NEW LOOK FOR THE AUTUMN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026: COME TO ADELAIDE

The 2026 Autumn National Championship will now include a two or three-day Matchpoint Pairs event, will qualifying, semi-final and final.

The Teams events will be held first, on Wednesday and Thursday 29th and 30th April, with the Open Teams final being held on Friday 1st May. The Open Teams finalist will each receive prize money; subject to sufficient entries, the first-placed team will win $3,000 and second will earn $1,500.
The other categories for the Teams events are:
Under Grand Master Teams (all non-Grand Masters, up to a maximum of 1,100 MPs per player),
Under Life Master Teams (all non-Life Masters, up to a maximum of 400 MPs per player).
The masterpoint limits apply at the 31st December 2025. Those two events have $1,000 first-place prize money on offer.

Whilst the final of the Open Teams is being held, we will be offering two new events:
the Australian Blue Ribbon Pairs – a matchpoint pairs event, with masterpoints being awarded for all scores of 46+% per session, with separate categories (only the Open starts on Friday 1st May), and
a one-day Butler Swiss Pairs event for restricted players – Under Grand Master, Under Life Master (with the same limits as above), Novice (under 100 MPs per player) and Rookie (under 35 MPs per player).

The Australian Blue Ribbon (ABR) Pairs will have three categories:
Open – which is a three-day matchpoint pairs event – qualifying, semi-finals, final
Under Grand Master – a two-day event – qualifying and final
Under Life Master – a two-day event – qualifying and final

In the Open event, the Teams finalists will have automatic entry to the ABR Pairs, including carryforward. The semi-finals will be divided into two fields, A and B. Two pairs from the B semi-final will qualify for the final.
In all events, those who do not qualify for the final will have a Consolation field offered, with the format and prizes to be determined by the number of entries.

Subject to sufficient entries, there will be very attractive prize money available. The Open place-getters will earn themselves $5,000 for first, $2,000 for second, $1,000 for third, with additional awards for the best Women's, Senior and SA pairs (not place-getters). The restricted events offer $1,000 and $500 for first and second place.

Come along and support this innovative event! You may find yourself in the money.

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