

GNOT 2012 Supplementary Regulations

1. Introduction and eligibility

- 1.1 These regulations supplement the NTBA Tournament Regulations.
- 1.2 The 2012 GNOT NT Trials will be conducted as a three stage event.

Stage 1

Heats in the northern and southern region conducted by affiliates and the NTBA as below.

Heat 1	Arafura BC	Mondays 27 Feb and 5 March
Heat 2	Palmerston BC	Thursdays 12 & 19 April
Heat 3	Darwin BC	Wednesdays 9 & 16 May
Heat 4	NTBA	Saturday 16 June
Heat 5	Alice Springs BC	tba

All heats are to be held in accordance with the NTBA Tournament Regulations and these Supplementary Regulations.

From each heat one team will qualify through to Stage 2. However, see 2.1.7 below.

Stage 2

Stage 2 will be held as a five team 3-session round robin on the weekend of 25/26 August. The two teams with the highest VP score qualify through to Stage 3.

Stage 3

Stage 3 will be a two team head to head match.

GNOT Final

See ABF Calendar

1.3 Eligibility

There are no restrictions on entry to Stages 1 & 2.

Contending teams only may play in Stage 3. For the purposes of this regulation 'contending' implies a commitment to represent the NT at the GNOT in the event of winning Stage 3.

- 1.4 Members of teams that have accepted a place in Stage 2 cannot play in subsequent Stage 1 heats in a team that accepts a place in Stage 2. However, they may substitute in a team of at least 4 other players as in NTBA Tournament Regulations 4.3 (ie 1 session only).

1.5 Augmentation

- 1.5.1 Teams of 4 or 5 qualifying for Stage 2, Stage 3 and for the final may augment to teams of 5 or 6. The team is to notify the Chief Tournament Director as soon as the decision is made to augment the team.
- 1.5.2 Substitutes are not allowed in teams that accept a place in Stage 2 or 3, except when NTBA Tournament Regulations 4.4 applies.

2. Stage 1 Heats

2.1 Northern Region Heats

2.1.1 If affiliate clubs do not wish to run heats 1, 2 and 3, then that heat will be run by the NTBA.

2.1.2 For heats run by clubs, the format of each heat is determined by them within the parameters of :

- it is held over 2 sessions
- the movement is head to head matches of at least 5 boards
- the club is responsible for management and costs associated with the heat
- \$3 per player per session will be remitted to the NTBA
- the heat is held in accordance with the NTBA Tournament Regulations and is concluded by Thursday 26 July
- results are notified to the Chief Tournament Director for GNOT as soon as possible after they are final, which would normally be the Thursday after the last session
- results are notified to the State Masterpoint Secretary within two weeks of event.

2.1.3 Heat(s) run by the NTBA will each be a 2-session teams event. NTBA heat 1 will be played at Darwin Bridge Club rooms, on Saturdays 25 Feb and 3 March June. Teams of 4, 5 or 6 may enter. The movement for this heat will depend on the number of entries and will be at least 5 boards per match. Cost is \$64 per team per heat. Entries to the NTBA Treasurer or delegate on the Wednesday prior to the heat.

2.1.4 Contesting players and teams may elect to

- ◆ play as the same team in different heats
- ◆ play in only one heat
- ◆ play with one pair in one heat and another pair in another heat.

However, see 1.4 above.

2.1.5 Posting of results.

The Director should formally post results on the NTBA notice board on the Wednesday following the last session of the heat at 1900 hours (or if unavailable, on a subsequent Wednesday). Results become official at 1200 hours on the following day (and after resolution of any appeals). The Director should notify the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) when this has occurred.

2.1.6 Election to contest Stage 2

On the Thursday following the posting of results the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) will invite the Captain of the first placed team to contest Stage 2. If the team declines, or has already won a place from a previous heat, then the CTD will ask the second placed team etc. If the results of 2 heats become official at the same time, then teams are asked in the order of the Heats from which they qualified as in 1.2 above, irrespective of the timing of the final session, posting and finalisation of results etc. If a team declines, then that team will not be asked again in 2012.

2.1.7 If no team from a heat accepts the offer to contest Stage 2, then the number of teams contesting Stage 2 is reduced by one.

2.1.8 If any heat has only 1 team nominated and that team wishes to contest Stage 2, then entry fees for that heat are payable.

2.2 Southern Region Heat

Alice Springs BC may conduct a Stage 1 heat for the southern region. From this heat one team will have the right to contest Stage 2. \$3 per player per session will be remitted to the NTBA. The heat is to be held in accordance with the NTBA Tournament Regulations and is to be

concluded by Thursday 26 July. Results are to be notified to the Chief Tournament Director for GNOT and the State Masterpoint Secretary as soon as possible after they are final.

3. Stage 2

- 3.1 Any team can enter Stage 2, irrespective of whether they intend to contest Stage 3 and go to the National Final.
- 3.2 Stage 2 will be played on Saturday 25 August and Sunday 26 August 2012 as a five team round robin. If there are not five teams for Stage 2 the NTBA will conduct this in a different format. If there are 4 teams there will be a 3-session 4 team double round robin. With 3 teams, a 2-session double round robin.
- 3.3 Venue is DBC Clubrooms at 43 Parkside Crescent.
- 3.4 There will be 3 sessions:
 - Session 1: Saturday 25 August 1.15 pm
 - Session 2: Saturday 25 August 7.15 pm
 - Session 3: Sunday 26 August TBA, probably 10.00 am.
- 3.5 Entry fee: \$96 per team (\$8/player/session).
- 3.6 Scoring and Movement.
Stage 2 will be played as a 3 session five team round-robin. Scoring is by VP using the WBF or Groner scales announced by the director at start of play.
- 3.7 Teams are ranked on their VP scores. On the Thursday following the posting of results the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) will invite the Captains of the first and second placed teams to contest Stage 3. If a team declines, then the CTD will ask the third placed team etc.

4. Stage 3

- 4.1 Only teams that intend going to the National Final contest Stage 3.
- 4.2 Stage 3 will be played on Saturday 15 September 2012, unless the 2 team captains agree otherwise but must be played by 30 September. If an Alice Springs team is in Stage 3, then it will be held in Alice Springs.
- 4.3 Session times:
 - if held on Saturday 15 September:
 - Session 1: 1.15 pm
 - Session 2: 7.15 pm.
 - if an Alice Springs team is in Stage 3 place and times tba.
- 4.4 Entry fee: \$64 per team.
- 4.5 Scoring and Movement
4 x 14 board matches, 2 matches per session. Each match will be scored usingimps.

Team seating rights will be determined prior to the start of play.
- 4.6 The team with the highest IMPs score at the end of Stage 3 will represent the NT at the GNOT final.