

SUBSIDY POINTS POLICY

TBA POLICY RE TASMANIAN TEAMS AND SUBSIDIES FOR 2007 ANC TEAM MEMBERS [OPEN, WOMEN'S AND SENIORS]

1. Pairs selected to represent Tasmania will be given encouragement in the period prior to ANC to compete as a pair in Red Master Point events around the State, particularly in teams and teams-scored pairs events.
2. Attendance at the State team coaching session with Phil Gue on the 26th and 27th of May will be a mandatory condition of state team representation. This will be held where the majority of the State Team players reside.
3. State Teams' Playing Captains will be expected to arrange regular practice for and training sessions with their teams, independently of scheduled events, following consultation with the TBA Tournament Committee regarding the Captain's policies and plans for a program of such practice sessions.
4. For the six month period from January 2007 to early July 2007, all weekend Red Master Point events (and GNOT Gold Master Point sessions) scheduled in Tasmania have been assigned **Subsidy Points**, as under:

SUNDAY PAIRS:	- <u>Launceston</u> (January) ##	N	2
	- <u>TBA, Ross</u> (January) ##		2
	- <u>Kingborough ANC Fundraising</u> (May) ##	S	2
2 SESSION CONGRESS: 8 Hours Day (Hobart City - March) ##		S	2
4 SESSION CONGRESS:	- <u>Devonport</u> (February) ##	N	8
4 SESSION TRIALS (other than pre-selection event			8 (max.)
4 SESSION CONGRESS:	- <u>Tamar</u> (May)	N	8
	- <u>TBA Swiss Congress</u> (July): Pairs (2 sessions, Saturday)	S	4
	Teams (2 sessions, Sunday)		8
TAS. OPEN & WOMEN'S BUTLER PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS ##		S	16
TASMANIAN OPEN & WOMEN'S PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS		N	12
TASMANIAN OPEN/HANDICAP TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS		S	16
GNOT QUALIFYING MATCHES			4 (max.)
STATE TEAM PRACTICE SESSIONS (3 per session)			12 (max.)
Pairs playing in any one of 2007 NOT/NWT, GCC Tms, VCC, ANT			8 (max.)
OK-BRIDGE INTERNET PRACTICE SESSIONS			4 (max.)
TOTAL OF AVAILABLE SUBSIDY POINTS			= 116

These events have been scheduled before Teams selection for the 2006 ANC has been finalised.

NOTE: Subsidy points are awarded (subject only to Clause 6 of this policy document) to **PAIRS** selected to represent Tasmania in the 2007 ANC Open, Women's and Seniors Teams for the 2007 ANC in Perth. In particular, ANC Team Pairs in 5- or 6-player teams will be awarded Subsidy Points on the basis of the proportion of boards played in any event in their ANC pairings.

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Prior to the start of the 2007 Teams Selection Trials, the TBA Committee will advise what subsidies will be provided for members of 2007 ANC Teams.

Subsidies will include:

(1) Tasmanian State entry fees to ANC Championship events - paid in full, as will half the entry fees for any TBA-nominated direct entrants to Stage II of the 2007 Australian Butler Pairs Championships (Open/Women's). Any pair which is successful in winning a place in Stage III will have their Stage III entry fee paid in full by the TBA.

(2) Each Open, Women's and/or Seniors team member who satisfies the requirements of this 'Subsidy Points' policy will be paid a personal travel subsidy, which will be 80% of an advance purchase economy return airfare to the 2007 ANC venue, Perth.

NOTE: A letter of agreement regarding the specific requirements of the Subsidy Points Policy must be signed by each Team member prior to the subsidy being paid.

To retain a full subsidy [as specified above], a selected pair must accumulate at least **40 SUBSIDY POINTS** in the six months from January to July 2007. ***Pairs that fall short of this subsidy points target will have the monetary value of their original full subsidy reduced in strict proportion and will be required to refund the appropriate balance of their original full subsidy to the TBA.***

6. Payment of subsidies will be the responsibility of the TBA Treasurer as soon as the selection of Tasmanian State Teams for the 2007 ANC has been finalised by the TBA Committee, probably at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
7. Subject to subsequent ratification by the TBA Committee, the TBA Tournament Committee shall have the power to grant discretionary exemptions from the letter of this policy **for good cause**, on consideration of a written application from an individual player or from a pair.

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N.B. The Tournament Committee has been reviewing this policy through consultation with players who have represented the State in previous years at an ANC. A review was presented to the TBA committee and it was decided that the policy should remain in force.