2026 NSW State Novice and Restricted Teams Championships

Eligibility

All team members must meet eligibility qualifications on the Masterpoint Centre update following 1st October 2026.

Novice: < 100 masterpoints

Restricted: < 300 masterpoints

Online entry: through MyABF.

There will be a limit of 30 tables due to room capacity, so early entry is advisable.

Entry fee: $50 per player, includes lunch both days.

Red master points are awarded at State Championship level. Supplementary regulations will be available on MyABF before the event.

Prize money

Restricted: 1st $400 Novice: 1st $400

(Other Prizes dependent on the number of entries.)

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Hosted by

Illawarra Bridge Association Wollongong

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November, 2026

Illawarra Bridge Association Hall, Figtree, Wollongong

Director: Alan Bustany



Illawarra Bridge Association

Convenor: David Havyatt

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Schedule of play:

Doors open each day at 8:30am.
Sessions start: Sat 9.30 am; Sun 9.30 am.
Players must be seated 15 minutes before play.

Please bring your system card. Yellow systems and brown sticker conventions are not permitted. All players are subject to Bridge NSW tournament and associated regulations.

Getting there

Wollongong is located around 1 hour south of Sydney at the end of the M6 Motorway. The Illawarra Bridge Association (IBA) club room is located in the Figtree Community Hall, 11 Princes Highway, Figtree (opposite McDonald's).

By car from the North

From the North, approach Wollongong via Picton Rd or the M6, then travel down Mt Ousley into Wollongong. Watch out for the speed camera at the bottom. About 1 km after the road levels out, move into the left lane and take the off-ramp that says "Figtree Wollongong (+Hospital)". At the end of the off-ramp, turn right toward Figtree. Travel south down the Princes Highway for about 1 km, and after a small bridge, take a sharp left into a park-like setting where the club is located.



By car from the South

Coming from the South, continue on the M6 travelling north, and stay in the left-hand lane passing under 'The Avenue' overpass. Take the exit titled "Princes Hwy, Wollongong EXIT". At the end, turn left onto the Princes Highway. After about 500 metres, once past a small bridge, take a sharp left into a park-like setting, where the club is located.

By public transport

It is approximately 90 minutes by train from Central, with buses available from Wollongong Station to Figtree. Please call Dave on 0414 467 271 if you need more information.

Wollongong

As a major regional centre in NSW, the city centre offers many accommodation options, a comfortable 10-minute drive to the venue. These range from B&Bs to motels and apartments.

Likewise, Keira Street offers a wide range of dining options, including clubs, restaurants, and fine dining.

Scenic Route

If you are travelling from the North and have time, you can enjoy the coastal tourist drive. Take the exit to Helensburgh from the M1.



The Sea Cliff Bridge at Coalcliff, part of the Grand Pacific Drive, featured in many film scenes where cars travel out over the sea.