising Club Selections

Regional organisation

<i>Region</i>	<i>Regional Coordinator</i>	<i>Regional organiser (where known)</i>
†Brisbane	QBA	
†Far North Queensland	QBA	
†North Queensland	QBA	
†Whitsunday	QBA	
†Capricornia	QBA	
†Wide Bay	QBA	
†Sunshine Coast	QBA	
†Gold Coast	QBA	
†Darling Downs	QBA	
†Sydney	NSWBA	
*Northern Rivers	ABF	Ernie Scott bridgeclub@twintowns.com.au
*North Coast	ABF	
*Hunter	ABF	
†Central Coast	Central Coast bridge clubs	Louis Koolen lkoolen@bigpond.net.au
*Tablelands-Illawarra	ABF	
*South Coast-Monaro	ABF	
*Mountains	ABF	
*Central-Northern	ABF	
*North-West NSW	ABF	
*Western NSW	ABF	Keith Fiedler 0432 523 552
*South-West NSW	ABF	

†Canberra	Canberra Bridge Club	
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†Northern Victoria	NRBA	Jan Hackett hackett5@bigpond.net.au
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†Adelaide	SABF	Dianne Marler Dianne.Marler@santos.com.au
†Country SA	SABF	Dianne Marler Dianne.Marler@santos.com.au
†Northern Territory	NTBA	Pam Nunn peanunn@internode.on.net
†Perth	BAWA	John Beddow bawaxo@q-net.net.au
†Country WA	BAWA & ABF	Noelene Law outlaw2@iinet.net.au
*Great Southern	ABF	Mike Trafalski Mike@cathednet.wa.edu.au

† Regional Final entry fee and table money at the discretion of the Regional Coordinator.

* Regional Final entry fee \$40 per pair, payable by the Club; Regional Final table money \$10 per player per session, payable by the player.