



# Player Survey

## Format - South West Pacific Teams / National Open Teams

The South West Pacific Teams (SWPT) is the major event in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the Summer Festival in Canberra in January. It currently runs from Monday to Friday over 14 rounds of 20 boards. The leading teams qualify to a finals series, called the National Open Teams (NOT). The NOT currently commences on Friday night, immediately after the SWPT, and ends in a 64 board final on the next Monday.

Over the years the ABF tournament committee has received a number of suggestions and tried a number of different formats for the NOT. There have been very few changes to the format of the SWPT.

The aim of this survey is to determine if the format of the SWPT and the NOT meet the needs of the tournament bridge playing public. Please return your submission including your ABF number to be eligible for a prize to be drawn on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2010.

ABF Number \_\_\_\_\_ (for prize eligibility)

### Questions:

1) Do you play in the SWPT?

- Usually       Sometimes       Rarely       Never

2) If you **rarely or never** play in the SWPT, what is the **main reason** for this? (Please tick one or two responses only)

- Wrong time of year       The SWPT is too long       SWPT venue  
 Canberra location       SWPT entry cost       Overall Cost  
 I play in the previous week of the Summer Festival as a preference  
 I play at the Gold Coast as a preference  
 Other - please comment \_\_\_\_\_

The following questions are for players who regularly play in the SWPT or have played in 2009/10.

3) How important are the following to you?

Please circle your response (1 = not important, 5 = very important)

	1 = not important					5 = very important				
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Masterpoints	1	2	3	4	5					
<input type="checkbox"/> The possibility of qualifying for the NOT	1	2	3	4	5					
<input type="checkbox"/> Playing in a prestigious event with competitive matches	1	2	3	4	5					
<input type="checkbox"/> The possibility of playing matches against strong opponents	1	2	3	4	5					
<input type="checkbox"/> Social reasons / Holiday	1	2	3	4	5					
<input type="checkbox"/> Playoff Qualifying Points (PQPs)	1	2	3	4	5					
<input type="checkbox"/> Other- please comment _____										

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4) Please indicate your preference for the following SWPT/NOT formats. In all options the SWPT consists of 3 x 20 board sessions per day with the current session times.

Please circle your response (1 = hate, 5 = like a lot)

1 = hate  
3 = acceptable  
5 = like a lot

- | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Current Swiss format.</b> 14 rounds of 20 boards from Monday to Friday.<br>(As now, the NOT would start on Friday night).   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Current format with 2 fewer Swiss matches</b> (plus a 1 day event on Friday).<br>12 rounds of 20 boards from Monday to Thursday.<br>A new one day Swiss Pairs/Teams would be introduced on Friday.<br>(This would allow the NOT to commence on Friday morning).   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Knock-Out with Swiss Repechage.</b> The SWPT will be a 14 round Swiss.<br>After 2 days (6 matches) the top 64 teams qualify to a knock-out section,<br>starting on Wednesday. The Swiss continues alongside the knock-out for<br>another 8 matches (14 in total). | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Notes on this format:

- There would be four 40-board knockout matches, played in 2 x 20-board halves, with the same session times and boards as the Swiss.
- Teams that lose in round 1, 2 or 3 of the knock-out would rejoin the Swiss, near the top of the field.
- Teams that lose in round 4 of the knock-out would qualify to a repechage final on Friday night and Saturday morning (of 32 boards) against the top 4 teams after round 14 of the SWPT Swiss.
- The Quarter Final (Saturday) of 48 boards would be followed by Semi Final (Sunday) and Final (Monday) of 64 boards each. Maximum number of boards per day = 64.

- Other:** If you would prefer a format not shown above, please give details: \_\_\_\_\_

5) Would you be inconvenienced if the SWPT started at 10:00am on Monday rather than the 11:00am start in 2010 and previous years, so that there would be no night play on Monday?

- Yes     No

*Thank you for your input. Please return completed survey to the box at the **Festival Desk in the Foyer by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January.***