

The 2021 Newcastle Open has been abandoned this year, for the second year running and will be replaced by The 2021 Newy, the online version of the Newcastle Open.

The 2021 Newy will have a change on the 2020 version in the format to be played.

Entry: Still FREE!!, therefore FREE!! of prize money as well. It will however be a trophy event for the winner.

Also, glory, an entry on the Newcastle Club Hall of Fame and the possible chance to play in the Newcastle Champion of Champions tournament next year, if arranged, against players from the NEBA club in the UK are also on the line for the winner.

CHANGED format: The 2021 Newy Tournament will be conducted as a Single Elimination event. No re-entries. Win or go/stay home with thanks for entering and playing. Match points however will be increased on last year's event.

The initial draw will be contingent on the order in which entries are received via the received time on your email. Therefore the earlier you enter the more chance you have at any first round bye. eg: if your entry is the 6th received your grid position will be number 6 on the draw sheet. This position will be notified to you via an entry confirmation email. As I have no idea how many entries are likely, the tournament director (me) reserves position 13 which may or may not be a first round bye position.

Matches may be played on any platform by agreement but Backgammon Galaxy will be the default where there is no other mutual site. There will be 4 days to complete each match. Matches will be forwarded as they become available with an expected completion date for that particular match.

Match grids will be posted on the Newcastle Backgammon Club website at <https://www.newcastlebackgammon.org/OpenDetails.html> . As the grid will be updated ASAP, players who see any match that appears on the playing grid before being notified may arrange and play that match.

Match Lengths:

Initial rounds through to the Top 16: 11 points

Top 16: 13 points

Top 8 (1/4 Finals): 15 points

Semi Finals: 17 points

Final: 21 Points.

Entries are open as of the receipt of this notification on Monday 30/08/21 and close Friday 10/9/21 with the draw being posted Sunday 12/9/21, the date the Newcastle Open was to be played.

To enter please email the following details to rdiz@newcastlebackgammon.org **not the bigpond address you may receive this form from.**

Name (as it appears on the AusBGF rating table. eg: Robert Disney is different to Rob as far as the rating's system is concerned)

Galaxy Userid

Phone Number

Please note that your email address will be forwarded to the playing group for game arrangements.

Also, please add rdiz@newcastlebackgammon.org to your list of friend's email addresses so that you don't miss match notifications.