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1. OUTLINE OF THE SCHEME

1.1 OBJECTIVES ♣

The ABF Masterpoint Scheme is intended to:

- Stimulate interest in Contract Bridge.
- Provide means of measuring player achievements.
- Assist with the financing of the ABF's national and international commitments.

1.2 ADMINISTRATION

1.2.1 ABF Masterpoint Unit ♣

The Masterpoint Unit is the principal administrator of the Scheme.

This Unit is responsible for the proper maintenance of the Scheme, has the authority to provide any necessary interpretation of the rules applying to the Scheme and is authorized to make any minor amendments to the Scheme. The Unit is also the normal channel by which proposals for major amendments to the Scheme are brought before the ABF Council.

1.2.2 State Masterpoint Secretaries ♣

Each State Association has a State Masterpoint Secretary who is responsible for administering the Scheme within the State. The responsibilities of the State Masterpoint Secretary include supervision of the allocation of masterpoint awards for all events within the State, ensuring that all relevant data are forwarded to the ABF Masterpoint Centre, and recommending to the State Association the authorization of Congresses within the State.

1.2.3 Club Masterpoint Secretaries ♣

Each club should appoint a club masterpoint secretary to administer the Scheme within the club. The club masterpoint secretary is responsible for the allocation of masterpoint awards for club events at grades F, E and D and for completing and submitting the returns to the ABF Masterpoint Centre. The club masterpoint secretaries also advise the Masterpoint Centre of changes to player details, new members, and membership non-renewals. The club masterpoint secretary is expected to act as the go-between the club members and the ABF Masterpoint Centre.

1.3 MEMBERSHIP

1.3.1 Registered players ♣

Members of clubs affiliated to the ABF (via their State Association) are recorded as participating in the Scheme upon payment by the club of the annual capitation fee (and any other fees which the ABF may from time to time decide upon) to the ABF through the ABF Masterpoint Centre. Such players are known as ABF player members (or home club members) and each is issued with a unique ABF number (see Appendix A).

Membership of the Scheme is renewed annually (on March 31st). Players belonging to more than one club must nominate which club is to be considered their principal (home) club for the purposes of payment of the prescribed fees.

4. Manual Files Menu

a. Enter Club Members MP Manually.

Used to enter masterpoint credits for your home and alt members. You should first of all select your club to create a screen that shows all the players (home club and alt) of that club. Then enter the players' masterpoints next to their ABF numbers, in much the same manner as you would have entered the player credits onto the CPAR forms.

b. Enter Visitors MP Manually.

Used to enter ABF number and masterpoints for all players who are not included in function 4a.

c. Annual Membership Cancellations.

Use this function for the Annual Membership Declaration, which must reach the Masterpoint Centre by the advertised deadline, usually the last working day in March. Select your club and then use the <spacebar> to change the "yes" to a "no" for all those players whose memberships are not to be renewed. The resulting "xxxxcncl.txt" file should be attached to an email and forwarded to the Masterpoint Centre.

5. Award Statements

This function is only available if the additional files included in awards.exe, or nat_all.exe have been downloaded (see page 48). Otherwise this option does not appear.

a. Single player

Provides a unique way of showing not only a player's points, but also where they were earned. Select a player by entering the player's ABF number.

b. All Club Members

Gives the same result as 5a, but for two or more players. Select a club number and, if required, limit the number of players by choosing a range of surnames.

6. Setup Menu

a. Printer Setup

Set up your printer

b. Show Program Hints

Holding the cursor over some of the edit boxes produces "program hints". This facility can be turned on or off.

7. About Menu

Shows Author and Version Number

8. Quit Menu

Quits the Program

1.4 ABF MASTERPOINT CENTRE

1.4.1 Responsibilities of the Centre ♣

The Masterpoint Scheme is managed by the ABF Masterpoint Centre, which is responsible for:

- Crediting masterpoint awards received from sponsoring organizations (clubs and State Associations) to the player records.
- Updating player details, including changes of name, membership renewals and interclub transfers, and issuing ABF numbers for new players.
- Issuing player registration cards and various certificates.
- Collecting all ABF levies.
- Producing and distributing assorted forms and reports - refer clauses 1.4.2, 1.4.3.
- Updating and maintaining the ABF Masterpoint Centre website,

1.4.2 Information supplied to the Masterpoint Centre ♣

Any changes in club membership (registration of new players, record activations, name and detail changes, inter-club transfers, etc) are reported to the Centre using one of the prescribed methods in Appendix C. Details of player membership non-renewals are also advised to the Centre, either on special player schedules (which are distributed to the clubs by mid-February of each year) or as a computer file (see also Appendix C). These reports must be returned to the Centre by midday March 31st. Membership cancellations received after that time cannot be accepted.

Club masterpoint awards are entered on pre-printed schedules (CPAR forms) and returned to the Centre each quarter. Masterpoints earned by players who are not listed are recorded on separate Sundry Award sheets. Alternatively, clubs may forward this information on computer disc, or by electronic data transfer, provided the data is of a format approved by the Centre. Clubs reporting via computer disc (or email) have the option of forwarding their credits to the Centre each month, and should do so if they intend to use the monthly player schedules available on the Internet - ref. clause 1.4.4.

Club credits can also be submitted by going to the MP Centre web site, clicking on either CPAR or Sundry Awards, and then entering the credits online.

Masterpoints awarded in Congresses, State, and National events are reported to the Centre following the procedure detailed in clause 5.4.1.

1.4.3 Information distributed by the Masterpoint Centre ♣

Daily: Reports from Congresses, State and National events as they are processed, together with the appropriate invoices. Registration cards for new players and players whose details have changed. Supplies of various forms and computer files as requested.

Monthly: Details of masterpoint credits earned by home club members in National, State and Congress events processed during the past month. Promotion certificates and a newsletter. A schedule of home player promotions is also provided.

Quarterly: Player ranking reports, giving details of the masterpoint totals of all home club members and alternate members of the club. Invoice and statement detailing the masterpoints submitted by the club during the quarter and the total fees and levies outstanding. Numerous other reports are also produced.

Annually: A schedule of all registered home members as detailed in clause 1.4.2. Player registration cards, valid for the current membership year only (April 1st to March 31st) are issued each April. Details of the masterpoint levies and capitation fees (determined each year at the ABF Annual General Meeting).

APPENDIX G - USING NAT4WIN.EXE

NAT4WIN.EXE is a program developed by John Hansen and written by Nigel Dutton. It is used in conjunction with the NATIONAL.TXT, NATIONAL.CLB and ALTERNAT.TXT files and is intended to serve as a utility program for ABF masterpoint secretaries and other persons interested in creating masterpoint report files, or viewing player masterpoint details.

The program is part of the NATIONAL.EXE archive file, and is freely available from the ABF Masterpoint Centre's web site at <http://www.masterpoints.org.au/>.

The following files are contained within NATIONAL.EXE archive file:

- NATIONAL.TXT the player details file.
- NATIONAL.CLB the club details file.
- ALTERNAT.TXT alternate member' details.
- NAT4WIN.EXE a Windows program.
- HISTORY.TXT contains the awards and the associated code names.
- EVENTS.TXT 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.

In addition, the archive file contains the following 4 files for use with the DOS version of the program (NAT4DOS.EXE) only:

- NAT4DOS.EXE the DOS based program (also runs in a DOS window in Windows)
- NATIONAL.NDX the numerical index to NATIONAL.TXT
- NAT_SORT.COM a small sort utility program
- NAT_FIND.COM a small search utility program

FEATURES:

(Note: some of the following features may not be available in the DOS version).

1. Players Menu

a. View a Player.

Look up details and masterpoints for any single registered player, searching by ABF number or surname.

b. Extract Selected Players.

Create a report for a group of players.

c. Create ABF Data for Email Transmission.

Use this function to register, activate, transfer, delete, add or remove players or change their details. A small "player.txt" file is automatically created, ready to be attached to an email message and forwarded to the Centre. See Appendix C for a more detailed summary.

Clubs may elect to run the following events under the control of a playing director:

- GNOT qualifying rounds.
- State Championship qualifying rounds (unless the State Association has ruled otherwise).
- All grade B5i, B4c, B4s (qualifying rounds only), C, D, E, and F events.
- GNOT Regional and State Finals must be conducted by accredited Congress directors.

1.6 TYPES OF MASTERPOINTS ♣

The Scheme recognizes four types of masterpoints, distinguished by colour:

Gold masterpoints, available in certain ABF sponsored events and issued under the direct control of the ABF Masterpoint Unit. The Unit may delegate this responsibility by nominating a special officer of the Scheme, the Goldpoint Coordinator.

Red masterpoints, issued by State masterpoint secretaries or their nominees, available in State sponsored events, Congresses and a limited number of club and interclub events.

Green masterpoints, issued by club masterpoint secretaries for events held in their clubs (grades E and D) and by State masterpoint secretaries for Regional Championships (grade C).

Blue masterpoints, issued to players in supervised duplicate sessions (often before they become registered players) - see clause 2.2.

1.7 PLAYER PERFORMANCE AWARDS

1.7.1 Green point achievement awards ♣

These awards are made to the players winning the most green points at their home club during the calendar year, within each club category. The category into which each club falls will be determined by its total green points issued during the previous year. The ranges for each grouping will be reviewed annually, and the category into which each club falls will be announced at the beginning of each year.

1.7.2 McCutcheon Trophy ♣

This trophy is awarded annually to the player winning the most masterpoints during the calendar year.

1.7.3 McCutcheon awards ♣

These awards are presented annually to the player in each master ranking group (Gold and Silver Grand Masters are combined into a single category) winning the most masterpoints during the calendar year. Player ranking groups are determined by their master ranking at the start of the calendar year. Registered foreign players (ref. clause 1.3.3) are excluded from these awards.

Players who have moved to Australia from overseas are not entitled to win McCutcheon awards for the rankings beneath Life Master if they have already achieved an equivalent or higher ranking in their former country.

APPENDIX E: SUBMITTING AWARDS TO MASTERPOINT CENTRE

You have four different ways to submit your awards to the Masterpoint Centre:

1. Manually, by Hand-Written Forms and "Snail-Mail" (or Fax)

If you wish to use this method, you must tell the Masterpoint Centre, and the necessary CPAR (Club Player Awards Register) and Sundry Awards forms will be forwarded to you. These forms are issued at the beginning of each quarter and should be completed and returned before the advertised deadline. Instructions are printed on the back of the cover page. The CPAR forms come pre-printed with the names and ABF numbers of your home and alt members (see the PLAYER DETAILS help form). The Sundry Awards forms, which don't have any player details pre-printed, are to be used for those players whose names don't appear on the CPAR schedule. Awards submitted on any other forms cannot be accepted.

2. Files on a Floppy Disk via the Post.

If you are using one of the commercially available scoring programs then masterpoint files, in the required format, will be created for you. These files may be placed on a floppy disk (1.44mb) and posted to the Masterpoint Centre.

Alternatively, you may create these files manually by using either the NAT4WIN or NAT4DOS programs, or by using a standard program such as Windows' NOTEPAD. However, if you use the latter option, bear in mind that you will have to create your file in the required format (see Appendix D).

NOTE: Masterpoints files must not contain any heading or notes.

Once the file has been created you should check the total and contents by using NAT4WIN (or NAT4DOS), then complete the Electronic Data Summary Sheet and forward it together with your disk to the Masterpoint Centre.

3. Files via Email.

If you have access to email, you can use either of the methods described in 2.above to generate the credit files. Then, instead of placing the files on a floppy disk and posting it to the Centre, you can instead attach them to an email. You need not fill in any forms if you use this method, but again, you should use NAT4WIN or NAT4DOS to check the files, while the total credits in each file should be stated.

4. Creating and Submitting Files Directly from the MP Centre Web Site

Go to the MP Centre web site www.masterpoints.org.au, select "Enter Club Awards (CPAR)" or "Enter Sundry Awards" and follow instructions. The screen display should be the same as the corresponding manual form issued to your club at the start of the quarter (see 1. above) and can be completed in the same manner.

Once the player awards have been entered you should complete the Name and Email boxes, then click the Submit button. The details will then be sent directly to the Masterpoint Centre, while a copy will be sent to the email address that you have provided.

2 GRADES OF CLUB TOURNAMENTS

2.1 GRADE E - Green ♣

This is the basic grade for all tournaments. Unless a tournament falls in another grade, it must be masterpointed at this level. Grade E masterpoint awards are green in colour.

- **Teams:** weight - 1.0; awards – use clause 4.2.2 (or the values in Table 2A for matches of less than 7 boards) and Table 3A for multi-session events.
- **Pairs:** weight - 1.5 - use Tables 1B, 2B and 3B.

2.2 GRADE F - Green and Blue ♣

This grade applies to supervised play sessions. Registered players will receive green points at half of the Grade E rate, while any awards earned by unregistered players in these events shall be accumulated as blue points until a total of 2.00 points has been reached. Clubs are expected to keep their own records of these blue points and should, at the end of the period in which a player becomes registered, transfer such points to the Masterpoint Centre as green points.

- **Teams:** weight - 0.5; awards – use clause 4.2.2 (or the values in Table 2A for matches of less than 7 boards) and half the values in Table 3A for multi-session events.
- **Pairs:** weight – 0.75; awards – use half the values in Tables 1B, 2B and 3B.

2.3 GRADE D - Green ♣

This grade is for Club Championships. Every participating club may run up to 6 Grade D Championships each year. They should be chosen from Open Pairs - Open Teams - Masters Pairs and the events listed in clause 6.2.2 (excluding selection events). The duration of these championships shall be not less than 2 sessions and no more than 10 sessions.

NOTE: Club Championships may also be run at Grade B4c level (See clause 2.6.).

- **Teams:** weight - 1.5; awards – use clause 4.2.2 (or the values in Tables 1B and 2B for matches of less than 7 boards) and the values in Table 3B for multi-session events.
- **Pairs:** weight – 2; awards – use twice the values in Tables 1A, 2A and 3A.

2.4 GRADE C - Green ♣

This grade is for Regional Championships. State Associations are responsible for dividing the state into regions. Clubs within these regions are entitled (in consultation with the State Association) to organize jointly the following Regional Championships every year:

Open Pairs - Open Teams - Master Pairs

- **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 – 2.5; awards – use the values in Tables 1C, 2C and 3C.

Allocation of masterpoints should be made under the supervision of the State Masterpoint Secretary.

2.5 GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS - Gold ♣

Clubs may run qualifying rounds of this national event. Clause 7.5.7 applies

APPENDIX D - MASTERPOINT CREDIT FILE FORMAT

Format of ABF Masterpoint Credit Files

It is important to remember that these files must be in plain Text (ASCII) format. So, if you are using WORD, EXCEL, or any other such proprietary type program, you must use the Save As function to save your work as a DOS Text file, rather than the regular Save function which will save the file in its native format.

Files with a .DOC, .XLS, or other such extension names cannot be accepted - see naming convention below. If you must use a standard Windows program, use NOTEPAD instead, since it saves the files in standard text format.

The NAT4WIN program offers you a convenient method for entering the points, whilst it automatically creates a proper masterpoint file, ready to attach to your email. If you don't have a copy, please go to the Centre's web site and download the NATIONAL files from there.

A full description of the functions and their uses is available in Appendix G

Structure of files

If you were to look at a masterpoint file (type .mp2 or .mp3) using NOTEPAD, you would see something like this:

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0123456000042
0002288000007
0088249000145
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In other words, 13-digits per line precisely. No characters, no spaces and no signs - just the 13-digits made up of two individual sets representing the ABF number (7-digits) and the awards (6-digits). The last two digits of the awards are assumed to be the decimal portion of a player credit.

Each of the two fields must be left zero-filled. So, ABF number 123 becomes 0000123 and 0.53 points should read 000053 etc. As a consequence, in the examples above ABF number 123456 receives 0.42 points, 2288 gets 0.07 and 88249 gets 1.45 points.

There is also another form of file, which contains the ABF number and provision for both red and green point credits. These files have a suffix of .mp5, and are used for the processing of club credits. Such a file looks like this in NOTEPAD:

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0100060000042000005
0099993000007000000
0555667000000000145
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Each line is now 19 digits long, made up of three individual fields representing the ABF number (7), plus red points (6) plus green points (6). It is important that the points are in the correct order, i.e. red comes before green. Note that line two contains no green points and line 3 no red points, however the lines have remained at 19 characters in length.

3. TABLES OF AWARDS

3.1 MASTERPOINT FORMULAE

3.1.1 Session awards

Session awards are determined by the number of tables (T) in the relevant field and the grade weight factor (W).

The formulae used to produce the winners' award in a two winner movement (Mitchell) are:

$$0.02WT \text{ for } T \text{ up to and including } 30$$
$$W[1-\exp(-T/32)] \text{ for } T \text{ exceeding } 30$$

In the case of a single winner movement (Howell), the formulae used to produce the winner's awards are:

$$0.04WT \text{ for } T \text{ up to and including } 15$$
$$W[1-\exp(-T/16)] \text{ for } T \text{ exceeding } 15$$

3.1.2 Outright awards

Outright awards are controlled by the number of tables (T) in the whole field, total number of sessions played (S) and the grade weight factor (W).

NOTE: Both T and S are whole numbers.

The formula used to produce the winner's award is:

$$4.2W[1-\exp(-T(S-1)/105) + 0.65\exp(-800/(T(S-1)))]$$

This formula produces unacceptable awards for low and high numbers of tables at S=2 and S=3. Consequently, the awards are adjusted as follows:

- S=2 Awards increased to 44% of the equivalent 4-session award whenever the formula gives a lower value and decreased to 52% of the 4-session award whenever the formula results in a higher value.
- S=3 Awards increased to 72% of the equivalent 4-session award whenever the formula gives a lower value and decreased to 80% of the 4-session award whenever the formula results in a higher value.

The calculated awards are listed in the following Tables. 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 above formulae.

ii) Using NAT4WIN (or NAT4DOS) to create an email attachment.

After downloading NATIONAL.EXE from the Centre's site, and then installing it (see Appendix F) you will be able to do the following:

- Open NAT4WIN.EXE
- Click on "Players".
- Click on "Create ABF data for email transmission".
- Select a function (see 1-7 below) and complete the details for that player.
- Click on "Append to file".

Repeat the process for other players and, when finished,

- Click on "Close" to end the session.

A small text file titled PLAYER.TXT has now been created in the current directory. This file contains the data you have entered and is the file that you should attach to your email. (The file may be opened and viewed in your NOTEPAD program). You will receive confirmation as soon as your file has been processed.

WARNING: While you may enter as many player changes as you wish during one session (even using different functions), once you close the program you must either send the PLAYER.TXT file to the Centre before opening another session, or else rename the PLAYER.TXT file to something else (e.g. PLAYER1.TXT). The reason for this is that every time you open a new session the old PLAYER.TXT file will be overwritten, rather than added to.

iii) Using the Interactive Web-Form

Whilst on the Internet, go to the Centre's main page, and then:

- Click on one of the PLAYER DETAILS FORMS (there are two, one that shows up to five sets of player details on your computer screen, the other showing ten).
- Fill in the details while you are on the Internet, then;
- Click on Submit button at the bottom of the page to send the form.

You will receive confirmation as soon as your form has been processed. This method does not give you an immediate copy of the details that you have submitted, however you will receive a copy with the confirmation.

DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTIONS

1. New (Or Append)

This process applies only to players who have never been previously issued with an ABF number - players who have been previously registered should instead be activated. Please include all details requested on the forms, apart from the year of birth (which is optional). Once a player has been issued with a number, that number stays with the player until death, even if the player becomes inactive.

2. Activation

This function is used when a player previously issued with a masterpoint number wishes to rejoin after a period of inactivity (i.e. the players' membership have, at some stage, been cancelled by their home club). You only need to include the player name and ABF number on the form (unless other details have also changed).

Note (i) You cannot "transfer" or "add" inactive players - they must first be registered.

Note(ii): Players who already have a home club, cannot be "activated". The choice here is between a transfer or adding the player to your reports as an alternate member (see 4. below and 5. below).

3.2 SESSION AWARDS - TWO WINNERS (MITCHELL)

TABLE 1A - WEIGHT 1.0

T	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
4	0.08	0.06							
5	0.10	0.07							
6	0.12	0.08	0.06						
7	0.14	0.10	0.07						
8	0.16	0.11	0.08	0.05					
9	0.18	0.13	0.09	0.06					
10	0.20	0.14	0.10	0.07	0.05				
11	0.22	0.15	0.11	0.07	0.06				
12	0.24	0.17	0.12	0.08	0.06	0.05			
13	0.26	0.18	0.13	0.09	0.07	0.05			
14	0.28	0.20	0.14	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.05		
15	0.30	0.21	0.15	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.05		
16	0.32	0.22	0.16	0.11	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.05	
17	0.34	0.24	0.17	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.05	
18	0.36	0.25	0.18	0.12	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05
19	0.38	0.27	0.19	0.13	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.05
20	0.40	0.28	0.20	0.13	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.05

TABLE 1B - WEIGHT 1.5

T	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
4	0.12	0.08							
5	0.15	0.11							
6	0.18	0.13	0.09						
7	0.21	0.15	0.11						
8	0.24	0.17	0.12	0.08					
9	0.27	0.19	0.14	0.09					
10	0.30	0.21	0.15	0.10	0.08				
11	0.33	0.23	0.17	0.11	0.08				
12	0.36	0.25	0.18	0.12	0.09	0.07			
13	0.39	0.27	0.20	0.13	0.10	0.08			
14	0.42	0.29	0.21	0.14	0.11	0.08	0.07		
15	0.45	0.32	0.23	0.15	0.11	0.09	0.08		
16	0.48	0.34	0.24	0.16	0.12	0.10	0.08	0.07	
17	0.51	0.36	0.26	0.17	0.13	0.10	0.09	0.07	
18	0.54	0.38	0.27	0.18	0.14	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.07
19	0.57	0.40	0.29	0.19	0.14	0.11	0.10	0.08	0.07
20	0.60	0.42	0.30	0.20	0.15	0.12	0.10	0.09	0.08

"T" in Tables 1A to 2C inclusive: the number of tables in the relevant field (see clause 3.1.1).

COMPETITION MASTERSHEET

Pair Names	Round 1	Round 2	Totals	Placing	Total MP
Pair 1	42.86	51.92	94.78		
		0.08			0.08
Pair 2	45.24	44.87	90.11		
Pair 3	47.62	55.13	102.75	Fifth	
		0.25		0.13	0.38
Pair 4	50.00	44.87	94.87		
Pair 5	53.57	56.41	109.98	First	
	0.13	0.42		0.50	1.05
Pair 6	53.57	48.72	102.29	Sixth	
	0.13			0.10	0.23
Pair 7	57.14	47.44	104.58	Fourth	
	0.21			0.17	0.38
Pair 8	57.14	51.28	108.42	Second	
	0.21	0.07		0.35	0.63
Pair 9	46.43	53.85	100.28	Seventh	
		0.14		0.08	0.22
Pair 10	54.76	43.59	98.35		
	0.15				0.15
Pair 11	46.43	53.21	99.64		
		0.11			0.11
Pair 12	51.19	55.13	106.32	Third	
	0.05	0.25		0.25	0.55
Pair 13	42.86	50.64	93.50		
Pair 14	51.19	42.95	94.14		
	0.05				0.05

Final placing masterpoints (as shown in the last column) have been calculated using the award for a Grade E pairs event for seven tables and two sessions. The winners have received 0.50, second place 0.35, third 0.25, fourth 0.17, fifth 0.13, sixth 0.10 and seventh 0.08.

The winner's award has been obtained from Table 3B, using T=7 and S=2. If any of the award winners had a substitute for one session then the substitute would be entitled to the masterpoints earned during that session, the points being deducted from the absent player (see clause 4.4.5).

3.3 SESSION AWARDS - ONE WINNER (HOWELL)

TABLE 2A - WEIGHT 1.0

T	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
3	0.12	0.08	0.06						
4	0.16	0.11	0.08	0.05					
5	0.20	0.14	0.10	0.07	0.05				
6	0.24	0.17	0.12	0.08	0.06	0.05			
7	0.28	0.20	0.14	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.05		
8	0.32	0.22	0.16	0.11	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.05	
9	0.36	0.25	0.18	0.12	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05
10	0.40	0.28	0.20	0.13	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.05
11	0.44	0.31	0.22	0.15	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.06
12	0.48	0.34	0.24	0.16	0.12	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.06
13	0.52	0.36	0.26	0.17	0.13	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.07

TABLE 2B - WEIGHT 1.5

T	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
3	0.18	0.13	0.09						
4	0.24	0.17	0.12	0.08					
5	0.30	0.21	0.15	0.10	0.08				
6	0.36	0.25	0.18	0.12	0.09	0.07			
7	0.42	0.29	0.21	0.14	0.11	0.08	0.07		
8	0.48	0.34	0.24	0.16	0.12	0.10	0.08	0.07	
9	0.54	0.38	0.27	0.18	0.14	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.07
10	0.60	0.42	0.30	0.20	0.15	0.12	0.10	0.09	0.08
11	0.66	0.46	0.33	0.22	0.17	0.13	0.11	0.09	0.08
12	0.72	0.50	0.36	0.24	0.18	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.09
13	0.78	0.55	0.39	0.26	0.20	0.16	0.13	0.11	0.10

TABLE 2C - WEIGHT 2.5

T	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
3	0.30	0.21	0.15						
4	0.40	0.28	0.20	0.13					
5	0.50	0.35	0.25	0.17	0.13				
6	0.60	0.42	0.30	0.20	0.15	0.12			
7	0.70	0.49	0.35	0.23	0.18	0.14	0.12		
8	0.80	0.56	0.40	0.27	0.20	0.16	0.13	0.11	
9	0.90	0.63	0.45	0.30	0.23	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.11
10	1.00	0.70	0.50	0.33	0.25	0.20	0.17	0.14	0.13
11	1.10	0.77	0.55	0.37	0.28	0.22	0.18	0.16	0.14
12	1.20	0.84	0.60	0.40	0.30	0.24	0.20	0.17	0.15
13	1.30	0.91	0.65	0.43	0.33	0.26	0.22	0.19	0.16

Awards for lower places ("T" exceeding 9 or any Individual event) should be calculated as described in clause 3.1.1.

The masterpoints are awarded to each team member provided the team has only four members (each having played at least 40% of the boards). If a team has 5 members then each of them would receive 4/5 of the award; if a team has 6 members then each of them would receive 2/3 of the award (see clause 4.1.2).

Awards for substitutes, if any, are calculated using the team results for the session(s) in which the substitute played, deducting the points awarded from the absent player (see clause 4.4.5). Substitutes are not entitled to any portion of the final placing awards.

B.1.2 Single Session Teams Event - Grade E ♣

1. Format: T=8 S=1

Swiss Teams event of four 8 board matches, held in a single session.

SWISS TEAMS (4 by 8 board)

Team	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	T8	Total	Pos'n	Wins
T1		+7			+3	0		-7	+3		2 ½
T2	-7		-8	+9		-6			-12		1
T3		+8		+1	-11		+4		+2		2 ½
T4		-9	-1				+5	-9	-14		1 ½
T5	-3		+11			+12		-5	+15	2	2
T6	0	+6			-12		+17		+11	3	2 ½
T7			-4	-5		-17		+4	-22		1
T8	+7			+9	+5		-4		+17	1	3

For the above Swiss Teams event the Grade E award for each match is 0.008x8, i.e. 0.06 MP per match. The members of each team are entitled to the following credits (there are no final placing points for single session events).

Team	Session Awards
T1	2.5 x 0.06= 0.15
T2	1 x 0.06 = 0.06
T3	2.5 x 0.06= 0.15
T4	1.5 x 0.06= 0.09
T5	2 x 0.06 = 0.12
T6	2.5 x 0.06= 0.15
T7	1 x 0.06 = 0.06
T8	3 x 0.06 = 0.18

If the competition had been a single session Grade E event with matches of less than 7 boards duration then awards would be given to the top three teams using Table 2A, i.e. the first team would receive 0.32 MP per player, whilst the second team would receive 0.22 per player, and the third team would receive 0.16 per player.

TABLE 3B - WEIGHT 1.5

T	S=2	S=3	S=4	S=5	S=6	S=7	S=8	S=9	S=10
3	0.23	0.37	0.52	0.68	0.84	0.99	1.14	1.29	1.43
4	0.30	0.49	0.68	0.89	1.09	1.29	1.47	1.66	1.83
5	0.37	0.60	0.84	1.09	1.33	1.57	1.79	2.00	2.20
6	0.44	0.71	0.99	1.29	1.57	1.83	2.08	2.31	2.53
7	0.50	0.82	1.14	1.47	1.79	2.08	2.35	2.60	2.84
8	0.57	0.93	1.29	1.66	2.00	2.31	2.60	2.88	3.13
9	0.63	1.03	1.43	1.83	2.20	2.53	2.84	3.13	3.39
10	0.69	1.13	1.57	2.00	2.39	2.74	3.07	3.36	3.63
11	0.75	1.22	1.70	2.16	2.57	2.94	3.27	3.58	3.85
12	0.80	1.32	1.83	2.31	2.74	3.13	3.47	3.78	4.05
13	0.86	1.41	1.95	2.46	2.91	3.30	3.65	3.96	4.24
14	0.91	1.50	2.08	2.60	3.07	3.47	3.82	4.14	4.41
15	0.97	1.58	2.20	2.74	3.22	3.63	3.98	4.30	4.57
16	1.02	1.66	2.31	2.88	3.36	3.78	4.14	4.45	4.72
17	1.07	1.75	2.42	3.00	3.50	3.92	4.28	4.59	4.85
18	1.11	1.83	2.53	3.13	3.63	4.05	4.41	4.72	4.98
19	1.16	1.91	2.64	3.25	3.75	4.18	4.53	4.84	5.10
20	1.21	2.00	2.74	3.36	3.87	4.30	4.65	4.95	5.21
21	1.25	2.08	2.84	3.47	3.98	4.41	4.76	5.06	5.32
22	1.29	2.16	2.94	3.58	4.09	4.52	4.87	5.16	5.42
23	1.34	2.23	3.03	3.68	4.20	4.62	4.97	5.26	5.51
24	1.38	2.31	3.13	3.78	4.30	4.72	5.06	5.35	5.60
25	1.42	2.39	3.22	3.87	4.39	4.81	5.15	5.44	5.68
26	1.45	2.46	3.30	3.96	4.48	4.90	5.24	5.52	5.76
27	1.49	2.53	3.39	4.05	4.57	4.98	5.32	5.60	5.83
28	1.53	2.60	3.47	4.14	4.65	5.06	5.39	5.67	5.90
29	1.56	2.67	3.55	4.22	4.73	5.14	5.47	5.74	5.97
30	1.60	2.74	3.63	4.30	4.81	5.21	5.54	5.81	6.03
31	1.63	2.81	3.70	4.37	4.88	5.28	5.60	5.87	6.09
32	1.66	2.88	3.78	4.45	4.95	5.35	5.67	5.93	6.15
33	1.70	2.94	3.85	4.52	5.02	5.42	5.73	5.99	6.20
34	1.74	3.00	3.92	4.59	5.09	5.48	5.79	6.04	6.26
35	1.79	3.07	3.98	4.65	5.15	5.54	5.85	6.10	6.31
36	1.83	3.13	4.05	4.72	5.21	5.60	5.90	6.15	6.36
37	1.87	3.19	4.11	4.78	5.27	5.65	5.95	6.20	6.41
38	1.91	3.25	4.18	4.84	5.33	5.70	6.00	6.25	6.45
39	1.95	3.30	4.24	4.90	5.38	5.76	6.05	6.29	6.50
40	2.00	3.36	4.30	4.95	5.44	5.81	6.10	6.34	6.54

“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.

APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS and TERMS

The following terms apply in addition to the relevant definitions listed in Chapter one of The Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge, 1997.

ABF Number

On initially joining the ABF, members are issued with an ABF number (also known as a masterpoint number). These numbers are issued for the duration of a member's playing lifetime.

Alternate (Alt.) membership

Players are registered with the ABF through their home club. However, to ensure that they appear on the masterpoint schedules at other clubs where they are also members, they should be registered as alternate members.

Eclectic Events

Eclectic events are competitions where a competing pair does not have to play in every session, but, in order to be eligible for an outright award, needs to play in a specified minimum number of sessions. A common example is a competition where final placings are determined by the total of each pair's best 3 scores from the 4 available sessions.

Home Club

Registered players are registered with the ABF through their nominated home club. All Masterpoint Centre output for individual players (e.g. promotion certificates) is forwarded to the player's home club.

Individual Tournament

A competition where contestants play with several different partners during a session. Session winners get the Howells award for that number of tables, final placing awards are determined by the number of tables (not the number of contestants).

Session

For the purpose of calculating awards, a session shall consist of not less than 24 boards. If fewer than 24 boards are played in a duplicate session, then, with the exception of Grade F events (which have a minimum of 15 boards), the session awards are factored down accordingly (ref. clause 4.4.7). It is accepted that with a half table not all players need to play 24 boards.

Singles Tournaments

These are single winner multi-session events in which players must have several partnerships, each partnership being of at least one session's duration. To be eligible for an outright award a player shall have played in a number of partnerships, this number being not less than one third of the minimum number of sessions required to be eligible for a final placing (rounded upwards), e.g. at least two different partnerships are required for a competition in which the best 4 scores are counted.

Table-sessions

The sum of the total number of tables in play for each session of an event.

TABLE 3C - WEIGHT 2.5 (continued)

T	S=2	S=3	S=4	S=5	S=6	S=7	S=8	S=9	S=10
43	3.53	5.87	7.44	8.52	9.31	9.91	10.38	10.77	11.10
44	3.59	5.96	7.53	8.61	9.39	9.98	10.45	10.84	11.16
45	3.66	6.05	7.62	8.69	9.46	10.05	10.52	10.90	11.22
46	3.72	6.13	7.70	8.77	9.54	10.12	10.58	10.96	11.28
47	3.79	6.21	7.78	8.84	9.61	10.18	10.64	11.02	11.34
48	3.85	6.29	7.86	8.92	9.68	10.25	10.70	11.08	11.40
49	3.92	6.35	7.94	8.99	9.74	10.31	10.76	11.14	11.45
50	3.98	6.41	8.02	9.06	9.81	10.37	10.82	11.19	11.51
51	4.04	6.47	8.09	9.13	9.87	10.43	10.88	11.25	11.56
52	4.10	6.53	8.16	9.20	9.93	10.49	10.93	11.30	11.61
53	4.16	6.59	8.23	9.26	9.99	10.54	10.98	11.35	11.66
54	4.22	6.64	8.30	9.33	10.05	10.60	11.04	11.40	11.71
55	4.28	6.70	8.37	9.39	10.11	10.65	11.09	11.45	11.76
56	4.34	6.75	8.44	9.45	10.16	10.70	11.14	11.50	11.81
57	4.40	6.80	8.50	9.51	10.22	10.75	11.18	11.54	11.86
58	4.45	6.85	8.57	9.56	10.27	10.80	11.23	11.59	11.90
59	4.49	6.90	8.63	9.62	10.32	10.85	11.28	11.64	11.95
60	4.52	6.95	8.69	9.68	10.37	10.90	11.32	11.68	11.99
61	4.55	7.00	8.75	9.73	10.42	10.95	11.37	11.72	12.03
62	4.58	7.05	8.81	9.78	10.47	10.99	11.41	11.77	12.08
63	4.61	7.09	8.86	9.83	10.52	11.04	11.45	11.81	12.12
64	4.64	7.14	8.92	9.88	10.56	11.08	11.50	11.85	12.16
65	4.67	7.18	8.97	9.93	10.61	11.12	11.54	11.89	12.20
66	4.69	7.22	9.03	9.98	10.65	11.16	11.58	11.93	12.24
67	4.72	7.26	9.08	10.03	10.69	11.20	11.62	11.97	12.28
68	4.75	7.30	9.13	10.07	10.74	11.25	11.66	12.01	12.32
69	4.77	7.34	9.18	10.12	10.78	11.28	11.70	12.05	12.35
70	4.80	7.38	9.23	10.16	10.82	11.32	11.73	12.08	12.39
71	4.82	7.42	9.28	10.21	10.86	11.36	11.77	12.12	12.43
72	4.85	7.46	9.33	10.25	10.90	11.40	11.81	12.16	12.46
73	4.87	7.50	9.37	10.29	10.94	11.44	11.85	12.19	12.50
74	4.90	7.53	9.42	10.33	10.98	11.47	11.88	12.23	12.53
75	4.92	7.57	9.46	10.37	11.01	11.51	11.92	12.26	12.57
76	4.94	7.61	9.51	10.41	11.05	11.54	11.95	12.30	12.60
77	4.97	7.64	9.55	10.45	11.09	11.58	11.99	12.33	12.64
78	4.99	7.67	9.59	10.49	11.12	11.61	12.02	12.37	12.67
79	5.01	7.71	9.63	10.52	11.16	11.65	12.05	12.40	12.70
80	5.03	7.74	9.68	10.56	11.19	11.68	12.08	12.43	12.74
81	5.05	7.77	9.72	10.60	11.22	11.71	12.12	12.46	12.77
82	5.07	7.80	9.76	10.63	11.26	11.75	12.15	12.50	12.80

"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.

8. ABF LEVIES

The schedule of fees currently in force is tabulated in below. Adhesive labels will be issued whenever these charges are varied. All payments should be made to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.

8.1 Masterpoints ♣

A masterpoint levy is billed quarterly on the total points issued by a club in all its club events. Masterpoints from Congresses and State events are billed as they are processed by the Masterpoint Centre.

8.2 Capitation Fees ♣

An annual capitation fee is payable to the ABF by all clubs affiliated to the ABF through their State Association. The fee is levied on all home club members once a year, after the clubs have declared their current membership as at March 31st, and then quarterly for additional members as the clubs register new players or reactivate old ones.

8.3 Reactivations ♣

An additional reactivation fee is payable by clubs wishing to reactivate inactive members (including "new" members who originally belonged to another club). This fee is levied quarterly

8.4 Schedule of Fees ♣

Fees as at April 1st 2007

1. Masterpoint levies per masterpoint (including GST):

Grades A3, B3, B4, B5	\$1.70
Grades C, D, E, F	\$1.60
Grades B4c, B4s, B5i	\$1.30
Grades A, A2, B	\$1.10

2. Capitation fees per home club player:

April 1 st - September 30 th .	\$12.00*
October 1 st - December 31 st	\$6.00*
January 1 st - March 31 st	Nil

3. Reactivation Fees:

Within three months	Nil
Next nine months	\$12.00
Thereafter	\$1.10

- Clubs registering NEW players during these periods will receive \$1 commission per player.

14	0.112	3	30	0.24	7
15	0.12	4	32	0.256	7

These match awards can be awarded for matchpoint scoring events if each round is of 7 or more boards duration. The contesting pairs then share the match masterpoint award if the winners' score is less than or equal to 52.5%.

The session awards per board in other grades (allowing for the multiplying factor) are:

SESSION AWARDS PER BOARD FOR TEAMS EVENTS

Grade F	0.004 blue point	Grade B3	0.030 red point
Grade D	0.012 green point	Grade B	0.040 red point
Grade C	0.016 green point	Grade A3	0.030 gold point
Grade B5/B5I	0.016 red point	Grade A2	0.040 gold point
All Grades B4	0.020 red point	Grade A	0.080 gold point

To qualify as winners for the purpose of these session awards, the leading team must win by a margin greater than 0.2 IMP per board over the match - see table on previous page. If the margin is less than or equal to this the session awards are divided equally between the two teams.

NOTE: (i) The above rule applies whenever the IMP results are available. In a case of Victory Point conversion, where only the VP results are known, the masterpoint award is shared whenever the two teams have the same VP (usually 15/15).

NOTE: (ii) It is acknowledged that, in the case of a single session Teams event with matches of 7 or more boards, the team with the most VP may receive less masterpoints than another team.

NOTE: (iii) Where it is necessary for a single round triangle to be played in a Teams event with the half-matches being of less than 7 boards, half the masterpoints for a normal win will be awarded.

In the case of Teams events where matches of less than 7 boards are played, the awards described in clause 4.2.1 for movements with one winner should be used, placing awards going to the top third of the field.

For Butler Pairs events with matches of less than 7 boards, the awards listed in clause 4.2.1 for movements with one or two winners, as applicable, should be used. Placing awards should only be given if two or more sessions have been played, and are only given the top third of the field.

4.2.3 Multi-session events ♣

Session awards are calculated in the standard manner, as described in clauses 4.2.1 and 4.2.2, as applicable. An exception occurs in Teams events when no more than four teams play last rounds separate from the rest of the original field, which continues playing for minor placings. The session award to these finalists is the standard award increased by a 50% premium.

When a teams scoring event is of a round robin format, with each contestant having a bye, then for the purpose of final placing awards S shall be calculated using the maximum number of boards played by a contestant, rather than the number of rounds.

4.2.4 Events with finals ♣

Qualifying sessions are masterpointed in the standard manner. The session award in the final section is the standard award increased by 50%, subject to the following limitation on the size of the final section.

A final must not exceed one half of the original entry or 9 tables. If the final is larger than this the session awards in the final must be factored down proportionately (multiply the awards by the maximum allowable number of tables and divide by the actual number of tables in play), with the proviso that the minimum session award is the standard session award for the grade of the event.

Coordinator, as the officer responsible for issuing all gold point credits (apart from those issued in GNOT qualifying rounds) must approve and then authorize the masterpoint calculations.

7.5.2 Grade A tournaments

Grade A events, as listed in clause 7.3.3, are masterpointed as above, allowing for the grade weighting of 10.0. Grade A events listed in clauses 7.3.1 and 7.3.2 (with the exception of the GNOT) receive a table amplification factor, to compensate for the fact that the field is limited in numbers due to the preceding selection process. Whenever this factor applies, the outright award (but not the session awards) is based on the amplified number of tables. Details of the events affected by the above rule are given in the following clauses 7.5.3 to 7.5.8 inclusive.

7.5.3 National Play-offs

Masterpoints are awarded for the National Play-offs whenever they do not form a part of the WBF Zone 7 Championships; the masterpoints awarded will not be counted towards the McCutcheon Trophy or Awards (ref. clauses 1.7.2 and 1.7.3).

Session awards are standard for the grade (0.08 gold point per board), and increase to 0.12 gold point per board when the field is, or is reduced to, 4 teams or less. These awards should be reduced by 25% for Women's Senior's and Youth events. When matches are played in a number of segments, session awards are given per segment (and not the whole match) provided the segments are not shorter than 12 boards. Therefore, when a 60 board final is played in 6x10 board segments, it will be treated as three 20 board matches. A table amplification factor of 3 applies, hence the outright awards are given to all participants (one third of the amplified field). These awards are based on the number of 24 board sessions actually played by the teams under consideration.

7.5.4 Australian Butler Pairs

Stage 1 (preliminary) receives session awards at grade A2 level (0.04 gold point per board).

Stage 2 and stage 3 are considered as the qualifying and final rounds of the grade A event proper. Consequently, session awards are 0.08 gold point per board (stage 2), increasing to 0.12 gold point per board in stage 3.

Outright awards are based on the number of tables in stage 2 increased by an amplification factor of 1.5 and the number of 24 board sessions played in stages 2 and 3 together.

7.5.5 Interstate Teams Championships

Session awards are 0.08 gold point per board, increasing to 0.12 gold point per board for the finals. Outright awards, based on a table amplification factor of 3, are calculated as described in clause 7.5.3.

7.5.6 Interstate Pairs Championship

Session awards are standard for the grade (based on the actual size of the field). Outright awards, based on a table amplification factor of 1.5, are given to the top three quarters of the actual field (one half of the amplified field).

7.5.7 Grand National Open Teams

Qualifying rounds (played in all States) receive session awards at grade A2 level (0.04 gold point per board), increasing to 0.06 gold point per board for State or Regional finals, provided that such finals are of at least three sessions duration, with not less than 10 teams (each qualifying via club heats) participating. These awards apply for matches of 5 or more boards, i.e. the normal requirement of 7 boards (see clause 4.2.2) is waived. Masterpointing of the qualifying rounds is the responsibility of the State Masterpoint Secretaries - the supervision of the Goldpoint Coordinator is not required. The National preliminary rounds receive session awards at grade A level: 0.08 gold point per board,

NOTE: (1) A session can only be counted once towards a final placing award - if for example a club is running monthly events, for which final placing awards are given, and also has an Annual Championship with scores derived from the same sessions, then final placing awards cannot be given for the annual event.

NOTE: (2) For a competition to be eligible for final placing awards it is necessary that all sessions be of the same masterpoint colour.

NOTE: (3) Finals must be "fixed entry" events (with substitutes as approved by the sponsoring organization).

4.3.2 Multi-session events with walk-in pairs ♣

For eclectic and similar events where walk-in pairs are accepted into the competition, the number of sessions used in the calculation of the outright award is the minimum number of sessions a pair needs to play to qualify for a final placing. The number of tables (the field) is the average attendance over all sessions, or 125% of the number of tables that qualified for a final placing, whichever is the lesser. These final placing awards are given to half the eligible field, rounded down.

NOTE: Where an event consists of a qualifying (with walk-in pairs) and a final, the field, for final placing purposes, is the average attendance over the qualifying sessions, or 125% of the number of tables that were eligible to play in the final, whichever is the lesser.

4.3.3 Events with finals ♣

The outright award determined as described in clause 4.3.1 is made to the top part of the original field as specified in clause 4.1.1, or to all competitors in the final section, whichever is the lesser. An exception is made for teams events which do not run consolations in parallel with the final, in which case the award is to the top part of the original field. In this instance, and in all cases when the outright award winners did not play the same number of sessions, the outright awards are based on the actual number of sessions played by each award recipient. (Taking as an example a 36 table, four session Swiss Teams event followed by 4 table, two session knock-out finals, S=6 for 1st and 2nd place-getters, S=5 for the equal 3rd teams, and S=4 for the 5th to 12th places).

When consolations are played awards are made to the top part of the field in each consolation. These awards are calculated as a proportion of the award for the concurrent final, dependent on the number of consolations and whether or not the consolations are graded.

CONSOLATIONS - OUTRIGHT AWARDS

Number of consolations	Proportion of the final award
1 consolation	one quarter
2 or more, ungraded	one fifth
2 graded	one third, one fifth
3 or more graded	one third, one quarter, one fifth, i.e. reciprocal of (the consolation number + 2)

When a consolation produces two outright winners each of them receives 65% of the relevant award listed above.

NOTE: The number of tables in a consolation should not be less than 75%, nor more than 150%, of the number of tables in the final section. When the preferred size of any consolation cannot be conveniently achieved the awards listed above shall be multiplied by the ratio of the number of tables in the consolation to the stated relevant value.

As an example, a 2-session Congress Pairs Championship with a 7 table Howell final and a 13 table Mitchell consolation the outright awards are 3.33 for the final (see table 3C, after applying the congress acceleration factor mentioned in clause 5.4.2), and $3.33 \times 0.25 \times 0.65 \times 13 / 10.5 = 0.67$ for the consolation NS and EW.

7. GOLD POINT TOURNAMENTS (other than Congresses)

7.1 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry to these competitions is limited to players who are either registered with the ABF, or else are visitors from overseas.

7.2 NATIONAL (minor) CHAMPIONSHIPS - Grade A2

7.2.1 Open entry selection events

Youth Selection Trials	- Youth	Canberra
Australian Butler Pairs, stage I	- Open/Women/Seniors	ANC
Grand National Open Teams (qualifying)		All States

7.2.2 Other open entry events

Australian Youth Teams	- Youth	Canberra
Australian Youth Pairs	- Youth	Canberra
Australian Restricted Teams	- Novice	Canberra
Australian Mixed Pairs	- Mixed	Canberra
Australian Men's Pairs	- Men	Canberra
Australian Women's Pairs	- Women	Canberra
Australian Seniors Pairs	- Seniors	Canberra
Australian Novice Pairs	- Novice	Canberra
Australian Mixed Teams	- Mixed	Canberra
Gold Coast Restricted Teams	- Novice	Gold Coast
Gold Coast Restricted Pairs	- Novice	Gold Coast
Gold Coast Restricted Swiss Pairs	- Novice	Gold Coast
ANC Swiss Pairs	- Open	ANC
Australian Butler Novice Pairs	- Novice	ANC

7.3 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Grade A

7.3.1 National Play-offs

Australian Teams Selection	- Open/Women/Seniors/Youth	
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7.3.2 Closed Championships (following pre-selection)

National Open Teams		Canberra
Australian Butler Pairs, stages 2 and 3	- Open/Women/Seniors	ANC
Interstate Teams	- Open/Women	ANC
	- Youth/Seniors	ANC
Interstate Pairs	- Open/Women/Mixed	ANC
	- /Seniors/Youth	ANC

4.4.7 Sessions ♣

For masterpointing purposes a session shall consist of a minimum number of boards, as also specified in clause 4.3.1. If a duplicate session has less than the required minimum number of boards (15 for Grade F, 24 otherwise) then session masterpoint awards should be factored down accordingly, with the proviso that no awards will be issued when the reduction exceeds 33%.

4.4.8 Handicap events ♣

No masterpoints are awarded for handicap events. However, if the pre-handicap results are available, then awards should be made using these scores.

4.4.9 Master events ♣

Master events are tournaments where entry to the different ranking sections is determined by each player's masterpoint standing. These events have a Master Factor applied to the standard award.

MASTER FACTORS

Grade	Grad.	Club	Local	Reg'l	State	State*	Nat'l	Life	Grand
E	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.375	1.50	1.50	1.50
D	0.65	0.80	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.375	1.50	1.50	1.50
C	0.65	0.80	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.375	1.50	1.50	1.50
B5/B5i	0.65	0.80	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.375	1.50	1.50	1.50
B4/B4c/B4s	0.50	0.65	0.80	0.80	1.00	1.125	1.25	1.50	1.50
B3/A3	0.50	0.65	0.80	0.80	1.00	1.125	1.25	1.50	1.50
B/A2	0.40	0.50	0.65	0.65	0.80	0.90	1.00	1.25	1.50
A	0.33	0.40	0.50	0.50	0.65	0.725	0.80	1.00	1.50

If a Master event of a tournament involves players from more than one category, then the Master Factor applied shall be the median ranking of the entrant field, i.e. the factor for the player ranking that has as many players of equal or greater ranking above as there are of equal or lesser ranking below. As an example, if a field has five Life Masters, ten National Masters, twelve State Masters and one Regional Master, the National Master Factor would be used.

Alternatively the Master Factor can be calculated as the average of all the appropriate factors for the represented masterpoint rankings. (A grade B event, graded "below 50 masterpoints", in which Graduate, Club and Local masters compete, would have a factor of $(0.40 + 0.50 + 0.65)/3 = 0.52$).

When players of below Graduate rank are allowed to participate they are considered as Graduate masters for the purpose of calculating the Master Factor.

4.4.10 Restricted events

A restriction factor of 0.75 is applied to all awards in events in which entry is restricted by age or gender, for the following grades:

- Grade A - National Championships.
- Grade A2 - National (minor) Championships, but only when they form a part of a Grade A event.
- Grade B - State Championships (Teams and Pairs) and Selection events.

6. RED POINT TOURNAMENTS (other than Congresses)

6.1 SPECIAL CLUB (OR INTERCLUB) EVENTS

These events (grades B4c and B5i) are described in clauses 2.6 and 2.7.

6.2 STATE CONTROLLED EVENTS

6.2.1 Special State events - Grade B4s

These are tournaments with a strong field involving players from several clubs e.g. a strong interclub event or a State-wide contest. This category will frequently be used for major events which do not qualify as State Championships because there is another similar event in existence (see clause 6.2.2). The prior approval of the State Masterpoint Secretary is required for these events.

State Associations are entitled to run each calendar year up to 10 sessions of B4s events, plus an additional session for each 500 members (or part thereof) registered in the State at September 30th of the previous year.

Allocation of masterpoints (allowing for the grade weighting of 2.5) follows the procedure described in clause 2.6.

NOTE: Any single session State-wide tournament should be reported as a Congress (see clause 5.4.1). Grade B4 masterpoint levies apply.

6.2.2 State Championships and Selection events - Grade B

Each State Association may run the following championships every year:

- Board a Match
- Masters Pairs (see clause 4.4.9)
- Masters Teams (see clause 4.4.9)
- Individual
- Pairs *
- Teams *
- Singles Championship (see Appendix A)
- State selections for the Australian Butler Pairs
- State Teams selection
- Swiss Pairs (based on Butler scoring)

* These championships may also be run as separate competitions restricted by age (juniors, seniors), or sex (men, women, mixed). Veterans State Teams and Pairs Championships may also be held.

States may not conduct more than one of the above Championships as an eclectic event.

State Associations wishing to run competitions other than those listed as State Championships should seek the written permission of the ABF Masterpoint Unit.

Duration of these championships shall be limited as follows:

- Three longest - up to 20 sessions.
- Next three - up to 10 sessions.
- All others - from 3 to 6 sessions except the Individual (from 2 to 6 sessions).

Where events are concurrent, e.g. Open & Women's Trials, the events are counted as one for the purpose of the above number of session restrictions.

- All other sessions shall receive green points at the club E rate, or Grade F (see clause 4.2.) for supervised sessions.
- The Congress acceleration factor shall not be applied.
- Green masterpoints only shall be awarded to players who live within 50 km of the venue, and are not members of the tour. (Exemptions may only be granted where there is no local club.)
- If a tour runs a major event in conjunction with a local club, any red points issued to the local club's players must come from that club's B4c allocation.
- All red masterpoint credits must be forwarded to the State Masterpoint Secretary for authorization. These credits will not be forwarded to the ABF Masterpoint Centre until all outstanding levies have been paid.
- If the Tour Operator does not have his or her own bridge club, all credits (both red and green) must be forwarded to the State Masterpoint Secretary. The State Masterpoint Secretary will calculate the masterpoint levy and then, on payment of this amount, forward the credits to the ABF Masterpoint Centre.

5.1.3 Super Congresses (grade B3)

These are major events which include championships with large, strong fields. Although controlled by State Associations, these Congresses must also satisfy the following additional requirements:

- Prior approval, to be sought in writing or via email, must have previously been given by the Chairman of the ABF Masterpoint Unit.
- The venue must be of suitable quality.
- The Chief Tournament Director must be accredited at State Level or higher.
- The Tables/Director ratio must not exceed 40.
- Where the event is being conducted in a metropolitan area there is a further requirement that all hands must be pre-dealt, with hand records supplied at the end of each session.

NOTE: A side Congress run in parallel with any Australian National Championship is automatically granted B3 status.

5.1.4 ABF Super Congresses (grade A3)

These major gold events require ABF approval. Entry to these competitions is limited to players who are registered with the ABF, or else are visitors from overseas.

NOTE: When an International Championship (played under the auspices of the World Bridge Federation) is hosted in Australia, all minor (open entry) events and side Congresses are granted grade A3 status.