

## 5.2 CONGRESS TOURNAMENT GRADES

### 5.2.1 Grade B5 - Red

This grade is for events, other than the major championships, within a B4 Congress. It is also used for walk-in events in B3 Congresses, and some Bridge Tours major events sessions (see clause 5.1.2).

- Weighting: 2.0

### 5.2.2 Grade B4 - Red

This grade is for major Championships in State-controlled Congresses, Bridge Tours, and for minor events in Super Congresses. It is also used for walk-in events in A3 Congresses.

- Weighting: 2.5

### 5.2.3 Grade B3 - Red

This grade is for Super Congress Championships and for minor events in A3 Congresses.

- Weighting: 3.75

### 5.2.4 Grade A3 - Gold

This grade is solely for ABF Super Congress Championships.

- Weighting: 3.75

## 5.3 CONGRESS EVENTS

### 5.3.1 Congress Championships

Each grade B4 Congress may include two major championships, each of at least two sessions:

- Open Pairs - Open Teams

Each grade A3 or B3 Congress may include these two championships and one additional major championship, provided it is of at least 4 sessions.

An exception occurs in the case of Congresses run in parallel with any National or International Championship (see clauses 5.1.3 and 5.1.4) when the number of major championships may be increased to 6 (excluding single session events). No side Congress event may be played at A3 level.

These championships have a tournament grade as defined by the Congress type (B4, B3 or A3) and are subject to the session acceleration described in clause 5.4.2.

### 5.3.2 Restricted events

Restricted events conducted concurrently with Congress Championships retain the same grade and session acceleration, but are subject to an adjustment by the appropriate Master Factor (see clause 4.4.9).

### 5.3.3 Minor events

All other events conducted at a Congress drop one grade, i.e. B4 to B5, B3 to B4 and A3 to B3, in the last case changing from gold to red points. An exception occurs in the case of walk-in events which are grade B5 in the case of B4 and B3 Congresses, and grade B4 in the case of A3 Congresses. If a walk-in final (open only to place-getters from the heats) is played, no final premium applies, but an outright award based on the average number of tables in all heats and  $S = 2$ , will be given.

In the case of large Congresses (number of table-sessions for the whole Congress exceeding 200), one additional (minor) championship of at least two sessions may be nominated for every 100 table-sessions in excess of 100. Such minor championships receive the same acceleration as the major championships.

## 5.4 MASTERPOINTING CONGRESSES

### 5.4.1 Procedure

The masterpointing of grade B4 and B3 Congresses is the responsibility of State Masterpoint Secretaries. The secretaries may delegate this responsibility to nominees, who must have a thorough knowledge of the Masterpoint Scheme.

The results should be forwarded to the ABF Masterpoint Centre using email, the special forms provided, or on a computer disc, together with details of the authorization. The Centre shall prepare and issue a report to the Congress convener, with a copy to the State Masterpoint Secretary.

Masterpointing of grade A3 Congresses is the responsibility of the ABF Masterpoint Unit; it should be done under the supervision of the Goldpoint Coordinator, who will then forward the credit files to the Centre - ref. clause 7.5.1.

### 5.4.2 Congress acceleration factor

Congresses are masterpointed in the standard manner, except that the outright award for Congress Championships (apart from Bridge Tours and Cruises) benefits from an acceleration factor of one session. Thus for a two session event use the outright award quoted in Table 3C for  $S=3$ , for a three session event use  $S=4$ , etc.

A congress can have only one competition of the each format (i.e. Teams, Butler pairs, or Matchpoint Pairs) for each 10 sessions. Should a congress have more than this number then the additional competition(s) shall not be entitled to the Congress acceleration factor.

## 5. CONGRESSES

### 5.1 TYPES OF CONGRESSES

The Scheme recognizes 4 types of Congresses:

#### 5.1.1 State-controlled Congresses (grade B4)

Any club wishing to run a Congress must obtain prior approval from the State Association, which is conditional on compliance with the following basic requirements:

The Congress shall be played over a minimum of two sessions.

- Adjacent sessions of the Congress must be on the same or consecutive days.
- Each session must be under the control of a non-playing Tournament Director, who is accredited at the Congress level or higher (refer clause 1.5.2).
- The event must be held on the approved date.
- Any applicable State Association Congress Levies must be paid before the masterpoint credits are forwarded to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.
- The venue must be of a suitable quality.
- The Congress must be satisfactorily advertised.
- The application should be lodged with the State Masterpoint Secretary prior to a date nominated by the State Association.
- Any other conditions that may have been imposed by the State Association.

The same requirements apply to Novice Congresses which are special promotional events, restricted to novice players with less than 100 masterpoints, although organizers may select a lower limit. Novice Congresses are treated in the same manner as Congress Restricted events - see clause 5.3.2.

#### 5.1.2 Bridge Tours and Cruises (grade B4)

Red masterpoints for Bridge Tours and Cruises may be issued subject to the following stipulations:

- The Tournament Director has been accredited at the Club level, or higher.
- The convenor has been authorized by the State Masterpoint Secretary to award red masterpoints at these events. This approval can be withdrawn in the instance of non-payment of fees, or established player dissatisfaction.
- Advice of the tour must be given to the State Association, also to the State Association of any other States where the tour may be visiting.
- Each Tour may conduct one of each of the following major events, each event to be of a minimum of two sessions duration:  
Pairs Championship Teams Championship Individual Championship
- Of the Major Events, one event only shall receive masterpoints at the B4 rate, the others to receive points at the B5 rate.
- No masterpoints shall be awarded for teaching sessions.

Grade B events are masterpointed in the standard manner (allowing for a grade weighting of 5.0) following the procedure described in clause 5.4.1 for Grade B4/B3 Congresses.

A special case occurs when a State Play-off takes place as the final stage of the State Team selection (e.g. between the Butler Team and the winner of the Teams Championship); masterpointing is similar to that described for the National Play-offs (see clause 7.5.3) but at the grade B level.

### 6.3 ABF CONTROLLED EVENTS - GRADE B

These events are limited to the Australia-Wide Pairs contests (including the Worldwide Pairs), which are single session competitions. Reporting procedures as described in the Note to clause 6.2.1 apply. Grade B4 masterpoint levies will be levied.

The placing awards are:

- The standard award whilst this exceeds 0.20.
- 0.20 for half of the rest of the field that is entitled to masterpoints.
- 0.10 for the remaining placegetters.

Events of this nature customarily award prizes to the North-South winners, and to the East-West winners, although several of the smaller venues usually run Howell movements. If there is separate recognition for the top Howells placegetter then all the Howell sections should be combined into their own group for masterpointing purposes. Otherwise the Howell section scores should be added to the North-South or East-West fields, e.g. first section to N-S, second to E-W, third to N-S, etc.

If the convenors of the event are awarding masterpoints in accordance with the above formula then no other points should be given out – local clubs should not also be giving out their own session awards.

If instead the convenors are not giving out any masterpoints, or are only giving points to the top place-getters (e.g. pairs with scores in excess of 60%), then local clubs may also issue their own session awards which, if red, should come from the club's B4c allocation.

#### 4.3.4 Events producing two winners

The Masterpoint scheme is structured to reward single outright winners, and every effort should be made to comply with this requirement. If, however, an event produces winners from separate fields which cannot be readily compared, then each winner shall receive an outright award based on the number of tables in the relevant field. The above provision must not be used as a means of maximising the masterpoints awarded.

#### 4.4 MISCELLANEOUS RULES

##### 4.4.1 Rounding up table numbers ♣

For the purpose of calculating outright awards any half table is counted as a full table. Session awards are based on this number of tables and are the same for the two fields in the case of Mitchell movements. (For an 8 ½ table Mitchell, grade E, the winners in each direction both receive 0.27 green points).

##### 4.4.2 Rounding of awards ♣

All awards are rounded to the nearest 0.01 masterpoint (0.005 rounds up). Rounding should only occur at the final stage of the calculation of the session, match, or final placing award.

##### 4.4.3 Minimum size ♣

Masterpoints are awarded in all Individual and Pairs (Howell movement) events of 3 or more tables; other Pairs events require a minimum of 4 tables. An exception occurs in the case of National or State play-offs when even the smallest possible field of 2 tables becomes eligible for awards due to the application of the table amplification factor.

NOTE: Session awards in Teams events are independent of the size of the field and should be made in all cases, i.e. even when only two teams are playing.

##### 4.4.4 Movements ♣

Every effort should be made to ensure that all players in a duplicate session play as high a proportion of the boards in play in their section as possible. To be eligible for session awards this must not be less than 75%, however boards missed because of a sit out can be counted.

##### 4.4.5 Eligibility for masterpoints ♣

A player must play at least 40% of the boards played by his/her team in a Teams event to be eligible for an outright award. In the case of multi-stage events (e.g. events with finals) the above rule applies to every stage of the event. Substitutes receive any session masterpoints won in the session in which they played, but do not receive any portion of the outright awards.

##### 4.4.6 Ties ♣

If any position is tied, the players involved share the masterpoints available. (If there is a triple tie for the second position, the awards for the second, third and fourth position are totalled and then divided equally between the three place-getters. The next place-getter receives the award for the fifth position).

Where a tie occurs for the last placing to earn masterpoints, the players concerned share the points available for that placing.

NOTE: A tie occurs whenever the difference between neighbouring positions is less than 0.1 of the scoring unit (matchpoint, victory point, etc.). If double matchpointing is being used then a tie occurs whenever the difference is less than 0.2 matchpoints.

Grand National Open Teams (final stage)

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#### 7.3.3 Open entry Championships

National Women's Teams	- Women	Canberra
Australian Seniors' Teams	- Seniors	Canberra
Last Train – Open	- Open	Canberra
Last Train – Womens	- Women	Canberra
Last Train – Seniors	- Seniors	Canberra
National Swiss Pairs	- Open	Canberra
South West Pacific Teams	- Open	Canberra
Gold Coast Teams	- Open	Gold Coast
Gold Coast Seniors' Teams	- Seniors	Gold Coast
Gold Coast Pairs	- Open	Gold Coast
Gold Coast Seniors' Pairs	- Seniors	Gold Coast
Gold Coast Swiss Pairs	- Open	Gold Coast
Autumn National Seniors' Swiss Pairs	- Seniors	Adelaide
Autumn National Open Teams	- Open	Adelaide
Victor Champion Cup Teams	- Open	Melbourne
McCance Seniors' Teams	- Seniors	Melbourne
Hans Rosendorff Memorial Teams	- Women	Perth
Western Seniors' Pairs	- Seniors	Perth
Swan River Swiss Pairs	- Open	Perth
Sydney Seniors' Swiss Teams	- Seniors	Sydney
Australian Swiss Pairs	- Open	Tasmania
R J Cummings Pairs	- Open	Sydney
Spring National Open Teams	- Open	Sydney
Spring National Women's Teams	- Women	Sydney

#### 7.4 GOLD POINT CONGRESSES - Grade A3

Barrier Reef Teams	- Open	Nth Queensland
Safilo Swiss Teams	- Open	Sydney
Golden West Pairs	- Open	Perth
Hans Rosendorff Swiss Pairs	- Men	Perth
Territory Bridge Festival	- Open	Northern Territory

#### 7.5 MASTERPOINTING NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

##### 7.5.1 Grade A2 tournaments

Grade A2 events are masterpointed in the standard manner (allowing for the grade weighting of 5.0), following the procedure described in clause 5.4.1 for grade A3 Congresses. The Goldpoint

In events with more than two stages, the final will be the last stage. Awards for previous stages where the number of tables does not exceed the limit for a final, as defined above, will also be increased by 50%.

When consolation sections are played the session awards are determined by the size of the field under consideration. In green events (grade C, D, or E) the awards are the basic ones (grade E).

In red or gold events the session awards are the standard awards for the grade, multiplied by a factor determined by the number of consolations.

### CONSOLATIONS - SESSION AWARDS MULTIPLYING FACTORS

No of Consolations	First	Second	Third	Others
One	0.60			
Two*	0.60	0.45		
Three* or more	0.75	0.60	0.45	0.30

\* If ungraded consolations are played the award multiplying factor is to be taken as the average of the relevant quoted factors.

As an example, in a Congress B4 Pairs event with a 7 table Howell final and two graded consolations, each a 9 table Mitchell, the session winners' masterpoint awards are:

- $0.70 \times 1.5 = 1.05$  for the final,
- $0.45 \times 0.6 = 0.27$  for the first consolation, and
- $0.45 \times 0.45 = 0.20$  for the other consolation).

No consolation award shall drop below the base grade weighting of 1.0. Consequently, for a grade B4 event the lowest possible factor is 0.40; similarly, in the case of grade B5 it is 0.50.

All consolation awards are of the same type (green, red or gold) as those for the final.

## 4.3 OUTRIGHT AWARDS

### 4.3.1 Multi-session events - fixed attendance ♣

Events of two or more sessions that produce a single winner receive an outright award in addition to the session awards. This award, listed in Tables 3A, 3B and 3C (subject to applying the relevant multiplying factor) is made to the top part of the field, as specified in clause 4.1.1. The award is determined by the total number of tables in the event and the total number of sessions played.

For the purpose of calculating outright awards, a session shall consist of not less than 24 boards. If fewer than 24 boards are played per session, then the number of sessions used in the calculation shall be the total number of boards played divided by 24, ignoring any residual fraction unless it exceeds 0.83, when it is rounded up. (A Teams event of 14 rounds of 20 board matches is counted as an 11 sessions event; one of 5 rounds of 14 boards becomes a 3 sessions event).

Exceptions to the above rules are as follows:

- For Grade F (supervised play) events a session is reduced to a minimum of 15 boards.
- For Singles events (see Appendix A) outright awards may only be given to the final place-getters if no other outright awards have been given. For the purpose of these awards Singles are treated as Pairs events, even if actually played as Teams.
- In the case of some National Championships, the number of tables has to be increased by an amplification factor - see clause 7.5.2.
- In the case of Congress Championships (apart from Bridge Tours etc.), the number of sessions should be increased by the session acceleration factor - see clause 5.4.2.

increasing to 0.12 gold point per board for the finals, defined as the point at which the number of tables drops to 8 or less.

Qualifying events, where the winners do not directly qualify for the National Finals, are not eligible for final placing awards, only the Grade A2 session awards.

Qualifying events, where the winners go directly to the National Finals, are entitled to final placing awards at the A2 rate. The awards are calculated ignoring prior qualifying events, e.g. club qualifying sessions for a Regional final, so T equals the number of tables in that final, while S equals the number of sessions.

Outright awards for the National final are based on the number of tables in the National preliminary, are calculated as described in clause 7.5.3, and then given to all players who reached the National preliminary qualifying stage.

### 7.5.8 National Open Teams

Participation in this event is restricted to "N" Teams (number selected by the ABF depending on the size of the initial field) that finished at the top of the field, or fields, in the South West Pacific Teams Championship. Session awards are 0.12 gold point per board (50% premium applied).

Outright awards, based on a table amplification factor of 2, calculated as described in clause 7.5.3, are given to the top two thirds of the actual field.

## 4. RULES OF MASTERPOINTING

### 4.1 GENERAL

#### 4.1.1 Placing awards ♣

Placing awards in all Individual and Pairs events (except Butler Pairs with matches of 7 or more boards) are made to the top half of the field, rounding down if necessary (e.g. in a field of 9, awards are made to the 4<sup>th</sup> position).

In all Teams events (and Butler Pairs with matches of seven or more boards) placing awards are made to the top third of the field, rounding up if necessary (e.g. in a field of 13 awards are made to the 5<sup>th</sup> position).

Runners-up in any field receive 70% of the winners' award. Other awards are calculated as the winners' award divided by one less than the placing position (i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> place receives half the winners' award, 4<sup>th</sup> place receives one third, etc.). If any position is tied, awards are given as described in clause 4.4.6.

NOTE: For the purpose of session awards a field is any set of players whose scores are being directly compared. For the purpose of outright awards, the field is the original entry for fixed attendance events; for eclectic and similar events (see Appendix A) it is as defined in clause 4.3.2.

#### 4.1.2 Awards given to individual players ♣

All awards are quoted per player, hence are given to both players in Pairs events and to all members of a team of four in Teams events. When a team has 5 or 6 members each of them receives 4/5 or 2/3 of the standard award respectively. Awards are not given to non-playing captains.

### 4.2 SESSION AWARDS

Awards listed in clauses 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 are the only awards given in any single session event.

#### 4.2.1 Single session Pairs or Individual events ♣

Awards for movements with two winners (Mitchell) are listed in Tables 1A, 1B and 1C. Awards for movements with a single winner (Individual, Howell, arrow-switch Mitchell) are listed in Tables 2A, 2B, and 2C. All these awards are subject to the use of the relevant multiplying factor quoted in clause 3.1. The winner of a session of an Individual competition receives the masterpoints that would have been awarded to the winners of a Howell movement for the same number of tables.

Teams masterpoint awards (see clause 4.2.2 below) may instead be given if each round is of 7 or more boards duration.

#### 4.2.2 Single session Teams and Pairs ♣

For matches of 7 or more boards, the basic (grade E) session award is 0.008 green point per board to the winner of any match.

### GRADE E TEAMS, BUTLER PAIRS & PAIRS MATCH AWARDS

No. of boards	Winner's Award	Imp margin for a win	No. of boards	Winner's Award	Imp margin for a win
7	0.056	2	16	0.128	4
8	0.064	2	20	0.16	5
10	0.08	3	24	0.192	5
12	0.096	3	28	0.224	6

### 8.5 Fines

A 4% per month penalty will be charged whenever the credit file for a gold or red point event (other than club, or GNOT qualifying) is lodged more than 30 days after the competition ended

A 10% per quarter penalty will be charged for all accounts overdue by more than 90 days.

TABLE 3C - WEIGHT 2.5

T	S=2	S=3	S=4	S=5	S=6	S=7	S=8	S=9	S=10
3	0.38	0.62	0.86	1.13	1.40	1.65	1.90	2.15	2.38
4	0.50	0.82	1.13	1.48	1.82	2.15	2.46	2.76	3.05
5	0.62	1.01	1.40	1.82	2.22	2.61	2.98	3.33	3.66
6	0.73	1.19	1.65	2.15	2.61	3.05	3.46	3.85	4.22
7	0.84	1.37	1.90	2.46	2.98	3.46	3.92	4.34	4.74
8	0.94	1.54	2.15	2.76	3.33	3.85	4.34	4.79	5.21
9	1.05	1.71	2.38	3.05	3.66	4.22	4.74	5.21	5.65
10	1.15	1.88	2.61	3.33	3.98	4.57	5.11	5.60	6.05
11	1.25	2.04	2.83	3.59	4.28	4.90	5.46	5.96	6.41
12	1.34	2.19	3.05	3.85	4.57	5.21	5.78	6.29	6.75
13	1.43	2.35	3.26	4.10	4.85	5.50	6.09	6.60	7.06
14	1.52	2.49	3.46	4.34	5.11	5.78	6.37	6.89	7.35
15	1.61	2.64	3.66	4.57	5.36	6.05	6.64	7.16	7.62
16	1.70	2.77	3.85	4.79	5.60	6.29	6.89	7.41	7.86
17	1.78	2.91	4.04	5.01	5.83	6.53	7.13	7.64	8.09
18	1.86	3.05	4.22	5.21	6.05	6.75	7.35	7.86	8.30
19	1.94	3.19	4.40	5.41	6.25	6.96	7.56	8.07	8.50
20	2.01	3.33	4.57	5.60	6.45	7.16	7.75	8.26	8.69
21	2.08	3.46	4.74	5.78	6.64	7.35	7.94	8.44	8.86
22	2.16	3.59	4.90	5.96	6.82	7.53	8.12	8.61	9.03
23	2.23	3.72	5.06	6.13	6.99	7.70	8.28	8.77	9.18
24	2.29	3.85	5.21	6.29	7.16	7.86	8.44	8.92	9.33
25	2.36	3.98	5.36	6.45	7.32	8.02	8.59	9.06	9.46
26	2.42	4.10	5.50	6.60	7.47	8.16	8.73	9.20	9.59
27	2.48	4.22	5.65	6.75	7.62	8.30	8.86	9.33	9.72
28	2.54	4.34	5.78	6.89	7.75	8.44	8.99	9.45	9.83
29	2.60	4.46	5.92	7.03	7.89	8.57	9.11	9.56	9.94
30	2.66	4.57	6.05	7.16	8.02	8.69	9.23	9.68	10.05
31	2.72	4.68	6.17	7.29	8.14	8.81	9.34	9.78	10.15
32	2.77	4.79	6.29	7.41	8.26	8.92	9.45	9.88	10.25
33	2.83	4.90	6.41	7.53	8.37	9.03	9.55	9.98	10.34
34	2.90	5.01	6.53	7.64	8.48	9.13	9.65	10.07	10.43
35	2.98	5.11	6.64	7.75	8.59	9.23	9.74	10.16	10.52
36	3.05	5.21	6.75	7.86	8.69	9.33	9.83	10.25	10.60
37	3.12	5.31	6.86	7.97	8.79	9.42	9.92	10.33	10.68
38	3.19	5.41	6.96	8.07	8.88	9.51	10.00	10.41	10.75
39	3.26	5.50	7.06	8.16	8.97	9.59	10.08	10.49	10.83
40	3.33	5.60	7.16	8.26	9.06	9.68	10.16	10.56	10.90
41	3.39	5.69	7.26	8.35	9.15	9.76	10.24	10.63	10.97
42	3.46	5.78	7.35	8.44	9.23	9.83	10.31	10.70	11.04

“T” in Tables 3A, 3B, 3C: total number of tables in the event.

“S” in Tables 3A, 3B, 3C: total number of sessions as defined in clause 4.3.1.

## Veterans Tournaments

These are tournaments for which entrants must be of the age of 70, or over, at the date of the start of the competition (unless stated otherwise). For a list of possible Veterans' State Championships see clause 6.2.2.

## APPENDIX B: EXAMPLES

### B.1 TEAMS EVENTS

#### B.1.1 Club Teams Championship - Grade D ♣

##### 1. Format: T=6 S=3

Round robin of 5x14 board matches followed by a 14 board play-off for the 1<sup>st</sup> (2 top teams from the round robin), 3<sup>rd</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>) and 5<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>) places.

##### 2. Results

ROUND ROBIN (IMP with a cutoff at +/- 25)									
Team	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	Total	Position	Wins
T1		+5	-17	+3	-2	+25	+14	2	3 ½
T2	-5		+8	-12	+12	-7	-4	3	2
T3	+17	-8		-4	-4	-18	-9	5	2
T4	-3	+12	+4		+12	-3	+22	1	3
T5	+2	-12	-4	-12		+19	-7	4	1 ½
T6	-25	+7	+18	+3	-19		-16	6	3
PLAY-OFF (IMP no carry over)									
T1				-4				2	
T2					+17			3	1
T3						+2		=5	1/2
T4	+4							1	1
T5		-17						4	
T6			-2					=5	1/2

Note: ½ win denotes a draw (margin of less than 14x0.2=2.8 IMP).

##### 3. Awards (green points):

Session (see clause 4.2.2) - Round robin and play-offs for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> places: 0.012x14=0.17 per win. “Final” (play-off for the 1<sup>st</sup> place): 0.018x14=0.25 per win (50% finals premium applied). Outright (see clause 3.1.2, Table 3B): 0.71 (winner), 0.50 (2<sup>nd</sup>).

##### 4. Masterpoint calculations (Teams listed in finishing order):

Team	Session Awards	Outright	MP
T4	3 x 0.17 +0.25 = 0.76	0.71	1.47
T1	3.5 x 0.17 = 0.60	0.50	1.10
T2	(2+1) x 0.17 = 0.51		0.51
T5	1.5 x 0.17 = 0.26		0.26
T3	2.5 x 0.17 = 0.43		0.43
T6	3.5 x 0.17 = 0.60		0.60

Total green masterpoints allocated: 4.37 x 4 = 17.48

### 3.4 OUTRIGHT WINNERS' AWARDS

TABLE 3A - WEIGHT 1.0

T	S=2	S=3	S=4	S=5	S=6	S=7	S=8	S=9	S=10
3	0.15	0.25	0.35	0.45	0.56	0.66	0.76	0.86	0.95
4	0.20	0.33	0.45	0.59	0.73	0.86	0.98	1.10	1.22
5	0.25	0.40	0.56	0.73	0.89	1.04	1.19	1.33	1.46
6	0.29	0.48	0.66	0.86	1.04	1.22	1.38	1.54	1.69
7	0.33	0.55	0.76	0.98	1.19	1.38	1.57	1.74	1.89
8	0.38	0.62	0.86	1.10	1.33	1.54	1.74	1.92	2.08
9	0.42	0.69	0.95	1.22	1.46	1.69	1.89	2.08	2.26
10	0.46	0.75	1.04	1.33	1.59	1.83	2.04	2.24	2.42
11	0.50	0.82	1.13	1.44	1.71	1.96	2.18	2.38	2.56
12	0.54	0.88	1.22	1.54	1.83	2.08	2.31	2.52	2.70
13	0.57	0.94	1.30	1.64	1.94	2.20	2.43	2.64	2.82
14	0.61	1.00	1.38	1.74	2.04	2.31	2.55	2.76	2.94
15	0.64	1.05	1.46	1.83	2.14	2.42	2.66	2.86	3.05
16	0.68	1.11	1.54	1.92	2.24	2.52	2.76	2.96	3.14
17	0.71	1.16	1.62	2.00	2.33	2.61	2.85	3.06	3.24
18	0.74	1.22	1.69	2.08	2.42	2.70	2.94	3.14	3.32
19	0.77	1.28	1.76	2.16	2.50	2.78	3.02	3.23	3.40
20	0.80	1.33	1.83	2.24	2.58	2.86	3.10	3.30	3.48
21	0.83	1.38	1.89	2.31	2.66	2.94	3.18	3.38	3.55
22	0.86	1.44	1.96	2.38	2.73	3.01	3.25	3.44	3.61
23	0.89	1.49	2.02	2.45	2.80	3.08	3.31	3.51	3.67
24	0.92	1.54	2.08	2.52	2.86	3.14	3.38	3.57	3.73
25	0.94	1.59	2.14	2.58	2.93	3.21	3.43	3.62	3.79
26	0.97	1.64	2.20	2.64	2.99	3.27	3.49	3.68	3.84
27	0.99	1.69	2.26	2.70	3.05	3.32	3.55	3.73	3.89
28	1.02	1.74	2.31	2.76	3.10	3.38	3.60	3.78	3.93
29	1.04	1.78	2.37	2.81	3.16	3.43	3.65	3.83	3.98
30	1.06	1.83	2.42	2.86	3.21	3.48	3.69	3.87	4.02
31	1.09	1.87	2.47	2.91	3.26	3.52	3.74	3.91	4.06
32	1.11	1.92	2.52	2.96	3.30	3.57	3.78	3.95	4.10
33	1.13	1.96	2.56	3.01	3.35	3.61	3.82	3.99	4.14
34	1.16	2.00	2.61	3.06	3.39	3.65	3.86	4.03	4.17
35	1.19	2.04	2.66	3.10	3.43	3.69	3.90	4.06	4.21
36	1.22	2.08	2.70	3.14	3.48	3.73	3.93	4.10	4.24
37	1.25	2.12	2.74	3.19	3.51	3.77	3.97	4.13	4.27
38	1.28	2.16	2.78	3.23	3.55	3.80	4.00	4.16	4.30
39	1.30	2.20	2.82	3.27	3.59	3.84	4.03	4.20	4.33
40	1.33	2.24	2.86	3.30	3.62	3.87	4.06	4.22	4.36

"T" in Tables 3A, 3B, 3C: total number of tables in the event.

"S" in Tables 3A, 3B, 3C: total number of sessions as defined in clause 4.3.1.

### B.2 CLUB PAIRS TOURNAMENT - GRADE E ♣

For this example, 14 pairs have played in a two sessions event, playing a Mitchell movement in the first session, and a Howell movement in the second. Masterpoints have been awarded at the Grade E (Club green point session) rate of 0.03 times the number of tables for the Mitchell, and 0.06 times the number of tables for the Howell. The Mitchell session awards are shown in Table 1B, using T=7.

#### ROUND 1 - MITCHELL MOVEMENT

NORTH-SOUTH				EAST-WEST			
	% Scores	MP	Placing		% Scores	MP	Placing
Pair 1	42.86			Pair 8	57.14	0.21	1 <sup>st</sup>
Pair 2	45.24			Pair 9	46.43		
Pair 3	47.62			Pair 10	54.76	0.15	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Pair 4	50.00			Pair 11	46.43		
Pair 5	53.57	0.13	=2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pair 12	51.19	0.05	=3 <sup>rd</sup>
Pair 6	53.57	0.13	=2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pair 13	42.86		
Pair 7	57.14	0.21	1 <sup>st</sup>	Pair 14	51.19	0.05	=3 <sup>rd</sup>

Masterpoints have been given to the top three pairs in each direction, being half the number of competing pairs, rounded down. The winners in each direction have received 0.03T, the runners-up 0.7 x 0.03T, and the third place-getters 0.5 x 0.03T. All of these awards have been rounded. The tie for second place in the North-South scores has resulted in the two pairs sharing the second and third place awards. The tie for third has resulted in the two pairs sharing the third place points.

#### ROUND 2 - HOWELL MOVEMENT

Pair Names	Scores (%)	MP	Placing
Pair 1	51.92	0.08	6 <sup>th</sup>
Pair 2	44.87		
Pair 3	55.13	0.25	=2 <sup>nd</sup>
Pair 4	44.87		
Pair 5	56.41	0.42	1 <sup>st</sup>
Pair 6	48.72		
Pair 7	47.44		
Pair 8	51.28	0.07	7 <sup>th</sup>
Pair 9	53.85	0.14	4 <sup>th</sup>
Pair 10	43.59		
Pair 11	53.21	0.11	5 <sup>th</sup>
Pair 12	55.13	0.25	=2 <sup>nd</sup>
Pair 13	50.64		
Pair 14	42.95		

Masterpoints for the Howell movement have been issued to the top 7 pairs, half of the competing field. These awards may be obtained from Table 2B.

TABLE 1C - WEIGHT 2.5

T	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>
4	0.20	0.14							
5	0.25	0.18							
6	0.30	0.21	0.15						
7	0.35	0.25	0.18						
8	0.40	0.28	0.20	0.13					
9	0.45	0.32	0.23	0.15					
10	0.50	0.35	0.25	0.17	0.13				
11	0.55	0.39	0.28	0.18	0.14				
12	0.60	0.42	0.30	0.20	0.15	0.12			
13	0.65	0.46	0.33	0.22	0.16	0.13			
14	0.70	0.49	0.35	0.23	0.18	0.14	0.12		
15	0.75	0.53	0.38	0.25	0.19	0.15	0.13		
16	0.80	0.56	0.40	0.27	0.20	0.16	0.13	0.11	
17	0.85	0.60	0.43	0.28	0.21	0.17	0.14	0.12	
18	0.90	0.63	0.45	0.30	0.23	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.11
19	0.95	0.67	0.48	0.32	0.24	0.19	0.16	0.14	0.12
20	1.00	0.70	0.50	0.33	0.25	0.20	0.17	0.14	0.13
21	1.05	0.74	0.53	0.35	0.26	0.21	0.18	0.15	0.13
22	1.10	0.77	0.55	0.37	0.28	0.22	0.18	0.16	0.14
23	1.15	0.81	0.58	0.38	0.29	0.23	0.19	0.16	0.14
24	1.20	0.84	0.60	0.40	0.30	0.24	0.20	0.17	0.15
25	1.25	0.88	0.63	0.42	0.31	0.25	0.21	0.18	0.16
26	1.30	0.91	0.65	0.43	0.33	0.26	0.22	0.19	0.16
27	1.35	0.95	0.68	0.45	0.34	0.27	0.23	0.19	0.17
28	1.40	0.98	0.70	0.47	0.35	0.28	0.23	0.20	0.18
29	1.45	1.02	0.73	0.48	0.36	0.29	0.24	0.21	0.18
30	1.50	1.05	0.75	0.50	0.38	0.30	0.25	0.21	0.19
31	1.55	1.09	0.78	0.52	0.39	0.31	0.26	0.22	0.19
32	1.58	1.11	0.79	0.53	0.40	0.32	0.26	0.23	0.20
33	1.61	1.13	0.80	0.54	0.40	0.32	0.27	0.23	0.20
34	1.64	1.15	0.82	0.55	0.41	0.33	0.27	0.23	0.20
35	1.66	1.16	0.83	0.55	0.42	0.33	0.28	0.24	0.21
36	1.69	1.18	0.84	0.56	0.42	0.34	0.28	0.24	0.21
37	1.71	1.20	0.86	0.57	0.43	0.34	0.29	0.24	0.21
38	1.74	1.22	0.87	0.58	0.43	0.35	0.29	0.25	0.22
39	1.76	1.23	0.88	0.59	0.44	0.35	0.29	0.25	0.22
40	1.78	1.25	0.89	0.59	0.45	0.36	0.30	0.25	0.22

Awards for placings lower than 9<sup>th</sup> in 20 to 40 table events should be calculated as described in clause 3.1.1.

## APPENDIX C - PLAYER REGISTRATION

### DEFINITION OF MEMBERSHIP

There are no individual members of ABF - the affiliated clubs are the members. Thus, the terms Home or Alternate members (usually abbreviated to Alt), refer to the members of the various clubs, affiliated with the ABF through their respective home clubs.

#### i) Home Members

Players may belong to any number of clubs, but they must nominate one club as their home club. The home club is responsible for paying all fees due to the ABF and to their respective State Association. Home members are automatically included on their home club's reports and printouts and cannot be removed from these except upon death or upon transferring their home club membership elsewhere (after which the player becomes an "alt" member and can be removed from the club listings).

#### ii) Alt Members

It is important that the term "alt" (i.e. alternate) member is understood. It simply refers to a player who, whilst having his or her home club registration elsewhere, has been included in a club's reports and printouts, at the request of that club - the player concerned need not even be a member of the club.

Conversely, just because a player joins a second club, it does not necessarily make that player an alt member and the player will not automatically be included in the reports for that club.

Such players only become alt members following the club's request to have them included on their reports. Once registered as alt members, these players will be automatically included on all the reports for that club, regardless of whether or not they have recently earned masterpoints there.

Please note that the alt club is not responsible to the ABF in any way for that player, and may request the Centre to remove that player from its reports at any time. The relationship between a club and its non-home club members is of no concern to the ABF.

#### iii) Other Players

Non-home club and non-alt members will appear on a club report only when they have earned masterpoints at that club during the past quarter. They will not appear on any other of the club's reports or printouts.

### METHODS OF REGISTRATION

There are three different ways to register a player.

#### i) Using Manual Forms

A supply of the green Player Details forms should be requested from the Centre (or downloaded from the Centre's website at <http://www.masterpoints.org.au/>). The forms should be completed and mailed to the address printed on the forms, or else faxed to the Centre.

Note: This method is slow and cumbersome and should only be used if a club has no email access.

### 3.1.3 Tables of Awards ♣

The calculated awards are listed in the following Tables. Tables 1A, 1B and 1C give the awards for single sessions with two winners (e.g. Mitchell movements) with grade weights 1.0, 1.5, and 2.5. Tables 2A, 2B and 2C give the awards for single sessions with one winner (e.g. Howell movements) and Tables 3A, 3B and 3C give the outright awards for events with 2 or more sessions. In the Tables “T” is the number of tables (with half tables rounded up to the next whole number) and “S” is the number of sessions in the event. In the case of large tournaments, when either the number of tables or the number of sessions exceeds the Table limits, the winner’s awards should be calculated using the formulae in clauses 3.1.1 and 3.1.2.

To produce the correct weight for other events it is necessary to multiply the awards in the tables by a session award multiplying factor, or an outright award multiplying factor, as listed below

#### TABLES OF AWARDS MULTIPLYING FACTORS

Grade of Event	Type of Event	Tables Used	Session Award Multiplying Factor	Outright Award Multiplying Factor
F	Teams	2A & 3A	0.5	0.5
F	Pairs	1B 2B & 3B	0.5	0.5
E	Teams	2A & 3A	1.0	1.0
E	Pairs	1B 2B & 3B	1.0	1.0
D	Teams	2B & 3B	1.0	1.0
D	Pairs	1A 2A & 3A	2.0	2.0
C	Teams	2A & 3A	2.0	2.0
C	Pairs	1C 2C & 3C	1.0	1.0
B5 and B5i	Teams & Pairs	1A 2A & 3A	2.0	2.0
B4, B4c and B4s	Teams & Pairs	1C 2C & 3C	1.0	1.0
B3	Teams & Pairs	1C 2C & 3C	1.5	1.5
B	Teams & Pairs	1C 2C & 3C	2.0	2.0
A3	Teams & Pairs	1C 2C & 3C	1.5	1.5
A2	Teams & Pairs	1C 2C & 3C	2.0	2.0
A	Teams & Pairs	1C 2C & 3C	4.0	4.0

NOTE: Tables 2A, 2B and 2C apply to Teams events only when the matches are shorter than 7 boards, or less than 5 boards for GNOT qualifying events; otherwise clause 4.2.2 applies. In addition to the multiplying factors described above, the awards may have to be multiplied by a Master Factor (see clause 4.4.9), or by a Restriction Factor (see clause 4.4.10).

### 3. Change Details

This is used to change the details of one of your current home members. Details recorded on the forms are automatically checked against our computer records and updated accordingly. If you request a player transfer or activation, then there is no need to tick the “change details” box as well.

### 4. Transfer

This facility is used when a player registered elsewhere wants to make your club their home club. The player must be registered for the transfer to occur.

A player signature is required if a form is posted, however the masterpoint secretary’s “say so” is sufficient for email requests. You need only include the player ABF number and name on the form, unless other details have also changed.

### 5. Add to Reports

This is for the circumstance when your club wants a player whose registered home club is elsewhere to be included in your club’s reports. New home club members are added automatically.

### 6. Remove from Reports

If a player is not a home club member of your club, then you can use this option to exclude the player from your reports.

### 7. Delete

This function may only be used on the death of a player. In other words, you cannot use it for the purpose of “cancelling”, “deleting” or “removing” a player from your schedule of home club players (see 8. below). Deleted player records are automatically removed from all reports and printouts.

### 8. Cancellation of Home Members

Cancellations of home club memberships can only be done at one time each year, using the special Membership Declaration forms issued in mid-February. These forms are used to cancel those players who do not wish to renew their memberships.

Alternatively, the cancellations may be submitted electronically. There are two methods available:

1. Use the NATWIN program to generate a list of players to be cancelled. The resulting “xxxxCNCL.TXT” file can then be attached to an email message and forwarded to the Centre.
2. Use the electronic Membership Declaration forms available on the main page of the website. The form details should be completed as per the screen instructions, entries recorded and checked, and then forwarded to the Centre by clicking on the *Submit* button.

Player records for which the cancellation has not been advised to the Centre by the advertised deadline will be renewed and must stay active for the rest of the year.

No cancellations will be accepted after the advertised deadline, which is usually the last working day of March.

## 2.6 GRADE B4c - Red ♣

This grade is for special club sessions/events. Grade B4c events must be conducted during the regular club sessions of play, (not as special weekend events), and may only be advertised within the club.

All clubs that are affiliated with the ABF at September 30<sup>th</sup> and have not less than 40 sessions scheduled during the following calendar year (as confirmed by an entry in the Affiliated Bridge Clubs Directory) are entitled to run 6 sessions of club red point events, masterpointed at grade B4c level, during that calendar year. Additional entitlements are as follows:

- One session for the first 35 green masterpoints issued by the club in the twelve months to September 30<sup>th</sup> of the preceding year.
- A further session for each additional 65 green masterpoints issued by the club in the twelve months to September 30<sup>th</sup> of the preceding year.

Clubs that are situated more than 40 kilometres from their nearest neighbouring affiliated club will, on application, be granted an additional three B4c sessions each year. Clubs should apply each year to their State Masterpoint Secretaries, who in turn need to advise the Masterpoint Centre by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Clubs will be advised in October of their entitlement for the next calendar year. New clubs registered after September 30<sup>th</sup> will be entitled to a pro rata allocation of the 6 red point sessions, with a minimum of 3 sessions. If so desired, a club may use all or some of its entitlement to run a Club Championship.

- **Teams:** weight – 2.5; awards – use clause 4.2.2 (or the values in Tables 1C and 2C for matches of less than 7 boards) and the values in Table 3C for multi-session events.
- **Pairs:** weight – 2.5; awards – use the values in Tables 1C, 2C and 3C.

NOTE: B4c, B4s and B5i events provide for an optional authorization system.

The State Masterpoint Secretaries issue an authorization number for each set of competition red point credits, showing how many points have been approved. This number must be included when the points are sent by the club to the Centre. The Centre will process any reasonable amount of points received, provided that the amount is less than or equal to the authorization number received. At the end of each month, the Centre will provide a list of all B4c points processed to the participating State Masterpoint Secretaries. The state masterpoint secretary should compare the list with the numbers authorized and, if necessary, contact the Centre in the instance of a large discrepancy.

The State Masterpoint Secretaries are responsible for the keeping of records of all B4c points allocated, as well as B4c sessions used by the clubs. Grade B4c sessions that remain unused at the end of the calendar year may be allocated by the State Association in the following year to approved fundraising events.

States choosing not to participate must ensure that their nominees (usually the club masterpoint secretaries) are competent to issue the red masterpoints. The Centre will process points received from clubs within those states without any authority.

## 2.7 GRADE B5i - Red ♣

This grade is for tournaments played between two or more clubs (the clubs can be from different regions), subject to the approval of the State Masterpoint Secretary. Clubs can participate in five such events each calendar year while, subject to the permission of the State Masterpoint Secretary, a further three are available for clubs in remote areas. The duration of these events shall be two, three, or four sessions.

- **Teams:** weight – 2.0; awards – use clause 4.2.2 (or twice the values in Tables 1A and 2A for matches of less than 7 boards) and twice the values in Table 3A for multi-session events.
- **Pairs:** weight – 2.0; awards – use twice the values in Tables 1A, 2A and 3A.

Allocation of masterpoints follows the procedure described in clause 2.6; the points will be allocated to the club responsible for the payment of masterpoint levies.

## Naming the Files

Red and green point files are identical, except for their extension. The distinction is in the naming of your file, or more precisely, the last digit of the 3-character extension of the file name. The correct name of your club file is of the format: D<clubno><qyy>.MP<n>, where

- <clubno> is replaced by your 4-digit club number,
- <qyy> is the current quarter and year and
- <n> is a single digit representing the type (colour) of points in the file: 2=red and 3=green.

So, if your club number is 3341, the current quarter is the 2nd quarter, the year is 2004 and the colour of the points are red, the name would be: D3341204.MP2. The naming of a type 5 file is the same as for types 2 & 3, except that the last digit in the extension part of the name will be 5.

Clubs reporting monthly should replace the D with the month of the quarter (1, 2 or 3) so for club 3341, March 2004, the filename would be 33341104.MP2.

Unfortunately Microsoft has also decided to use these extensions for their music files, which can be a nuisance for people sending credit files as email attachments. To overcome this problem users can instead give their files the extensions ".red", ".grn" and ".rag" (red and green). The software package NAT4WIN automatically creates those extensions and will also convert existing ".mp?" files to the new "coloured" extensions. The Centre, however, will still be working with ".mp?" files, so the use of the new extensions is entirely optional.

A small stand-alone utility program, "MPVIEWER.EXE" is available from the Downloads page on the Centre's website. This program allows the user to examine the credits in your file.

## Congress, State and National Files

Finally, those who need to create congress, state and national credit files, will be glad to know that these are almost identical to the club files. Only the naming varies slightly, i.e.

Y<m><code><qyy>.mp<n>, where

- <m> is a single digit 1 to 3 representing the month within the quarter,
- <code> is a 3-character code name for the event (refer MP-Centre for the code)
- <qyy> is the current quarter and year and
- <n> is a single digit representing the type (colour) of points in the file: 2=red and 3=green

## 1.8 MASTER RANKINGS ♣

Masterpoints won by players over their lifetime are used to determine each player's master ranking. There are currently 19 different ranks ranging from Graduate Master to Gold Grand Master. Players receive an official certificate with each Scheme promotion. Master ranks may be used to determine seedings in tournaments. In addition, master events may be held in which entry is restricted to players of the specified masterpoint ranking(s).

### MASTER RANKINGS

Rank	Minimum Requirements			Notes
	Total	Red & Gold	Gold	
Graduate	2			
Club	5			
Local	15			
*Local	25			
**Local	35			
Regional	50			
*Regional	100			
State	50	25		
*State	100	50		
National	150	75		
*National	200	100		
**National	300	150		
Life	300	180	30	(1)
Bronze Life	400	240	40	(1)
Silver Life	500	300	50	(1)
Gold Life	750	450	75	(1)
Grand	1000	700	200	(2)
Silver Grand	2500	1900	600	(2)
Gold Grand	5000	4000	1400	(2)

- (1) The minimum gold point requirement, and the minimum red and gold point total requirement, will be reduced by 20% of the red points earned prior to 1982 (the year of introduction of gold points).
- (2) The minimum gold point requirement, and the minimum red and gold point total requirement, will be reduced by 40% of all red points earned prior to 1982. As an example, a player being assessed for the various Life Master rankings (with 175 red points earned prior to 1982) will need 35 mp fewer than the shown red and gold point total, and 35 mp fewer than the shown gold point total. The reduction in these requirements increases for the Grand Master rankings from 35mp to 70 mp. These pre-1982 allowances cannot be used towards player total requirements.

## APPENDIX F - DOWNLOADING THE NATIONAL FILES

### NATIONAL.EXE

This is a self-extracting "archive" file containing the following eleven files, each of which will then be extracted from NATIONAL.EXE when the program is run.

- NATIONAL.TXT the player details file.
- NATIONAL.NDX numerical index for the above.
- NATIONAL.CLB the club details file.
- ALTERNAT.TXT alternate member' details.
- NAT4WIN.EXE a windows program.
- NAT4DOS.EXE the DOS alternative to NAT4WIN.
- NAT\_FIND.COM a DOS search utility program.
- NAT\_SORT.COM a DOS sort utility program.
- HISTORY.TXT contains the awards and the associated code names.
- EVENTS real names of the events, linked to the codes in awards.txt.
- PRE82.TXT details of player December 1981 red point totals, part of which can be treated as gold. For further details, see footnotes in section 1.8

To install these files you should do as follows:

- Create a folder on your C drive, titled ABF.
- Download NATIONAL.EXE to this folder.
- Click onto <Start>, then <Run>, and then <Browse>.
- Locate and click on NATIONAL.EXE and then on <OK>.

After the eleven files have been extracted you should check the dates of the .txt and .ndx files to ensure that you have the latest versions.

### NATIONAL.ARJ, NATIONAL.A01 & NATIONAL.A02

These are also "archive" files, however you also need ARJ.EXE to do the file extraction. A copy of this program can be downloaded from the Centre's website.

The three files contain exactly the same files as NATIONAL.EXE. This version exists so users can copy each file onto its own floppy disc, then do the file extraction onto another computer later.

The file extraction can be carried out by either of the following methods:

#### i) Automatic Installation

- Create a folder on your C drive, titled ABF.
- Download the three NATIONAL files, ARJ.EXE, and NATSETUP.BAT to this folder.
- Click onto <Start>, then <Run>, and then <Browse>.
- Locate and click on NATSETUP.BAT and then on <OK>.

The three NATIONAL files will now be unpacked, placing the eleven files into your ABF folder.

#### ii) Manual installation

- Create a folder on your C drive, titled ABF.
- Download the three files, ARJ.EXE, and NATSETUP.BAT to this folder.
- Click onto <Start>, then <Run>, and then <Browse>.
- Go to the ABF folder, type ARJ E /VA NATIONAL, then click <OK>.

The three NATIONAL files will now be unpacked, placing the eleven listed files into your ABF folder.

#### 1.4.4 Internet information ♣

The Masterpoint Centre maintains an Internet site (see rear cover for address). By accessing this site users can download various files, view results and obtain important information. The site also provides several comprehensive help files and a unique provision for creating detailed Player Awards Statements.

Player masterpoint details are also available at the [www.masterpoints.org.au/files/ASP/mpquery.asp](http://www.masterpoints.org.au/files/ASP/mpquery.asp) (the Masterpoint Centre website). This site is updated monthly.

#### 1.4.5 Player inquiries about masterpoint records ♣

All such inquiries should be directed initially to the club masterpoint secretary. It may in turn be necessary for the club masterpoint secretary to pass these queries on to the State Masterpoint Secretary, or to the ABF Masterpoint Centre. The Masterpoint Centre is unable to accept queries from individual players.

### 1.5 TOURNAMENTS

#### 1.5.1 Tournament grades ♣

Tournaments are divided into several grades, as detailed in the following table. Awards in all grades are multiples of the award for a Teams event at the base grade E (weighting factor 1.0).

##### Tournament Grades

Grade	Type	Grade Weighting Factor		Description
		Pairs	Teams	
F	Blue	0.75	0.5	Supervised play
E	Green	1.5	1.0	Club events
D	Green	2.0	1.5	Club Championships
C	Green	2.5	2.0	Regional Championships
B4c	Red	2.5	2.5	Special Club events
B5i	Red	2.0	2.0	Interclub Tournaments
B4s	Red	2.5	2.5	Special State events
B5	Red	2.0	2.0	Congress minor events
B4	Red	2.5	2.5	Congress Championships
B3	Red	3.75	3.75	Super Congress Championships
B	Red	5.0	5.0	State Championships
A3	Gold	3.75	3.75	ABF Super Congresses
A2	Gold	5.0	5.0	National minor Championships
A	Gold	10.0	10.0	National Championships

#### 1.5.2 Directing requirements ♣

The scheme recognizes 6 levels of Director's accreditation:

- Club - Congress - State (under the jurisdiction of the State Associations).
- National levels 3, 2, and 1 (under the direct control of the ABF).

All Congresses (apart from Bridge Tours and Cruises), State Championships and National Championships must be run under the control of a non-playing accredited director, approved for the relevant level of tournament.

### 2. Masterpoints Menu

Masterpoint files normally have extensions starting with .MP followed by a digit between 1 and 5 which determines the type (colour) of points within the file. However, because of the use elsewhere of .MP as a suffix for music files, this program converts the .MP extensions to the more descriptive .GLD (gold), .RED (red), .GRN (green), .GAR (gold and red) and .RAG (red and green) extensions. These extensions are all acceptable to the Masterpoint Centre.

a. View Master Point Information in a MP File.

Select and view the details and total credits in an existing masterpoint file.

b. Edit Master Point Information in a MP File.

Select and edit an existing masterpoint file.

c. Merge Master Point Files.

Select and merge two or more masterpoint files of the same type (colour).

d. Create Cover Page for Awards (State MP-Secs only).

Create an "awards.txt" file to accompany state or congress masterpoint files. This function is only to be used by State masterpoint secretaries.

e. Create ABF Award Adjustment Application for Email Transmission.

Use this function to make adjustments to a masterpoint file that was previously submitted to the ABF Masterpoint Centre. Your work will then be recorded as an "adjust.txt" file that can be subsequently be attached to an email message to the Centre.

Please note that these forms can only be used for the purpose of transferring points from one player to another, or deleting credits that have been incorrectly applied.

Additional club points should be included with your set of club credits.

Missing points from congresses or state can only be added by the person who scored the event, or the State Masterpoint Secretary.

Missing credits from National events can only be submitted by the scorer, or the Gold Point Coordinator.

### 3. Clubs Menu

a. View Club MP Secretaries

Enter a keyword to get the contact details of a club masterpoint secretary.

b. Home Club Membership Nos.

Select a state (or all states) and view the number of home club members for each club.

### 1.3.2 Inactive players ♣

Members become non-financial (inactive) if their home club cancels their memberships before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Clubs may only advise the Masterpoint Centre once a year of their inactive members, either via a computer file of a previously approved format or else on the special form produced by the Masterpoint Centre for that purpose (see clause 1.4.2). Players who later rejoin the Scheme will have their original ABF numbers restored and their home clubs will be charged the prescribed reactivation fee.

Masterpoints earned during the period of non-registration, apart from those earned in the quarter of renewal and the quarter immediately prior to renewal, will not be credited.

### 1.3.3 Overseas players

Visiting overseas players may be allocated masterpoint numbers and become members of the "Foreign Players Club", the "NZ Players Club" or the "English Players Club". For Scheme purposes they are treated in the same manner as other registered players, although no capitation fees are levied. Membership of these clubs is not available to permanent or temporary Australian residents.

Overseas players who become permanent Australian residents, may, on application to the ABF Masterpoint Centre (with the appropriate documentary evidence), be granted the minimum points necessary for them to achieve a similar ranking to that achieved in their home country. Points subsequently earned in Australia are separate from this calculation.

New Zealand players who take up permanent Australian residency shall be given a minimum of one Australian gold point for each New Zealand A point.

### 1.3.4 Reciprocity with New Zealand & Great Britain

On application, masterpoints earned in New Zealand or Great Britain will be credited to Australian players using the following formulae:

- 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

NOTE: Players who take up permanent residence in Australia will, on application, be granted an equivalent ranking as specified in clause 1.3.3 - the formulae in this clause will not be used for this purpose. However, New Zealand players taking up permanent Australian residence will be granted a minimum of 1 gold point for each NZ A point as a part of their total.

### 1.3.5 Youth Players' Club

Players under the age of 26 as at the 1st of January can obtain free registration with the ABF for the coming year, through membership of the Youth Players' Club. For scheme purposes they are treated in the same manner as other registered players, although no capitation fees are levied. The membership records of this club are managed by the ABF Youth Coordinator or his delegate. Youth players are de-registered at the end of the year in which they turn 26, unless they have joined another registered club.

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