

SR01 - Women's & Senior's Team Trials

The Womens and Seniors Trials will be used to select, respectively, the Women's and Seniors teams to represent South Australia in 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.

The Trials will be scheduled such that the Women's event will be run first in one year, and the Senior's Trials will be run first in the following year. They will continue to alternate.

The pairs finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be invited to form the SA Team (Womens or Seniors)

Format

- Each of the Trials will be run as a round-robin Howell movement
- Matches will be of either 12 or 14 boards depending on the movement.

Number of entered pairs	Selection	Tables	Boards per Match
12 or more pairs	Top ranked 12 pairs	6 tables	12 bds
10 pairs		5 tables	14 bds
8 pairs		4 tables	14 bds

With an odd number of pairs (11, 9 or 7) entered, the MC/TC shall decide whether to

- Augment a non-contending pair of suitable standard (see Scoring Section for treatment of non-contending pairs)
- Select only the top ranked 10 or 8 pairs to make up a full movement of 5 or 4 tables respectively. Ranking based on scheme detailed next page.
- Where no suitable pair can be found, the MC/TC may decide not to augment a pair and run the movement with a half table (ie have a bye)
- Scoring Method – Cross Imping
- The pairs finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be invited to form the SA Team

Qualification (entry) to Trials events

Qualification to the Trials will be based on performance throughout the previous year. Open/Seniors/Womens PQPs and, where necessary, performance in selected events will be used to determine an overall ranking of the entrants as described below. The allocation of PQPs from various events is detailed In Appendix ?.

In general,

- PQPs earned with the same partner (or in the same team), as has been nominated will be counted at the full rate whereas PQPs earned with a different partner will be counted at a 50% rate

Ranking the Nominated pairs

Pairs will be ranked into, and within each of the 4 cohorts below.

The overall ranking will then determine which pairs will be qualified into the Trials event.

<p>Automatic Qualifiers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both members of the partnership played in the respective South Australian team in the previous year, and that team finished first or second. • Both members of the partnership have Open PQPs whether these were earned in the same partnership or not. • In exceptional circumstances the MC may allow an entry to the Trials for a pair that would not otherwise qualify. Examples – Player working away from Adelaide for extended period, experienced players only recently moved to SA, a country resident who cannot easily play in qualifying events 	<p>Category 1</p>
<p>Fully PQP qualified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both players have earned PQPs (at least 1 PQP each) 	<p>Category 2</p>
<p>Part PQP qualified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 1 player in partnership has PQPs 	<p>Category 3</p>
<p>Otherwise Ranked</p> <p>When neither player has earned PQP's the partnership will be ranked in accordance with their finishing position in following events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Trials Consolation (current calendar year) • Open Trials Qualifying (previous calendar year) • Other SABF events as required and determined by the MC/TC 	<p>Category 4</p>

Breaking Of Ties in the Trials

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
- Result of the head to head match
- by lot.