

NTBA

Supplementary Regulations for 2012 ANC Open, Women's & Senior's Teams Trials

- Introduction**

In 2012 there will be one selection event from which the Open, Women's and Senior's teams will be selected. **It will be a Butler scored pairs event** open to all players.

The event will be held at the Darwin Bridge Club rooms over the weekend of 16/17/18 March 2012. Pairs must commit themselves to play in all sessions. Players having difficulties with this should note that substitutes are allowed as per Section 4 of the Tournaments Regulations.

The NTBA retains the right to invite an 'extra' pair to contest the event, particularly to fill a half table. If the NTBA decides to invite an 'extra' pair (after entries have closed) any such 'extra' pair will be offered one of these two options: either pay no fees and be not eligible to gain selection; or pay full fees and be eligible. Note- whichever option taken must be decided prior to the start of the event.

- Entry**

Cost is \$25 per player and entries with payment close Wednesday 7 March 2012.

- Scoring and Movement**

Number of players	Friday 16 Mar	Saturday 17 Mar	Sunday 18 Mar	Total boards
4 tables (12 Bd) 8 pairs	7.15 pm 2x12	1.15 pm 3x12	10.00 am 2x12	84
5 tables (9 Bd) 10 pairs	7.15 pm 3x9	1.15 pm 3x9	10.00 am 3x9	81
6 tables (8 Bd) 12 pairs	7.15 pm 3x8	1.15 pm 3x8 7.15 pm 2x8	10.00 am 3x8	88
7 tables (8 Bd) 14 Pairs	7.15 pm 3x8	1.15 pm 3x8 7.15 pm 3x8	10.00 am 4x8	104

The Tournament Director will confirm session starting times when the number of entrants is known. In the event that there are less than 7 or more than 14 pairs entering the competition the Tournament Committee will decide the format of the competition.

If there are fewer pairs entering than places available in teams, then there may not be a selection event.

- The overall objective of the event is that, over the course of the weekend and as far as practicable, each pair will meet an equal number of times and play all others pairs over the same number of boards and that those matches will be Victory Pointed. Should circumstances

force the director to adopt slightly different procedures from those specified here, this objective should be retained.

- It will be a Butler scored pairs event open to all players.
- Full Howell movements will be used and pairs' initial seating will be decided by draw.
- Pairs will be ranked by aggregate VP's.

Pairs must indicate by the Thursday following the posting of results to the Chair of the Tournaments Committee or delegate whether or not they are willing, if selected, to represent the NT, and in which team (see below).

Places will be offered to the placegetters in order starting with the pair ranked first. The decision is to be conveyed to the Chairperson of the Tournament Committee (or delegate) on the Thursday following the formal posting of results from the Open, Women's and Senior's Teams Trials. This decision can not be later reversed and Tournament Regulation 14.2 applies. If any of these pairs are unable to represent the NT in any of the teams the place will be offered to the next highest placed pair & so on. Following NTBA policy an immediate answer is required from the pair - a "don't know" = No!

The process will continue until each team has three pairs. If, as a result of the Trials, a team does not have 6 members then such teams may invite other players to join the team (augment) such that no team has more than 6 players.