

2024 STATE TEAMS SELECTION FORMATS

OPEN TEAM SELECTION:

Stage 1: Evenings of Thurs 1, 5 and Mons 5 and 12 of February, 7.30 pm at Melville Bridge Club.

Open to All players, but players must declare their availability to play in the Open team at the 2024 Australian National Championships (ANC) in Orange, New South Wales, 6-18 July, 2024.

This stage consists of 4 rounds, IMP (datum or cross-imp) scored, to qualify eight pairs for Stage 2.

Stage 2: Weekend of 9, 10 March. 10.00 am Melville Bridge Club

Restricted to the eight-qualifying contending* pairs from Stage 1. A full round robin will take place over 2 days. The top three pairs will qualify for the teams. No substitutes (barring medical emergencies) will be permitted for this stage of the event.

WOMENS TEAM SELECTION:

Thursday evenings 4 and 11 April, 7.30 pm, Melville Bridge Club

Weekend of 13, 14 April, 10.00 am, Melville Bridge Club.

The IMP scored format will be determined by the number of entries. The top 3 pairs will qualify for the team. This event is open to ALL pairs (Women). However, non-contending pairs* must, at the start of the event, declare their status and their availability to play in the Women's Team at the 2024 ANC in Orange, New South Wales, 6-18 July.

SENIORS TEAM SELECTION:

For players born before 01/01/1961. i.e. the minimum age requirement for 2024 is 64. Players must therefore attain the age of 64 during the year of the event. It is the player's responsibility to ensure that they meet the age eligibility requirements. Non-contending pairs* must, at the start of the event, declare their availability to play in the Seniors Team at the 2024 ANC in Orange, New South Wales, 6-18 July.

Thursday evenings 18, 25 of April, 7.30 pm, Melville Bridge Club

Weekend of 27, 28 April, 10.00 am, Melville Bridge Club.

Format will be a Butler style movement. The top 3 pairs will qualify for the team.

* **CONTENDING PAIRS**– A pair who will be available to play at the ANC in the event category relevant to the selection event. Non-contending pairs state that they are unavailable for selection in the team.

STATE YOUTH TEAM: For those under 26 on 1 January 2024. (Date to be confirmed). Team members are likely to be required to participate in team training and coaching sessions.