



2027 Regional Championship Teams Event

Entries are now open to **Pairs** wishing to be considered for selection for the 2027 Otago Southland Interprovincial teams – Open, Senior, Women & Intermediate. (Note – this is a change from last year’s section criteria which was for team entries only).

Regional trials will be held (if needed) on **Saturday March 20 & Sunday March 21 Online**. OSRC policy is to hold any trials in the same format as the NZ competition round 1 qualifying format. OSRC trials are also likely to simulate the duration of the NZ competition.

Entries close at **5pm Wed 24 February 2027** and must include a completed system card. Trialists may enter for more than one grade but must indicate their order of preference. Note - OSRC retains the right to place pairs in the respective teams that it deems best meet the region’s needs – this may differ from the order of preference supplied.

The 2027 tournament is indicated by NZBridge to follow the 2026 format with rounds being played from 30 April evening to 2 May evening (2 ½ days) online with finals played face-to-face 5th November in Palmerston North, prior to Congress. Note however, NZB is currently surveying players and regions and both the format and timing is subject to change. We will endeavor to communicate any changes to trialists/selected players as soon as they are available.

If the format is unchanged, travel costs and Accommodation are the responsibility of the entrants, but we strongly suggest you ask your clubs to support a fundraising event in the case that you are successful in reaching the finals.

The trials are a key, but not sole, criteria in team selection. The regional committee retains the right to pre-select pairs and/or consider past tournament performance in its selection process.

NZB regulations allow for the teams to comprise 2 or 3 pairs for the initial online rounds, again at the regional committee’s discretion. IF current rules are applied then finals will only allow 2 pair teams. The non-traveling pair from a three pair online team will be decided by the committee.

Should you be selected, you can find the supplementary regulations that were supplied to the 2026 competitors that will give you some idea of the timing and

number of boards you may be expected to play online. It is rigorous. This year it was 14 x 12 board matches over the 3 days.

<https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/2026-regional-championships.html>

It is a condition of entry that selected pairs agree to be available to play as a team (as directed by OSRC) in at least two of the OS Provincial Teams, Central Otago Teams or Otago Southland Congress and in the National Teams in Dunedin.

Trials Conditions:

1. OSRC retains the right to use the scores of each match within the trials, however it sees fit, (ie scores between entrants in the same category may be weighted differently to scores between entrants in different categories).
2. If insufficient entries are received for the any grade the trial may involve matches against non eligible pairs.
3. In the event of the trials not being held, for whatever reason, OSRC reserves the right to select the teams without further trials being arranged.
4. A completed systems card will be required to be completed and submitted electronically to the committee prior to the trial weekend.