



# NATIONAL OPEN PAIRS: REGIONAL QUALIFYING HEAT 2026

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. Dates:** 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- 2. Times:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 20.00  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 16:00  
*Times may change depending on number of entries*
- 3. Venue:** Escola Hoteleira  
Tv. dos Piornais 33, São Martinho, 9000-246 Funchal
- 4. Director:** To be announced
- 5. Entries:** By **12<sup>th</sup> January** by email to [info@abridgemadeira.com](mailto:info@abridgemadeira.com) or [abm@abridgemadeira.com](mailto:abm@abridgemadeira.com)
- 6. Entry fee:** In accordance with the current ABM Table of Fees, payable at the start of the tournament
- 7. Subscriptions:** Annual membership fees must be paid up at the time of submitting an entry
- 8. Format:** Dependent upon number of entries
- 9. FPBridge regulation:** Not yet available
- 10. DRD\* requirement:** A minimum of 5 pairs from 3 different clubs
- 11. Qualifying:** The winning pair will be eligible to represent ABM in the National Open Pairs Championship. Depending on the number of pairs entered, ABM may decide to support one or more pairs.
- 12. Confirmation:** The qualifying pairs must confirm their intention to play in the National finals **by the end of the third day following the end of the tournament**
- 13. Substitutes:** Eligible to 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- 14. National finals:** The National final will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February, at the Centro de Bridge de Lisboa
- 15. ABM subsidy:** The winning pair is guaranteed support in accordance with ABM regulations for 2026. Any other pairs supported by ABM will be subject to the same regulations. DRD\* support is available only to pairs ranked in the top three places.

\* DRD = Direção Regional de Desporto: department of the Regional Government