

CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES CLUB BRIDGE CLUB

Club Tournament Regulations

All events in the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club are conducted under the:

- Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge 2017
- supplemented by the Tournament Regulations of the NSWBA as amended,
- any Supplementary Regulations provided for external competitions (such as the GNOT and GNP) and
- these Club regulations below

In the case of conflict between these Club Regulations and the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, the Club Tournament Regulations shall apply.

- Any Supplementary Tournament Regulations that may be determined for specific Club events.

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1. Players known to have earned masterpoints with another National Bridge Organization (NBO)

These players are not permitted to play in tournaments that are restricted by total masterpoints earned, unless they produce recent documentary evidence which shows that, when these NBO masterpoints* are combined with masterpoints earned in the ABF MP Scheme, the total masterpoints satisfies the tournament restrictions.

* In order to calculate the NBO masterpoints earned by the player(s), the conversion schedules in the ABF MP Scheme are to be applied.

From the ABF Masterpoint Manual (1.3.4):

- 1 New Zealand A point = 1 Australian gold point
- 1 New Zealand B point = 1 Australian red point
- 1 New Zealand C point = 0.01 Australian green point.
- 1 UK local point = 0.005 Australian green point + 0.005 Australian red point
- 1 UK green point = 2.50 Australian gold point

2. Minimum number of tables for allocation of masterpoints

All tournaments, at any masterpoint level, will be conducted according to the ABF masterpoint regulations. That is, minimum number of tables for all events:

Teams	2
Pairs (Howell)	3
Pairs (other)	4

3. Non-Playing Directors

For all Club Championship and Red Point events, the Director shall be non-playing, except in the case of an emergency.

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4. Club Recorder

There will be a Recorder for each Club Tournament. This person will be the Club Recorder, as appointed by the Management Committee according to the Club By-Laws. In the case of extended absence of the Recorder, the Management Committee may appoint a Temporary Recorder for a specific period.

5. Protected Pair Status

- Eligible players may claim protection against Brown Sticker Conventions in any Club Green (E) point event, but not for Club Championships or Red point events
- Pairs playing Brown Sticker conventions must not use these against an eligible pair who claims protected status
- Eligible pairs are:
 - a) Both below *Local Master
 - OR b) One player below Graduate Master
- To claim protection, an eligible pair must display an orange sticker (available from the director) on each of their system cards

6. Substitutions in Club Championship or Multi-session Trophy Events

a) Pairs Events

- No substitute is permitted.
- If circumstances cause one player of a pair to be unavailable subsequent to the first session of an event, the Director may choose to allow an alternative player to participate in order to preserve the integrity of the competition. The pair affected will not be eligible to win the event. Such an alternative player should meet the requirement of an official substitute.

b) Teams Events

- Teams may comprise 4, 5 or 6 players
- One substitute is permitted for a 2-session event
- Two substitutes are permitted for a 3-session event
- A substitute plays for 1 session (or less)
- Each member (excluding substitute members) of the winning team will be named as winners except for any member who has played less than 40% of the available boards

7. Substitution Procedures

Definitions in relation to substitutes, their legality and procedures for Directors are as per NSWBA Tournament Regulations (4.5) except:

- The Director must be notified at least 24 hours before the session about the need for a substitute and the identity of that proposed substitute
- The Director, in conjunction with the Tournament Organiser, decides if the substitute is of *equivalent standard*
- Cases in doubt must be referred to the Tournament Committee
- The *Substitute Application Form* must be completed and submitted at least 30 minutes before the session

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8. Mobile Phones

8.1 Before the commencement of each match or stanza, the Director should instruct players to switch off their mobile phones. However, players cannot rely upon such an instruction and failure of the Director to issue it in no way diminishes:

- (a) A player's obligation to observe all regulations that apply to mobile phones
- (b) The penalties that may apply.

8.2 If a player feels the need to keep their mobile phone whilst playing the Director must be informed before the start of play.

- (a) The player may keep their phone with them which must be switched to silent and vibrate.
- (b) When alerted by the vibration the player may leave the playing area at the conclusion of the hand being played to attend to the call.

8.3 If a player's phone sounds and is switched off immediately there will be no penalty unless this occurs again in the same session. If a player answers their phone during a session then that player's unit will be penalised as follows:

	In a match involving a total of 30 VPs	In a matchpoint pairs event
First offence	1 VP	10% of a top
Second offence	3 VP	50% of a top
Third and subsequent offence	6 VP	100% of a top

9. Display of Final Contract

9.1 When bidding boxes are in use, after the opening lead is faced players are to return the bidding cards to the boxes, with the exception of the final contract.

9.2 Either declarer or dummy, as appropriate, is to place their cards on top of the board, so that the final contract is displayed, but not the bidding.

10. Scoring Errors

10.1 After a result scored electronically is published to the website, players have 48 hours to notify the Director of any scoring errors.

10.2 If manual scoring has been used the results are conditional until checked by the Director of the next playing session. Notification of errors must occur within 48 hours of the publication of results.

10.3 Exceptions to the 48 hour limit will only be made in the interests of natural justice.

11. New Boards

A "new board" is defined as started if the first call has been made.

If the first call on a board has not been made when the Director announces "no new boards" then the board must not be started and the Director must be called.

The Director, depending on circumstances and at their discretion, will take any legal action according to the Laws of Bridge.