

2012 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 of the Final.

Stage 2 of the Butler Trials will consist of two sections: the Final and the Consolation

Stage 2 Final: The final will consist of the top 14 pairs available for selection after Stage 1 **or** 50% of the eligible field (to the next highest even number), whichever number is lower.

Players entering Stage 2 Final 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.

Stage 2 Consolation: Pairs declaring their ineligibility for selection will be eligible to play in the Consolation along with those players who did not reach the cut-off for selection into the final.

2. The WAP team

To be eligible to compete in the WAP Final, players must have satisfied the following conditions:

- Played in a minimum of three BAWA State events and/or WA-based ABF events
- Meet residency requirements for BAWA State Team Selection
- Met the minimum board requirements (see Supplementary Regulation 5.6.4) for all events in which they score WAPs. If the event is multi-stage, they must meet board requirements for each stage.

WA Playoff points will be awarded for results in IMP scored BAWA and WA-based ABF Open events within the calendar year 2011. Point awards are as per the following table:

2011 Event	Allocated WAPS					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Open Teams	18*	12*	6	6	4	
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		
Interstate Open Butler Selection- Stage 2 Final	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		

* The Open Teams is a multi-stage event. Team members who meet board requirements for the qualifying stage, but not the final, shall be awarded 6 WAPs

[Current WAP Standings](#)

If an interstate pair (where both players are ineligible for WAPs) occupies a placing awarded WAPs, the WAP allocation shall drop consecutively to the next WA pair. (E.g., if an interstate pair wins the Swan River, the WAP allocation for 1st will drop to the 2nd placed pair, 2nd to 3rd, etc.)

Players may also apply to the TC to have Australian Open Playoff Qualifying Points (PQPs) earned outside WA within the calendar year added to their total WAPs. This can only occur if they have met the two criteria listed above, and earned at least one WAP within the specified period. It is the responsibility of players to request this addition by the cut-off point for the final declaration of WAPs – December 31.

All players with points in excess of 6 WAPs will be invited to form teams of 4 or 6 players. Teams entering as six person sides will have total WAPs multiplied by 4/6 to achieve equity. All entries must be received one week before the WAP Team Final.

A maximum of six teams will be invited to contest the WAP teams. If more than six teams enter, those teams with the highest sum total of WAPs will be invited (If two or more teams are ranked equal 6th by total WAPs, all of them will be invited to play).

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 as a single unit, they may do so. If this team goes on to win the WAPs, 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 available on the BAWA website.

3. The Teams Final

The final consists of a 64 board playoff between the Butler and WAP Teams.

If the winning WAP team is a 4-person side, the pair finishing first in the Butler trials shall be declared members of the state team and shall take no further part in the competition. The pairs finishing 2nd and 3rd in the Butler trials shall contest the Teams Final against the winning WAP team to determine the remaining team places.

If the Butler team is a six man WAP team, the TC will appoint a NPC.

If the winning WAP team is a 6 person side, then all members of both teams must be available to play in the finals.

WOMEN'S TEAM: The Interstate Women's Team selection format will be a Butler style movement. The top 3 pairs will qualify for the Team. Four playing dates have been allocated for a suitable duplicate movement. Playing times for the weekend will be adjusted according to entries.

This event is restricted to pairs able to represent WA at the ANC.

SENIOR'S TEAM: For players born before 1 January 1954. Four playing dates have been allocated for the senior's event. The event will be a Butler Pairs. Note: It is the player's responsibility to ensure that they meet the age eligibility requirements.

This event is restricted to pairs able to represent WA at the ANC.

STATE YOUTH BRIDGE: For those under 26 on 1 January 2000.

A Youth Selection Event may be held in March; details to follow. Team members are likely to be required to participate in team training and coaching sessions.

Note: Age requirements for both Senior and Youth may change – check the BAWA web site for notices