

GNOT 2020 Supplementary Regulations

1. Introduction and eligibility

- 1.1 These regulations supplement the NTBA Tournament Regulations.
- 1.2 The 2020 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	Darwin BC	February 2020
Heat 2	Arafura BC	March 2020
Heat 3	Palmerston BC	April 2020
Heat 4	NTBA	June 2020
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 four or five team 2-session round robin on the Sat 8 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 National Final 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 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 6 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 Saturday 18 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.
- 2.1.2 Heat(s) run by the NTBA will each be a 2-session teams event. 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 6 boards per match. Cost is \$64 per team per heat.
- 2.1.3 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.
- 2.1.4 Posting of results.
When results are final the Director should formally post them on the NTBA noticeboard and notify the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) when this has occurred.
- 2.1.5 Election to contest Stage 2 and Stage 3
For heats run by clubs, the sponsoring club will be required to issue the GNOT election forms (available from CTD) to teams and collect completed forms. These are to be returned asap to the Chief Tournament Director for GNOT (*tba*) or delegate.
For heats run by the NTBA, during the final session of each Stage 1 heat and in Stage 2 each team will be asked (by the CTD or delegate) to state their intention to proceed to the next Stage if eligible. If a team has already won a place from a previous heat, then they will not be asked again.
- 2.1.6 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.
- 2.1.7 If any heat has only 1 team nominated and that team wishes to contest Stage 2, then entry fees for that heat are payable.
- 2.1.8 If any heat is not run or cancelled (with no team nominated) then the NTBA may hold that heat at a later date and at its discretion.

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 23 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 8 August as a four or five team round robin. If there are not four or five teams for Stage 2 the NTBA will conduct this in a different format to be decided by the Director.
- 3.3 Venue is DBC Clubrooms at 43 Parkside Crescent (or otherwise with advanced notice to players and Director).
- 3.4 There will be 2 sessions: Saturday 1.15 & 7.15 pm.
- 3.5 Entry fee: \$64 per team per session (\$8/player/session).
- 3.6 Scoring and Movement.
Stage 2 will be played as a 2 session four 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.

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 22 August 2020, unless the 2 team captains agree otherwise but must be played by 12 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 22 August:
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 using imps.

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.