



International Programme 2012

Open / Women / Senior

Bulletin One

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1. In 2012 New Zealand Bridge will send Open, Women & Senior Teams to contest the Mind Sports Games. In addition, a Youth Team will be selected to contest the Australian Spring Nationals in Sydney 24th to 29th October 2012. **(Details of Youth Selection covered in a separate Bulletin.)**
2. The place and time of the Mind Sports Games are not yet known but it is likely to be in September or October, 2012. The WBF should announce the time and place of the Event in the next few weeks. As soon as these details are known they will be published on the New Zealand Bridge website.
3. **Pairs seeking to be selected for a Squad must apply before 9th December 2011.**
 - A CV detailing the partnership performance history must accompany the application and pairs must demonstrate they have played in Events totalling at least 100A points since 1 January 2011.
 - **Squads will be announced on or before Friday 16th December 2011. Acceptance or otherwise of any application is at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel of NZ Bridge Inc.**
4. Pairs who are selected to a squad are **required** to contest the South Island, Centre Island and North Island Teams Tournaments.
5. Pair performances against Datum will form the basis for selection. The exact process to be employed to measure Datum results will be defined by New Zealand Bridge and advised before the first of the three above named events.
6. **The selectors will arrange squad members into Teams for the three events. It is likely that the Team membership will be altered from one event to the next and it may be that Teams will be made up of pairs from different categories.**

7. The first placed pair in each category will be automatically selected to the NZ Team for that category and the 2nd / 3rd and Reserve Pairs will be chosen by the Selectors at their sole discretion.
- 8. While there will be no Application Fee payable, there will be no equalization and players will be expected to arrange accommodation and travel at their own cost and make suitable arrangements well in advance.**
- 9. When making travel bookings squad members should factor in start and finish times at the Selection Events and take into account the travel time from venue to airport.**

**Otago / South Island Teams
Commences 11am Saturday
Concludes 5pm Sunday**

**Palmerston North / Centre Island Teams
Commence 10am Saturday
Conclude 5pm Sunday**

**Auckland / North Island Teams
Commence 10am Saturday
Conclude 5pm Sunday**



**Alister Stuck
National Secretary**