

2011 STATE OPEN TEAM SELECTION FORMAT

The selection of the team will be determined by a 64 board Teams final – a playoff between the successful Butler Team and the successful WA Playoff points (WAP) team.

1. The Butler Team

Format will be as per the current stages 1 and 2 of the Butler, with the successful team being those pairs who finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd at the end of Stage 2. Players entering Stage 2 are required to declare their eligibility and availability for selection. Players can only withdraw if they are part of the successful WAP team, and if this occurs, their place(s) will be taken by the next highly ranked pair at the conclusion of the Butler.

2. The WAP team

WA Playoff points will be awarded for results in IMP scored BAWA and WA-based ABF Open events from March 2010 – February 2011. Point awards are as per the following table.

Event	Allocated WAPS					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Open Teams	22	12	6	6	4	
Open Teams – Winner Handicap Final*	6					
Swan River Swiss	18	12	8	4	3	2
Golden West	18	12	8	4	3	2
Interstate Open Butler Selection- Stage 1	12	6	4	2		
GNOT City Final	12	6	4	2		
GNOT Country Final	12	6	4	2		
Open PQP Selection Event	12	6	4	2		
Swiss Teams	10	5	3	2		
Swiss Pairs	10	5	3	2		
Summer Swiss	6	3	2	1		

* Player cannot receive WAPs for both the Open Teams Handicap Winners and Open Teams Final Placing.

All players with points in excess of 6 WAPs will be invited to form teams of 4 or 6 players. All team entries must be received two weeks before the WAP Team Final. The BAWA Tournament Committee will determine a minimum number of points per team for team eligibility, with 6 person sides having total points multiplied by 4/6 to achieve equity. All teams meeting this WAP points threshold will be invited to participate in the WAP Team tournament. The winner of the WAP tournament is eligible to compete in the Teams Final (see below). If only one team meeting the eligibility threshold enters, they will be declared the WAP Team without contest. If the Butler team has sufficient points to enter the WAPs playoffs, they may do so. If that team goes onto win the WAPs then they will be declared the State Open Team without further contest and a playoff will not be held.

A table of current WAP standing is kept on the BAWA website.

3. The Teams Final

The final consists of a 64 board playoff between the Butler Team and the WAP Team on a date in March/April determined by the Tournament Committee. If a team of 4 from the WAP final wins this playoff, they shall be appended by the pair participating in the final as part of the Butler team who finished highest in the placing at the end of the Butler trial.