



2026 STATE-WIDE PAIRS



INSTRUCTIONS TO EVENT ORGANISERS, DIRECTORS AND DEALERS

These instructions have been sent to event organisers and your club's designated dealer. Make sure your Director gets a copy. People who deal the hands are ineligible to win any prizes, and it is preferred that they do not play. All required files are available (password protected) via the SWP website.

1. The event

The 2026 State-Wide Pairs is a single session event held during the week of 1st-7th August. It is not a problem if you run your session in the week before or after these dates. It must be played face-to-face; online sessions are not permitted. All contestants play the same set of boards and the results are matchpointed across the state. The entry fee is \$10 per pair.

2. The SWP website: www.australianbridge.com/swp

All information and files associated with the State-Wide Pairs are accessed from the above website. General information, prize winners and links to the final results will all be posted on this page. Contestants should be told to access this site.

3. Dealing files and hand records

A link to these files was emailed to all clubs on 13 July. The files are in a password-protected ZIP file, and the password was sent by text message to the phone number supplied in the entry form.

The dealing files will be available in various formats, so make sure you know which format your dealing machine reads. There will also be a regular PDF hand record, in case you need to deal the boards by hand.

Please download them by mid-July, and deal the boards at least a week before the session. This allows time to resolve any issues that might arise.

4. Hand analysis booklets

These are for distributing to your players at the end of the session.

Two different formats of the analysis booklet are available. The Booklet version is recommended, but try the simple print version if you are having trouble with the booklet layout. Obviously you should print one test version before printing the copies for all of your players.

- **Simple print version:** This is a plain six-page document that can be printed and distributed to your players at the end of the session. If you want to print this as two-sided (three pages), then choose the "flip/binding on short edge" option.
- **Double-sided booklet version:** This is the same document, but the pages have been reordered to create a more attractive booklet format. To create the booklet, print the file in two-sided mode, in LANDSCAPE format, with "flip on short edge" or "binding on short edge" selected, and then fold the three-page document in half. If you have the appropriate tools, you might like to staple the edge to create a real booklet.

Please do not post any SWP hand records on your club's website before 10 August.

5. Players

Entry fee is \$10.00 per pair, i.e. \$5 per player. No players should be allowed to play in the State-Wide Pairs if they have previously played the hands at another venue. It's a single session event, so please encourage all pairs to enter. Casual pairs (i.e. those who don't pay the SWP entry fee) cause a lot of extra work, so please assist by listing all casual pairs separately as part of the results submission process.

6. Movements

Any movement which uses between 24 and 36 boards is valid. You can use whatever movement you would normally use at your club for the given number of tables. If using a Mitchell movement, seed the pairs and make sure the strengths of the NS and EW fields are approximately equal.

7. Error detection – checking opening leads

Not all clubs will have this ability, but please use it if you can. Computer software is now available that checks that the card led is held by the player on lead. Enabling this software will reduce the number of obviously wrong scores that are submitted, the most common ones being:

- The declaring side is recorded incorrectly (e.g. N or S instead of E or W)
- An incorrect board number has been entered
- The board has been fouled (misdealt initially or corrupted by players mid-session)

8. Fouled boards

If you discover a fouled board, award “average” to both pairs. If discovered during the session, reset the hands so that they correspond with the hand record. If possible, quarantine the boards after the session for a couple of weeks. The scoring process often identifies scores which suggest that a particular board at a particular club does not correspond to the hand record – it is helpful if the physical board is still intact so that we can check after your results have been submitted.

9. Local scoring, and awarding green masterpoints

Score the session normally. Optionally, you may award green masterpoints for your club session through the normal monthly returns to the Masterpoint Centre. The SWP is scored across the state, and Red Masterpoints at Level B4s awarded to pairs finishing in the top half of the field overall.

10. Submission of results

After you have scored the session on your club's computer, you need to either find or generate the .csv or .xml file (either is acceptable). Finding the xml file depends on the scoring program you use.

Compscore2 users:

The .xml file will be called the same as the session name and have a .xml extension. e.g. “Monday - Section A (4-apr-11).xml”. It is initially created in the folder C:\Compscore2\XML Results\.

Depending on the software your club uses to display results on the web, the .xml file may have been archived and moved to the folder C:\Compscore2\XML Results\Archive\. Check both locations.

Compscore3 users:

The .xml file will be called the same as the session name and have a .xml extension. e.g. “Monday - Section A (4-apr-11).xml”. It is initially created in the folder C:\Compscore3\Web\XML Files\.

Depending on the software your club uses to display results on the web, the .xml file may have been archived and moved to the folder C:\Compscore3\Web\XML Files\Archive. Check both locations.

ASE users:

Under Session, select “Produce P2P file” to create the .xml file in the location that you specify.

ScoreBridge users:

From the Results and Outputs window, click on “Make File” and choose “.xml file”.

Once you have located the file, compose an email with the subject heading *SWP2026 – your club name*. Attach the .csv or .xml file (see above). **Double check you have attached the correct session** – there's usually a date in the filename. In the body of the email, list all your non-competing pairs. If you don't do this, we will assume ALL your pairs are competing in the SWP and will invoice your club accordingly.

If possible, also include a copy of the results of the session. This can either be an attached PDF file, or a web address if the results are posted online. Detail any problems encountered – hopefully there will be none.

Address the email to swp@australianbridge.com and click “send”.

11. State-Wide results

Full results will be shown for each pair that plays in the event and hand records made available online after **all** competing clubs have submitted their results. You will be emailed when the final results become available – mid August if all clubs submit their results on time.

Relevant files and links will be posted on the SWP website: www.australianbridge.com/swp

12. Prizes

There are prizes in various masterpoint categories, so every pair is in with a reasonable chance of winning prizes. Any prizes won by your players and the certificates of achievement for the highest placed pair will be sent to the club.

The following prizes will be awarded:

- * cash prizes to the overall top five place-getters,
- * prize vouchers for winners and runners-up,
- * certificates of achievement to the highest placed pair in each club,
- * prize vouchers to the top pair in each of under 25, under 50 and under 100 masterpoint sections.

13. Payment

An invoice will be issued by Bridge NSW via email. **Please do not pay any money until you receive the invoice.**

14. Problems

If you have any problems, you can email me at swp@australianbridge.com, or contact me by phone if the problem is urgent.

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