

SYDNEY SPRING NATIONALS

To Be Held At

The Wynyard Vista Hotel

7-9 York Street SYDNEY

from

Friday November 12th 1999

to

Sunday November 21st 1999

Chief Tournament Director:
Tournament Committee:
Appeals:
GNOT Convener:
Spring Nationals Convener:

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Held Under The Auspices of

The Australian Bridge Federation Inc.

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The ABF, under its Tournament Regulations, reserves the right, in its absolute discretion and without assigning reason, to reject entries to any event conducted by it.

No entry for any event at the Spring Nationals Festival will be regarded as complete unless an entry form has been submitted with full entry fees paid for all members of the team, and all ABF numbers supplied.

Closing date for entries to the Spring National Open and Womens' Teams, is November 12th, 1999. Players from teams eliminated from the GNOT may enter the Congress Teams on the day, and their entry fees will be half of the standard.

GNOT entry is via State qualification only.

Teams which include player(s) involved in the concurrent final of the previous event will have the option of playing with substitute(s) on Day 1, or being included in the field on Day 2 with a score of 60 VPs.

Players must observe dress regulations: generally neat, clean and tidy: no thongs, no bare feet.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

GNOT Finals:

Qualifying rounds: Friday November 12th. 10.30 am – 11.30 pm
Saturday November 13th. 10.00 am – 11.30 pm
Semi-Finals: Sunday November 14th. from 9.00 am
Final: Monday November 15th. from 9.00 am

Spring National Congress Teams #1:

7 Round Swiss: Sunday November 14th. 10.00 am – 6.00 pm

Spring National Open Teams:

Qualifying rounds: November 15th, 16th, 17th
Session Times 11.30 am, 3.00 pm and 8.00 pm
Final: Thursday November 18th. from 10.00 am

Spring National Womens' Teams:

Qualifying rounds: November 18th, 19th, 20th
Session Times 11.30 am, 3.00 pm and 8.00 pm
Final: Sunday November 21st, from 10.00 am

Spring National Congress Teams #2:

7 Round Swiss: Sunday November 21st. 10.00 am – 6.00 pm

Times given in this brochure are advisory only: it is the responsibility of players to ascertain the starting times of the sessions and rounds from the times announced by the director and posted on the notice boards.

FORMAT OF EVENTS

Spring National Congress Teams:

These are 7-round Swiss events, with 8 boards per round, with a lunch break between rounds 3 and 4. Prize money is as follows:

1 st	\$400
2 nd	\$200
3 rd	\$100

Spring National Open Teams and Spring National Womens' Teams:

These comprise 9x20-board qualifying rounds, 3 on each day. At the end of the qualifying rounds, the 2 leading teams will play a 64-board final.

PLAY-OFF POINTS

Playoff Qualifying Points are awarded to eligible members of a team, provided that the team contains at least 2 members who are eligible to represent Australia, and that the eligible members have played at least 4 of the 9 rounds and, if applicable, 50% of the boards in the final.

Open Teams	1 st	36	2 nd	18
Womens' Teams	1 st	36	2 nd	18

ALERTING REGULATIONS

Opponents must be alerted in accordance with the ABF alerting regulations, as amended to 1998.

SYSTEMS AND CONVENTIONS

Pairs must classify their system(s) as GREEN, BLUE, RED or YELLOW using the ABF System Regulations adopted in January 1991 and as modified at May 1998. Pairs in any doubt about the classification of their system should submit a concise summary to the Convenor.

All pairs must supply their opponents with 2 ABF Standard system cards completed adequately to disclose their system.

All systems and conventions, including those categorised as YELLOW, will be permitted in the Open and Womens' Teams (only RED permitted in the Congress Teams) in all rounds and at all levels. Pairs intending to use a YELLOW system must have lodged an adequate system statement on an ABF standard system card, plus a maximum of 2 supplementary A4 sheets, with the Convenor, by November 5th 1999.

Pairs intending to use a YELLOW system only against an opposing pair which plays a YELLOW system must lodge a concise system summary with the Chief Tournament Director before the start of the first round of the event in which they wish to use it.

ENTRY FEES

Open Teams: \$360 per Team of 4, 5 or 6 players
Womens' Teams \$320 per Team of 4, 5 or 6 players
Congress Teams \$88 per Team

Cheques payable to Australian Bridge Federation.

ENTRIES AND SYSTEM NOTIFICATIONS

Entry forms are on pages 5 and 6. These, and system notifications, must be returned to the Convener:

John Mottram: 30 Little Street, LANE COVE, NSW 2066
Phone: (02) 9427 3392

HOTEL, TRANSPORT AND CAR PARKING INFORMATION

The WYNYARD VISTA Hotel is situated in York Street at the north end of the City, just south of the Harbour Bridge. The ABF has negotiated a special rate for players staying at the hotel: the price is \$130 per double or twin share, room only, plus 10% bed tax. Suites are also available. Other deals including meals and parking may also be available.

For reservations, call 1800 652 090 (interstate toll-free), or (02) 9274 1222. Hotel guest parking is limited, so state your requirements.

The Kingsford Smith bus service operates between the airport and the hotel for a fee of \$6.00.

Public transport is very convenient for local players, with the exit from Wynyard station only 100 metres from the hotel.

The ABF has negotiated a special rate with SUN Parking (was Wilson) at its Kent Street car park (corner of Kent and Margaret Streets). Vouchers will be available from the Convener for **\$16.00** (for all day parking from 7 am until closing). Evening only tickets are available at the car park for **\$5.00**. **The car park is not available at weekends.** It nominally closes at 10 pm, but will remain open until 12 midnight on November 12th, and until 11pm from November 15th. Reentry is not permitted on one voucher.

Lunch menus will be provided during morning sessions for collection before 12.30 pm. A coffee service will be available (at the players' expense). Bar facilities are available on the ground floor, and from 7.30 pm close to the playing area. Smoking is not permitted on the playing floor, but is permitted in the ground floor bar area.

The hotel has a restaurant on the ground floor, open for lunch and dinner.

SPRING NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS – ENTRY FORM

15 – 18 November 1999
9 Qualifying Sessions + 4 Final Stanzas

Captain		ABF No
Address		Telephone No
Player 2		ABF No
Player 3		ABF No
Player 4		ABF No
Player 5		ABF No
Player 6		ABF No

Entry Fee: \$360.00 per team. Fee must accompany entry.

SPRING NATIONAL WOMENS' TEAMS – ENTRY FORM

18 – 21 November 1999
9 Qualifying Sessions + 4 Final Stanzas

Captain		ABF No
Address		Telephone No
Player 2		ABF No
Player 3		ABF No
Player 4		ABF No
Player 5		ABF No
Player 6		ABF No

Entry Fee: \$320.00 per team. Fee must accompany entry.

**SPRING NATIONAL CONGRESS TEAMS #1
ENTRY FORM**

14th November 1999
7 8-board matches

Captain		ABF No
Address		Telephone No
Player 2		ABF No
Player 3		ABF No
Player 4		ABF No
Player 5		ABF No
Player 6		ABF No

Entry Fee: \$88.00 per team. Fee must accompany entry.

**SPRING NATIONAL CONGRESS TEAMS #2
ENTRY FORM**

21st November 1999
7 8-board matches

Captain		ABF No
Address		Telephone No
Player 2		ABF No
Player 3		ABF No
Player 4		ABF No
Player 5		ABF No
Player 6		ABF No

Entry Fee: \$88.00 per team. Fee must accompany entry.

MASTER POINTS

Open Teams: Level A: 6.40 Gold Points per match.
Womens' Teams: Level A (restricted): 4.80 Gold Points per match.
Congress Teams: Level B3: 0.96 Red Points per match.
Positional points are also awarded to teams finishing in the top third of the field.

