

Sydney Spring Nationals



19 - 27 OCTOBER 2024

SPRING NATIONALS MIXED TEAMS

PENLINE BUTLER SWISS PAIRS

GERDA STERN MIXED PAIRS

SPRING NATIONALS MATCHPOINT PAIRS

TBIB OPEN & WOMEN'S & SENIORS' TEAMS

BRIDGEGEAR INTERMEDIATE TEAMS

TWO MEN AND A TRUCK RESTRICTED & NOVICE TEAMS

RAINBOW SWISS PAIRS

DICK CUMMINGS OPEN PAIRS

SPRING NATIONALS INTERMEDIATE PAIRS

TED CHADWICK RESTRICTED PAIRS

SPRING NATIONALS NOVICE PAIRS

Gold Masterpoints & Playoff Qualifying Points

**Venue: Sky High and Galaxy Rooms, Level 2, Canterbury
Park Racecourse, 96 King St, Canterbury**

Chief Tournament Director: Simon Edler

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PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Sat 19	Sun 20	Mon 21	Tue 22	Wed 23	Thu 24	Fri 25	Sat 26	Sun 27
Spring Nationals Mixed Teams Qualifying	Spring Nationals Mixed Teams Semi-Finals	Spring Nationals Mixed Teams Final	TBIB Open Teams Qualifying			TBIB Open Teams Semi-Finals	TBIB Open Teams Final	
	Spring Nationals Mixed Swiss Pairs		Bobby Evans Seniors Teams Qualifying <i>incorporated in the TBIB Open Field</i>		Seniors Teams Final			
			Linda Stern Womens Teams Qualifying <i>incorporated in the TBIB Open Field</i>		Womens Teams Final			
Penline Swiss Pairs (Butler IMPs) Open Intermediate Restricted Novice	Matchpoint Pairs Qualifying	Matchpoint Pairs	Bridgegear Intermediate Teams Qualifying	Bridgegear Intermediate Teams Final	Dick Cummings Open Pairs			
	Open & Under 500 MPs	Finals & Consolations	TMAAT Restricted Teams <i>incorporating Novice Teams</i>	All-Day Duplicate Pairs	Spring Nationals Intermediate Pairs			
							Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs	
							Spring Nationals Novice Pairs	

EVENT DETAILS

All events award Gold Masterpoints. **Please note:** Masterpoint restricted sections may be merged if sufficient entries have not been received by the closing date.

Spring Nationals Mixed Teams

All partnerships (playing pairs) must consist of one male and one female player.

Qualifying: Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th October @ 10:00am and 2:00pm
8 x 14 board rounds – Swiss Teams

Semi-Finals: The top four qualifying teams play 56-board semi-finals on Monday 21st October @ 9:30am

Final: The winning semi-finalists play a 56-board final on Tuesday 22nd October @ 9:30am

Entry Fee: \$576 per team of 4-6 players

Early Bird: \$528 if paid in full by 1st October 2024

Mixed PQPs awarded as advised on the ABF website.

Play will finish around 6:00pm each day.

Penline Butler Swiss Pairs

Sessions: Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th October @ 10:00am and 2:00pm
8 x 14 board rounds - Butler Swiss Pairs
Scoring is IMPs against a datum then converted to VPs

Fields: Open, Intermediate < 750 MPs, Restricted < 300 MPs, Novice < 100 MPs
Separate MP restricted fields will be run if there are sufficient entries.
Masterpoints as of 1st July 2024.

Entry Fee: \$288 per pair
Play will finish around 6:00pm each day.

Gerda Stern Mixed Pairs

All partnerships (playing pairs) must consist of one male and one female player.

Sessions: Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd October @ 10:30am and 2:30pm
12 x 9 board rounds - Matchpoint Swiss Pairs
6 rounds to be played each day.
Matchpoints are converted to VPs.

Entry Fee: \$288 per pair.
Play will finish around 6:00pm each day.

Spring Nationals Matchpoint Pairs

Qualifying: Monday 21st October @ 10:30am and 2:30pm
Standard duplicate matchpoint scoring.

Finals: Tuesday 22nd October @ 10:30am and 2:30pm

Fields: Two fields Open and under 500 MPs

Entry Fee: \$288 per pair
Play will finish around 6:00pm each day.

TBIB Open Teams

Incorporating the Linda Stern Women's Teams & Bobby Evans Seniors' Teams

Qualifying: Wednesday 23rd thru Friday 25th October @ 10:30am and 2:30pm
12 x 14 boards rounds - Swiss Teams event with all fields combined.

Open The top four qualifying teams play 56-board semi-finals on
Semi-Finals: Saturday 26th October @ 9:30am

Open Final: The winning semi-finalists play a 56-board final on
Sunday 27th October @ 9:30am

Women's The top two eligible teams play a 56-board final on
& Seniors' Saturday 26th October @ 9:30am

Finals: *If fewer than 6 teams enter, the Linda Stern and Robert Evans Trophies will be awarded to the top placed eligible teams at the end of the qualifying stage.*

Entry Fee: \$864 per team of 4-6 players

Early Bird: \$816 if paid in full by 1st October 2024

Open PQPs awarded as advised on the ABF website.

Play will finish around 6:00pm each day.

Bridgegear Intermediate Teams

Qualifying: Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th October @ 10:30am and 2:30pm
8 x 14 board rounds - Swiss Teams event

Final: The top two teams play a 56-board final on
Friday 25th October @ 9:30am

Entry Fee: \$576 per team of 4-6 players

Early Bird: \$528 if paid in full by 1st October 2024

Play will finish around 6:00pm each day.

Two Men and a Truck Restricted Teams Incorporating Novice Teams

Sessions: Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th October @ 10:30am and 2:30pm
8 x 14 board rounds - Swiss Teams event

Fields: Restricted < 300 MPs, Novice < 100 MPs
*Separate MP restricted fields will be run if there are sufficient entries.
Masterpoints as of 1st July 2024.*

Entry Fee: \$576 per team of 4-6 players
Early Bird: \$528 if paid in full by 1st October 2024
Play will finish around 6:00pm each day.

Rainbow Swiss Pairs

Sessions: Friday 25th October @ 10:30am and 2:30pm
6 rounds x 9 boards – Butler Swiss Pairs

Entry Fee: \$144 per pair
Prizes awarded to best Mixed, Men's & Women's pairs.
Play will finish around 6:00pm

Dick Cummings Open Pairs

Sessions: Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October @ 10:00am and 2:15pm
12 rounds x 10 boards – Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

Entry Fee: \$288 per pair
Play will finish around 6:15pm each day.

Spring Nationals Intermediate Pairs

Sessions: Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October @ 10:00am and 2:15pm
12 x 10 board rounds – Matchpoint Swiss Pairs
Intermediate is for players with fewer than 750 MPs

Entry Fee: \$288 per pair
Play will finish around 6:15pm each day

Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs

Sessions: Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October @ 10:00am and 2:15pm
12 x 10 board rounds – Matchpoint Swiss Pairs
Restricted is for players with fewer than 300 MPs

Entry Fee: \$288 per pair
Play will finish around 6:15pm each day

Spring Nationals Novice Pairs

Sessions: Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October @ 10:00am and 2:15pm
12 x 10 board rounds – Matchpoint Swiss Pairs
Novice is for players with fewer than 100 MPs

Entry Fee: \$288 per pair
Play will finish around 6:15pm each day.

OPEN EVENTS

- **YELLOW** systems are only allowed in the TBIB Open Teams as per the supplementary regulations.
- **BROWN** sticker conventions and **RED** systems are allowed in all Open and Mixed events.
- All partnerships in every match in the Mixed Teams and Mixed Pairs must consist of one male and one female player.
- All players in the Seniors' Teams must have been born before 1/1/1961.

MASTERPOINT LIMITED EVENTS

Limits as of 1st July 2024 for the masterpoint limited categories in the Spring Nationals

Category	MP limit	Allowed Systems
Novice	100	Green and blue*
Restricted	300	Green and blue*
Under 500	500	Green and blue*
Intermediate	750	Green, blue and red

* No **brown sticker conventions** are allowed. In addition, a pair may be further restricted from playing any method the CTD judges may not be readily understood by a significant proportion of the players in any of the above fields.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Persons applying to enter the Sydney Spring Nationals should be aware of the following:

1. The Regulating Authority (The Australian Bridge Federation) reserves the right to refuse admission to any player who is not in good standing with any registered bridge club, bridge association or the Regulating Authority.
2. No entry will be regarded as complete unless an entry has been submitted before the closing date, Monday 12th October 2024, with full entry fees paid and ABF numbers supplied. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser.
3. All players resident in Australia must be current financial members of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme.
4. Players born on or after 1/1/1999 receive a 50% rebate on their entry fees to all events.
5. All session times in this brochure are provisional and may be altered by the organisers as necessary to ensure the smooth running of the event. It is the responsibility of players to be aware of the starting times of the sessions and rounds as announced by the Director and posted on the noticeboard.
6. Mobile phones and other means of electronic communication must be switched off whilst in the playing area. Penalties will apply for non-compliance (see ABF Tournament Regulations, Section 21).

7. Players reaching the semi-finals or finals of the Open, Women's, Mixed, Seniors' or Intermediate Teams must lodge their mobile phones (and other electronic communication devices) with the Tournament Director (or the Tournament Organiser) who will secure them during each session.
8. Systems permitted in the various events are determined in accordance with the ABF Tournament Regulations.

REGULATIONS

The System and Alerting Regulations for ABF Events apply to the Sydney Spring Nationals and can be found at www.abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFTournamentRegs2021.pdf

Supplementary regulations for the Sydney Spring Nationals will be posted at www.abfevents.com.au/events/results/2024/sn/docs/Supplementary%20Regulations.pdf

YELLOW systems are permitted only in the Open Teams. Pairs in any doubt about the classification of their system should submit a concise summary to the Tournament Organiser.

YELLOW System Notifications, including an adequately completed ABF System card and a bona fide defense, must be lodged by Saturday 12th October 2024 at sn@abf.com.au.

PLAYOFF QUALIFYING POINTS

PQPs are awarded according to ABF regulations to players who are eligible. Detailed information about PQPs and entry to the Australian Team Playoffs is published on the ABF website.

TROPHIES

TBIB Open Teams:	TBIB Open Teams Trophy
Linda Stern Women's Teams:	Linda Stern Women's Teams Trophy
Bobby Evans Seniors' Teams	Robert Evans Seniors' Teams Trophy
Spring National Mixed Teams:	Spring National Mixed Teams Trophy
Gerda Stern Mixed Pairs:	Gerda Stern Mixed Pairs Trophy
Dick Cummings Open Pairs:	The Herald Trophy
Bridgegear Intermediate Teams:	The Bridgegear Intermediate Teams Trophy
Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs:	Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs Trophy
Novice Pairs:	Spring National Novice Pairs Trophy
Restricted Teams:	Two Men and a Truck Restricted Teams Trophy

MEDALLIONS

Winners and runners-up in all events will receive ABF Medallions. The top pairs in the datums in the Open, Intermediate, Mixed and Two Men and a Truck Teams also receive Medallions.

ENTRY AND PAYMENT METHODS

Please Note: early bird discount for team events only applies if full payment is received by 1st October 2024

Entries and payments for all events are taken via MYABF

www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/967 All entry fees include GST.

Please Note: All information is correct at the time of printing however changes may be made at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser.

NEED A PARTNER OR TEAMMATES?


Contact the organiser Gary Barwick sn@abf.com.au Tel: +61 413 884 805.

VENUE


- Sky High & Galaxy Rooms, Level 2 - Lift access is available
- Canterbury Racecourse, 96 King St, Ashbury

PARKING & PUBLIC TRANSPORT


 Free parking onsite

 Canterbury Railway Station is about a 15 minute walk (1 km) from the venue.

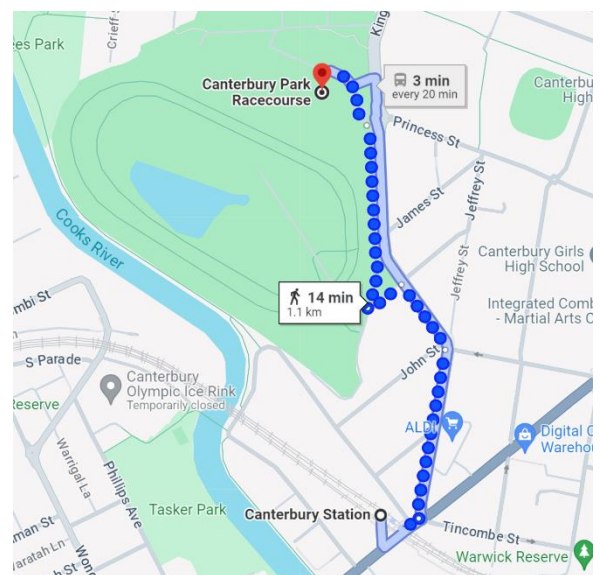
The 413 and 491 bus routes stop at the racecourse. Check [Transport NSW](http://TransportNSW) for the latest public transportation details.

 The 413 bus runs from Central Station (Railway Square, Stand J) via Lewisham Station to Campsie Station. Journey takes around 45 min from Central, including a 4-minute walk from bus stop at Roslyn St.

 The 491 bus runs between Hurstville, **Canterbury** and Ashfield Railway Stations.

 Alternative transportation is to book an UBER or a TAXI.

TripView is a great app for planning on public transport in NSW. Get it for your phone from the app stores: [TripView for iPhone](#) and [TripView on Google Play](#).



ACCOMMODATION

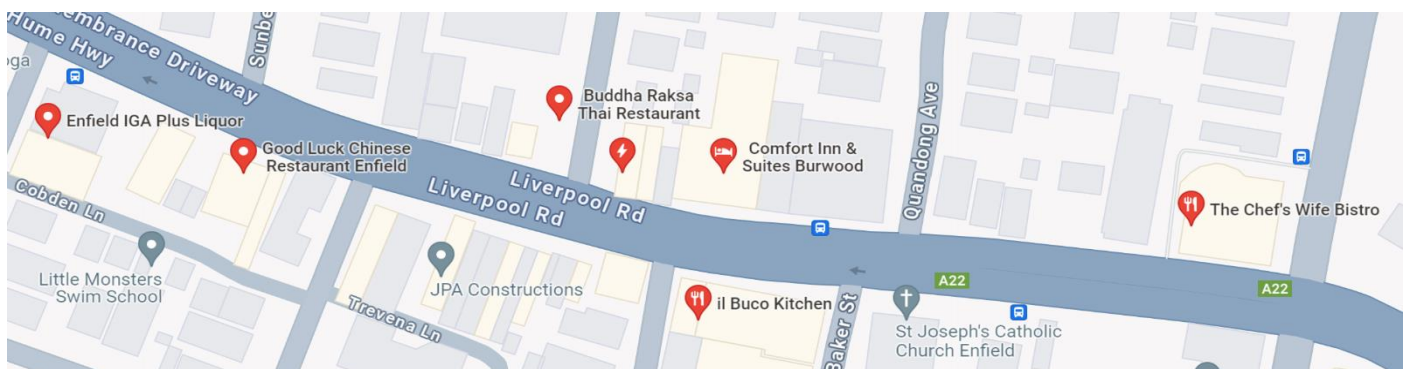


We have negotiated a deal with the Comfort Inn & Suites at Burwood. It is approx. 4 km from the venue. A courtesy bus is available to take you the venue in the morning and there's a return trip after play at the end of the day.

At the time of booking there will be a non-refundable 25% deposit over the phone. There is a 48-hour cancellation policy. When you book mention that you are playing bridge at the Congress at Canterbury Racecourse.

- \$149 - Single Room (Double bed, sleeps 2)
- \$159 - Standard Room (Queen bed, sleeps 2)
- \$179 - Basic Suite (Queen bed and a little lounge area attached)
- \$189 - Studio (Queen bed and a kitchenette, all in one room)
- \$189 - Studio Twin (2 single beds and a kitchenette, all in one room)
- \$215 - Family Room (Queen bed and 2 singles, all in one room, sleeps 4)
- \$270 - 2 Bedroom Apartments (Queen bed in one room, 2 singles in the other, kitchen and dining area)
- \$270 - 1 Townhouse (Queen bed in one room, 1 single bed in the other, kitchen and dining area)

There are several restaurants only a short walk from the Comfort Inn (Thai, Italian, Chinese, Australian Bistro) as well as an IGA supermarket with a liquor store. There is also an electric vehicle charging station nearby (marked on the map).



CATERING

☑ This venue is cash free.

☕ ☕ Free self-serve tea and coffee facilities will be available in the playing area. Free water fountains also in the playing area.

🍽 Lunch may be ordered, with three menu options rotating daily. In addition, a cafeteria will be open for the purchase of pies, sausage rolls, cakes and espresso coffee.

OUR SPONSORS

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Tasmanian Bridge Association Inc

The QBA has generously donated free entry to the 2025 Gold Coast Teams for the winners of the Intermediate and Restricted Teams. The datum winners (outside the winning teams) in these events win free entry to the Gold Coast Pairs.

The TBA has generously donated free entry to the 2025 Tasmanian Festival of Bridge Restricted Pairs Championship for the winners and runners-up of the Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs.

Bridgegear will provide the winners and runners-up in the Bridgegear Intermediate teams with book vouchers that can be redeemed at the Bridgegear stall at the venue.

Australian Bridge will provide the winners of all Novice and Rookie events win a year's subscription to Australian Bridge Magazine (Online version).