

SR02 – Open Team Trials

The Open Trials will be used to select the team to represent South Australia in the Open field of the Australian National Teams Championships.

Pairs interested in being selected to represent SA in the Championships will be required to nominate by an advertised closing date. Once a pair has entered the event, they may not change the nominated partnership unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Format

- The Open Trials will be run as a 14 pair (7 table) round-robin Howell movement
- Matches will be of 14 boards
- Scoring Method – Cross Imping
- The pairs finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be invited to form the SA Open Team (see note on intention to play)

Qualification / Entry to the Open Trials

Pairs may qualify to the Open Trials event in one of two ways.

- A pair placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the Open Trials Qualifying (OTQ) event will be offered automatic entry to the Open Trials – provided it nominates in the same partnership as played in the qualifying event.
- The remaining places in the 14 pair field will be offered to the 11 pairs finishing highest on that years PQP listing. This could be extended (up to 14 pairs) if not all pairs qualifying through the OTQ take up the offer.
 - To be eligible each player in a nominated partnership must have earned at least one PQP during the year.
 - PQP allocations for all qualifying events are listed in Appendix XX, and the current PQP ranking list of players can be found in the [Players section](#) of the SABF website.

Breaking Of Ties for entry to Open Trials

If there is a tie for the last berth to gain entry to the Open Butler Trials, then it shall be broken by applying the following criteria, in order, from the respective pairs' results in the selected events for that year, until the tie is broken.

- Total qualifying points of the nominating pairs
- Number of first placings of the nominated pairs, as a pair or as team- mates.
- Number of second placings of the nominated pairs, as a pair or as team-mates.
- Number of third placings of the nominated pairs, as a pair or as team- mates.
- Number of fourth placings of the nominated pairs, as a pair or as team-mates.
- Number of fifth placings of the nominated pairs, as a pair or as team- mates.
- Doubling the qualifying points earned in the Butler Trials Qualifying.
- By lot.

Breaking Of Ties for Final Placings

Should a tie occur for third place in the Trials, then it shall be broken on the following basis in turn:

- by Total VPs after the removal of fines,
- by number of matches won
- by net IMP totals, and
- Results of the head to head match
- by lot.