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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 THE MASTER POINT SCHEME AND ITS HISTORY

Master points are awarded through the Scottish Bridge Union to reward success and encourage competition in duplicate bridge events. SBU members' master point awards are recorded centrally on the database Mempad. As thresholds are met members' ranking progresses thereby indicating success, experience and eligibility to enter rank restricted events.

The Scottish Bridge Union's master point scheme came into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1957. A committee of the SBU, in conjunction with the English Bridge Union (EBU), under the umbrella of the British Bridge League (BBL), prepared the scheme to which all home national bridge organisations (NBOs) adhered. In June 1993, the SBU transferred its paper master point records to a computer. The membership and master point database, Mempad, has been operational since July 2013.

## 1.2 CURRENT EDITION

The latest edition of this document is as published on the SBU website. Electronic or paper copies may be invalid.

This is the 2024 edition of the SBU Master Point and Licensing Handbook and takes effect from 1st April 2024.

This document is a key policy document of the SBU:

- It outlines the different types of organisation that can run master point award events.
- It determines what type of master points and on what scale an organisation may make awards.
- It states the different types of event an organisation may run and any restrictions imposed on these events.
- It states how many events an organisation may run and from which sectors entrants may be invited.
- It sets out the type of events which require a licence.

If you would like further information on the scheme please contact [masterpointqueries@sbu.org.uk](mailto:masterpointqueries@sbu.org.uk)

## **2 Organisations, Events and Licensing**

### **2.1 SPONSORING ORGANISATIONS**

There are four types of organisation authorised to organise bridge events in Scotland and award master points. Master point awards vary according to the seniority of the organising body, club events attract the lowest level of award and national events the highest.

#### ***2.1.1 Affiliated Clubs***

These are clubs affiliated to the SBU via the affiliation agreement.

A bridge club in Scotland must be affiliated to the SBU to purchase and award SBU master points, however, there is no obligation for an affiliated club to award master points for the events it holds.

In order to award master points clubs must run duplicate bridge sessions in accordance with the affiliation agreement. Clubs set their own entry policies for players in their regular club events. However master points are awarded solely to entrants who are SBU members.

#### ***2.1.2 Areas***

Areas comprise groups of affiliated clubs which are geographically adjacent but may be outside the boundaries of the districts (2.1.3).

Members of an affiliated club within an area are automatically members of the area.

#### ***2.1.3 Districts***

The Affiliated clubs are grouped into seven geographical districts: Ayrshire, East, Central, Highland, North, South and West.

Members of an affiliated club within a district are automatically members of that district.

#### ***2.1.4 The National Body***

This is the SBU itself, membership of which is obtained from the SBU by application, either by naming an affiliated club as your home club, or as a direct member. Information on direct membership can be found on the SBU website:

<https://www.sbu.org.uk/members/membership/direct-membership>

### **2.2 PERMITTED EVENTS AND MASTER POINT AWARDS**

Sponsoring organisations may award master points in accordance with the conditions laid out in this Handbook for the following types of events, noting that events open to a wider field than regularly permitted must first obtain a licence unless excluded below.

#### ***2.2.1 Types of Master Points***

SBU master points are either black, otherwise referenced local points, or red, otherwise referenced national points. One national/red point is equivalent numerically to 100 local/black points. Local points are denoted by whole numbers, eg 100, whereas national points use 2 decimal places, eg 2.25.



### **2.2.2 Types of Entrants**

Entry to events may be restricted to a subset of the types listed below.

SBU members are entitled to enter any open or national SBU event unless restricted by rank, category, age or gender. A secondary member is deemed not to have a rank and may therefore be ineligible for rank restricted events and awards.

**A direct member:** an SBU member who has not named an affiliated club as their home club.

**A primary member:** an SBU member who holds their master points in Mempad.

**A secondary member:** an SBU member who elects to hold their master awards in another Home NBO (see below).

**A club member:** a member of the SBU who has nominated an affiliated club as their home club.

**An area member:** a member of a club within the area.

**A district member:** a member of a club within the district.

**A Home NBO member:** a member of the Scottish Bridge Union (SBU), Contract Bridge Association of Ireland (CBAI), English Bridge Union (EBU), Northern Ireland Bridge Union (NIBU), Welsh Bridge Union (WBU)

**A foreign NBO member:** a member of an NBO other than Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland, which is recognised by the World Bridge Federation.

**A non-NBO member:** not a member of any organisation recognised by the World Bridge Federation.

### **2.2.3 Regular Games and Championships**

Clubs and districts may run an unlimited number of regular games and championships. Areas may run a league and one pairs and one teams event each year.

Club events are open to all entrants as permitted by the club's constitution and may include those who are not members of the SBU or of any NBO.

Entry to area/district events is limited solely to those who are members of the area/district.

For special events please see 2.4 below.

### **2.2.4 Annual Major Championships**

Clubs and districts may nominate one teams, pairs and individual event each year as an Annual Major Championship. This may be a single or multi-stage event. Enhanced master points are awarded by multiplying the applicable club, area or district scale(s) by 1.5.

### **2.2.5 Simultaneous Pairs**

Clubs and districts may enter simultaneous pairs events organised by a third party. Entrants will receive points as determined by the third party. Points from other Home NBOs will automatically be converted and credited to the players Mempad account as either local or national points.

## **2.3 PURCHASE OF MASTER POINTS**

Organisations must purchase master point credits in advance of making an award. These are available in units of 100. Further information is provided [here](#).

## **2.4 EVENTS REQUIRING A LICENCE**

### ***2.4.1 Open Events***

Open events are those open to a wider field than would normally be eligible. In general a licence is required to run these events and a licence fee is payable to the SBU.

Club licensed events receive master points on the district scale. District events receive master points on the district scale, or, in some cases, on the club scale, see 2.4.3.

Further details and restrictions are to be found in 2.5 below.

### ***2.4.2 Club Open Events***

Clubs may apply for a limited number of licences per annum to hold face to face events open exclusively to all SBU members. These events attract master point awards on the district scale, however please see 3.4.2 below regarding the award of master points.

In the special case of a congress other home NBO members and verified foreign NBO members may enter.

If the licence requirements are not met or no licence is obtained then club scale local points are awarded.

### ***2.4.3 District Open Events***

Districts may run one licensed Swiss pairs or Swiss teams event and one licensed congress each year which attract red points.

In addition a limited number of licensed open events may be held for which district scale black points are awarded.

As for clubs above licensed events are restricted to SBU members and in the case of a congress, home or foreign NBO members, however please see 3.4.2 below regarding the award of master points.

If an open event is not eligible for a licence, or the licence requirements are not met or a licence not obtained, then club scale local points are awarded.

### ***2.4.4 Leagues***

Master points are awarded manually for leagues and for this reason advance notice is required and a charge of £3 per team will be levied. Please contact [masterpoints@sbu.org](mailto:masterpoints@sbu.org) for more information.

## **2.5 LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

Please contact [masterpointqueries@sbu.org.uk](mailto:masterpointqueries@sbu.org.uk) for further information and an application form.

## **2.6 STATUS OF LICENSED EVENTS**

If an event does not meet the license conditions, or is played with no licence, then local points on the club scale will be awarded.

Sponsoring organisations are therefore free to run unlicensed open events however master points will be awarded on the club scale.

## **2.7 LICENCE FEES**

Information on the application of fees may be obtained via the link in 2.5 above. Current fees are listed in 10.2.

## **3 The Master Point Scheme**

### **3.1 ADMINISTRATION**

#### ***3.1.1 Regulation of the Master Point Scheme***

The day-to-day authority for the terms of issue of master points is delegated to the master point Committee: [masterpointqueries@sbu.org.uk](mailto:masterpointqueries@sbu.org.uk). Significant changes in the scheme are reserved for the consideration of the Board of Trustees.

#### ***3.1.2 Submission of Master Points***

For all simple club, district or area events master point files should be sent to [masterpoints@sbu.org.uk](mailto:masterpoints@sbu.org.uk).

For leagues please make contact in advance for instructions to [masterpoints@sbu.org.uk](mailto:masterpoints@sbu.org.uk). Any non-standard or licensed event file should be sent to [congresspoints@sbu.org.uk](mailto:congresspoints@sbu.org.uk).

### **3.2 TYPES OF POINTS**

See 2.2.1 above.

### **3.3 THE MASTER POINT RANKS**

#### ***3.3.1 Progression***

As players accumulate master points they achieve higher ranks. Points won and current rank can be viewed within a player's Mempad account. A player is notified by email of a change of rank.

#### ***3.3.2 Categories***

Groups of ranks are further classified in to three categories: Bronze, Silver and Gold.

#### ***3.3.2 National Points***

Ranks within the Silver and Gold category are achieved with the requisite number of national points within the total.

#### ***3.3.3 Restricted Events***

Some events are restricted to gender, age, category and others to a specific rank or group of ranks.

#### ***3.3.4 Gifts on Rank Promotion***

Promotion to the ranks of Scottish Master or Grand Master will be marked with a certificate of attainment and engraved crystal glassware.

### 3.3.5 The Master Point Ranks and Categories

Rank	Total Points Required	Minimum National Points Required	Category	Eligibility for Ranked Events	
				Individual	Pairs
Novice	0		Bronze 1	Fairlie	Kennedy
Club Master	2		Bronze 1	Fairlie	Kennedy
Local Master	10		Bronze 2	Fairlie	Johnston
District Master	25		Bronze 2	Fairlie	Johnston
Master	50		Bronze 3	Shenkin	Jesner
1 Star Master	100		Bronze 3	Shenkin	Jesner
2 Star Master	150		Bronze 3	Shenkin	Jesner
3 Star Master	200		Bronze 4	Shenkin	Jesner
4 Star Master	250		Bronze 4	Shenkin	Jesner
5 Star Master	300		Bronze 4	Shenkin	Jesner
Senior Master	400		Bronze 4	Shenkin	Jesner
1 Star Senior Master	450		Bronze 4	Shenkin	Jesner
2 Star Senior Master	500		Bronze 4	Shenkin	Jesner
3 Star Senior Master	550		Bronze 4	Shenkin	Jesner
4 Star Senior Master	600		Bronze 4	Shenkin	Jesner
5 Star Senior Master	650		Bronze 4	Shenkin	Jesner
Regional Master	100	25	Silver	Harrison	Alan Fairlie
Scottish Master	200	50	Silver	Harrison	Alan Fairlie
National Master	300	75	Silver	Harrison	Alan Fairlie
Life Master	600	150	Gold	Harrison	Bowman
Senior Life Master	900	300	Gold	Harrison	Bowman
Grand Master	1,200	600	Gold	Harrison	Arthur

## **3.4 RECIPROCITY**

### **3.4.1 Home NBOs**

Please see 2.2.2 above.

### **3.4.2 Reciprocal Award of Points**

Points won in events sponsored by the Home NBOs will be transferred to a player's master point account at the discretion of the sponsoring organisation. A player may belong to several Home NBOs and must elect a single account to hold master points. Full credit is given to national and local points.

There is no reciprocal arrangement for members of foreign NBOs.

The SBU will not award master points to members of other home NBOs unless they are also members of the SBU, excepting the Winter Foursomes and national congresses.

### **3.4.3 EBU Points**

EBU national points are green, not red. The EBU also has blue points for specific events that do not attract national points, notably simultaneous pairs. The SBU converts blue points to red points in the ratio 3 blue = 1 red.

### **3.4.4 Foreign NBOs**

Please see 2.2.2 above.

Master points won in events sponsored by a foreign NBO cannot be credited to a player's SBU account.

### **3.4.5 Initial Rank**

SBU members who are also members of a foreign NBO or members of another Home NBO who transfer their master points to their SBU Mempo account will be given an initial rank.

In the case of foreign NBO members their initial rank will be decided by the Master Point Committee.

## **3.5 DEFINITION OF EVENTS**

### **3.5.1 All-play-through**

The same competitors play throughout in all sessions, or a single session.

### **3.5.2 Quali-final**

The same competitors play throughout the first qualifying stage. The leading competitors then qualify for a final, or subsequent qualifying stage. A knock-out event is a particular form of a quali-final competition.

### **3.5.3 Aggregated or Ladder**

The terms aggregated and ladder are synonymous.

These are multi-session events where competitors may play in a subset of X sessions, where X is at least 2. The full set of results is used to determine an overall ranking list based on the average or best Y results, where Y is two or more. A bonus award is made to the top third of players in the final ranked list.

Master points for each individual session must be awarded as for a single event. Organisations may award a bonus to two such events per annum.

### ***3.5.4 Other Types***

Other types of permitted events are described in Chapters 5, 6 and 7. These include: Carry Forward and Restricted Final events.

# 4 Master Point Awards

## 4.1 AWARDS

- All awards quoted are per player.
- A player must play at least one-third of the available boards, and no fewer than 12 boards, in any event to qualify for master points.
- All entrants must play at least 12 boards in an event for master points to be awarded.
- Awards are calculated on the basis of constant reduction (or in the case of some national congresses constant increase, or decrease) and are determined by dividing the top award by the number of awards to be made.
- Fractional awards should be rounded up at the end of the calculation.
- Tied competitors share the available points except for the last qualifying place when all tied players receive the award for that place. In Swiss competitions, tied competitors each get half of the full award.

## 4.2 SCALES

- The higher the status of the organising body, the higher the Scale unless otherwise noted.
- Basic scales are used for single-stage events of 18+ boards and all qualifying rounds of multi-staged events. Points are awarded to the top third of the field.
- Where some or all players play fewer than 18 boards (12-17), the basic club scales are halved, with points only awarded to the top quarter of the field.
- Scales based on the total original entry (TOE) may be used for licensed events, single-stage events of more than 36 boards, some bonus awards, and finals of multi-stage events.

## 4.3 MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND BOARDS

The minimum numbers for Club, Area and District events are as follows:

- All awards quoted are per player
- 2 complete tables in an individual event
- 3 complete tables in a one-winner pairs event
- 3 complete tables in a team event
- 3 complete tables in a one or two winner SIMS event
- 4 complete tables in a 2 winner pairs event
- All players must play at least 12 boards in each stage of an event

## 4.4 WITHDRAWALS IN MATCHES

No master points can be awarded for a match not played. However an award shall be made if opponents concede or withdraw when in arrears. In the final stage of a knockout event the director may authorise an award if a team withdraws.

Where players only play some of the boards, and a team concedes, all available players are deemed to have played the remaining boards.

## **4.5 EVENTS PLAYED IN TWO OR MORE SECTIONS**

An event played in two or more sections can be treated as constituting a single field provided:

- the same boards are played in each section, and
- the competition is scored overall by match points.

For the purpose of master points awards, there is no such thing as a teams event, or any non match-pointed event, played in more than one section and scored overall. Master points must be awarded within each separate section.

## **4.6 EVENTS PLAYED OVER TWO OR MORE SESSIONS**

The master point regulations make no reference to ‘sessions’ per se, but only to the duration of the event in terms of boards played (or scheduled to be played). This is irrespective of any actual breaks in play. Thus, for the purposes of master point awards, an event that takes place over two ‘short’ sessions of 16 boards each, for example, is treated identically to a long single-session event of 32 boards.

The point of reference for the duration of an event is the minimum number of boards scheduled to be played by a competitor, even if some competitors play fewer boards due to being sat out (e.g. in the case of a half table in a pairs event).

### **Examples**

- An event comprising nine 2-board rounds should be considered to be an 18-board event only if all players play 18 boards.
- Similarly a complete Howell comprising nine 2-board rounds with 9 pairs, where every pair sits out one round, should be considered to be a 16-board event.
- In a Teams event in which all teams sit-out for a number of boards (e.g. where there is an odd number of Teams, playing head-to-head matches), the duration of the event should be considered to be the maximum number of boards actually played by any one team (i.e. excluding any boards sat out).



## **4.7 HANDICAP AND STRATIFIED EVENTS**

### ***4.7.1 Handicap Events***

No awards may be made in a handicap tournament. However, the tournament may be re-scored without application of the handicap and points awarded on that basis. (Such a re-scoring process will never be feasible if players have qualified for a later stage of an event by virtue of a handicap).

### ***4.7.2 Stratified Events***

Organisations may run Stratified events, whereby master points can be awarded to contestants of lower status (normally defined by MP rank), if they perform well compared to other contestants of similar status, as part of a larger event combining players of all statuses.

Rather than running separate sections, each restricted to contestants of specified status, all competitors take part in the same field, but separate ranking lists are produced in up to four categories, and master points awarded as if they had been competing separately.

## **4.8 CARRY-FORWARD SCORES**

### ***4.8.1 Quali-final Events***

In this type of event a certain fraction of the previous stage score may be carried forward into the next stage; awards are still made for each separate stage of the event, including the stage(s) in which a carry-forward score is included in the final result.

## **4.9 SPECIAL SCALES OF AWARDS**

### ***4.9.1 New Types of Event***

If a proposed event is of a type for which no scale is provided, application for an appropriate scale should be made to [masterpointsqueries@sbu.org.uk](mailto:masterpointsqueries@sbu.org.uk).

## **4.10 TOTAL ORIGINAL ENTRY (TOE)**

The total original entry, abbreviated TOE, is used to calculate master point awards for certain events.

For a single stage event TOE is the number of individuals, pairs or teams entered. For multistage events TOE is the number playing in sufficient stages to qualify for the final. No substitutions are permitted.

## 5 Team Events

### 5.1 BASIC AWARD SCALE

- Award Scale: *Appendix Table A*
- Where 18 or more boards are played awards are made to the **top third** of the field.
- Where some or all players play only 12-17 boards, the top award = 50, with awards to the **top quarter**.
- Above 30 tables, the top awards are reached by extrapolation thus:  
Top award =  $\text{SQRT}(T/30)*A$  where T = number of Tables, A = existing top award. For example: club top becomes  $\text{SQRT}(T/30)*100$   
Remaining awards are in equal decrements to the **top third**.
- For scales based on Total Original Entry (TOE) awards are made to the **top half** of the field.
- For an Annual Major Championship the basic scale is multiplied by 1.5.

### 5.2 TYPES OF COMPETITION

Below is a list of the types of competition for which award scales are available. For events not covered below please see 4.9 above.

#### 5.2.1 Multiple Teams

- Must involve 3 or more teams
- Where more than 12 boards are played against each team, the appropriate league team scale of local points should be used. Please see Chapter 9 for the relevant scales.

Award Scale: *Appendix Table A*

#### 5.2.2 Played in Sections

This must not be scored as a single event. Separate awards must be made to each section.

Award Scale: *Appendix Table A*

#### 5.2.3 Multiple Teams with Qualifying Round/s and Final

- Where a final stage is preceded by one or more qualifying stages provided that:
  - At least 20 boards are played at each stage and
  - Each stage reduces the number of contestants by at least 40%.
- Separate point awards are made in respect of each stage.
- If 36+ boards are played in the final, the final award and the maximum points should be increased by 0.25 of the Scale. If a consolation final is run in conjunction with the above, the awards will be 0.67 of the appropriate Scale.
- Where only one preliminary round is played points are awarded using the scale for the second stage.

Award Scale: *Appendix Table B*

#### **5.2.4 All Play Through**

- All competitors play throughout.
- Single event with master point award on the final ranking list.
- If 36+ boards are played in the final, the final award and the maximum points should be increased by 0.25 of the Scale. If a consolation final is run in conjunction with the above, the awards will be 0.67 of the appropriate Scale.
- Where more than 12 boards are played against each team, the appropriate league team scale of local points should be used. Please refer to Chapter 9 for the relevant scales.
- Where only one preliminary round is played points are awarded using the scale for the second stage.

Award Scale: *Appendix Table B*

#### **5.2.4 Carry Forward**

- Competitors are not eliminated in the first stage.
- Players in the final stage carry a proportion of first stage score forward.
- At least 20 boards are played at each stage.
- Duplicated boards with overall scoring at all stages.
- At least one-third of the original entry must play in the final stage.
- A one-winner movement must be used throughout. Teams must be ranked across the field throughout.
- Treated as a single event with master point award based on final ranking list either to all competitors in the final stage or to half TOE, whichever is less. No points are awarded for the first stage and so for single stage events the final award only is made.
- In certain major events, a qualifying round may precede the stage from which part of the score is carried forward. Points are then awarded for the qualifying round. A separate award is made based on the final ranking list either to all the competitors in the final or to half the total number who competed in the carried round, whichever is less. Awards are based on TOE.

Award scale: *Appendix Table B*

#### **5.2.4 Swiss**

Please refer to Chapter 8 for award scales.

#### **5.2.5 Single Elimination (Knockout) Teams**

Each match must consist of 18 boards or more.

Award scale: *Appendix Table C*

#### **5.2.5 Aggregated or Ladder Events**

The competition is designed so that the best X out of Y events are taken to calculate a ranking for the bonus award.

For each individual event, master points are awarded using the basic scale: *Appendix Table A*

Substitutes are allowed and are awarded points for the event in which they take part, along with a pro-rata element of any bonus awarded to the team.

To be eligible for a bonus a minimum of X events must be played.

Bonuses are awarded based on the final ranking list of **teams, pairs or individuals**, decreasing equally to the **top third** of the field: *Appendix Table D*

### ***5.2.6 Perfect Teams***

An aggregated teams event involving 3 rounds. In each round, each member of a team is partnered with a different member of their team.

Master points are awarded as for Aggregated Teams events above, using the 'Series of 3' bonus: *Appendix Table D*

# 6 Pairs Events

## 6.1 BASIC AWARD SCALES

- For two-winner pairs see *Appendix Table A*
- For one-winner pairs see *Appendix Table E*
- Two-winner pairs may have an unequal award where there is a half table, in which case the larger N/S or E/W line takes the higher number of points.
- Where 18 or more boards are played awards are made to the **top third** of the field.
- Where some or all players play only 12-17 boards, top award = 48, with awards to the **top quarter**.
- Above 48 pairs, the top awards are reached by extrapolation thus:  
Top award =  $\text{SQRT}(P/48)*A$  where P = number of Pairs, A = existing top award, for example the club top becomes  $\text{SQRT}(P/48)*96$ . Remaining awards are in equal decrements to the **top third**.
- For scales based on Total Original Entry (TOE) awards are made to the **top half** of the field.
- For an Annual Major Championship the basic scale is multiplied by 1.5.

## 6.2 TYPES OF COMPETITION

### 6.2.1 Qualifying Round/s and Final

- Where a final stage is preceded by one or more qualifying stages provided that:
  - At least 20 boards are played at each stage and
  - Each stage reduces the number of contestants by at least 40%.
- Separate point awards are made in respect of each stage.
- First and Second Stage Awards constitute the only awards for these rounds of this competition.
- If 36+ or more boards are played at any stage, awards should be increased by 25%, i.e., if the top award is 100, it will be increased to 125.
- Where only one preliminary round is played points are awarded using the scale for the second stage.

Award Scale: *Appendix Table B*

### 6.2.2 All Play Through

- All competitors play throughout.
- Single event with master points based on the final ranking list.
- First and Second Stage Awards constitute the only awards for these rounds of this competition.
- If 36+ or more boards are played at any stage, awards should be increased by 25%, i.e., if the top award is 100, it will be increased to 125.
- Where only one preliminary round is played points are awarded using the scale for the second stage.

Award Scale: *Appendix Table B*

### 6.2.3 Aggregated or Ladder Events

The competition is designed so that the best X out of Y events are taken to calculate a ranking for the bonus award.

For each individual event, master points are awarded using the basic scale: *Appendix Table A or E*

Substitutes are allowed and are awarded points for the event in which they take part, along with a pro-rata element of any bonus awarded to the pair.

To be eligible for a bonus a minimum of X events must be played.

Bonuses are awarded based on the final ranking list of **pairs or individuals**, decreasing equally to the **top third** of the field: *Appendix Table D*

#### ***6.2.4 Four+ Rounds Aggregated with Restricted Final***

Entry to the final is restricted to those pairs with the best results of at least 4 events preceding the final.

Master points for rounds preceding the final are awarded according to: *Appendix Table A or E*

Awards for the final are made according to: *Appendix Table F*

If a consolation final is run in conjunction with the above, the awards will be 0.67 of the appropriate basic Scale, e.g., if the top award is 100 master points, then for the consolation final, the top award is 67 master points.

# 7 Individual Events

## 7.1 BASIC AWARD SCALES

- Where 18 or more boards are played awards are made to the **top third** of the field, according to *Appendix Table G*.
- Where some or all players play only 12-17 boards, the top award = 24, with awards to the **top quarter**.
- Above 48 players, the top awards are reached by extrapolation thus:  
Top award =  $\text{SQRT}(P/48)*A$  where P = number of Players, A = existing top award For example the club top becomes  $\text{SQRT}(P/48)*48$
- Remaining awards are in equal decrements to the **top third**.
- For an Annual Major Championship the basic scale is multiplied by 1.5.

## 7.2 TYPES OF COMPETITION

### 7.2.1 Qualifying Round/s and Final

- Where a final stage is preceded by one or more qualifying stages provided that:
  - At least 20 boards are played at each stage and
  - Each stage reduces the number of contestants by at least 40%.
- Separate point awards are made in respect of each stage.
- First and Second Stage Awards constitute the only awards for these rounds of this competition.
- If 36+ or more boards are played at any stage, awards should be increased by 25%, i.e., if the top award is 100, it will be increased to 125.
- Where only one preliminary round is played points are awarded using the scale for the second stage.

Award Scale: *Appendix Table B*

### 7.2.2 All Play Through

- All competitors play throughout.
- Single event with master points based on the final ranking list.
- First and Second Stage Awards constitute the only awards for these rounds of this competition.
- If 36+ or more boards are played at any stage, awards should be increased by 25%, i.e., if the top award is 100, it will be increased to 125. First and Second stage awards constitute the only awards for these rounds of the competition.
- Where only one preliminary round is played points are awarded using the scale for the second stage.

Award Scale: *Appendix Table B*

### 7.2.3 Aggregated or Ladder Events

The competition is designed so that the best X out of Y events are taken to calculate a ranking for the bonus award.

For each individual event, master points are awarded using the basic scale: *Appendix Table G*

To be eligible for a bonus a minimum of X events must be played.

Bonuses are awarded based on the final ranking list of individuals, decreasing equally to the **top third** of the field:

Award Scale: *Appendix Table D*

#### **7.2.4 Restricted Final**

Where entry to the Final is restricted to those individuals with the best results of at least three events preceding the final.

Awards for each preceding event are made using the basic scale above: *Appendix Table G*

Scale for Restricted Final: *Appendix Table H*



# 8 Swiss Events

## 8.1 MINIMUM NUMBER OF BOARDS AND MATCHES

The minimum number of boards per match is 5.

The number of matches should not exceed ideally one third of the number of teams or pairs entered. This is to prevent repeat matches.

In practice at least 4 matches are played and therefore the minimum number of teams or pairs is 12.

## 8.2 BASIC AWARD SCALES

### 8.2.1 Match Awards:

Swiss Events														
Boards	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Club	8	9	11	12	14	15	17	18	20	21	23	24	26	27
Area	12	14	16	18	21	23	25	27	30	32	34	36	39	41
District	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54

If a match is drawn, half of the points for a win are awarded to each team/pair.

### 8.2.2 Bonus Awards:

Swiss Teams				Swiss Pairs			
Teams	Club	Area	District	Pairs	Club	Area	District
25 - 28	105	158	210	53 - 56	112	168	224
21 - 24	90	135	180	49 - 52	104	156	208
17 - 20	75	113	150	45 - 48	96	144	192
13 - 16	60	90	120	41 - 44	88	132	176
9 - 12	45	68	90	37 - 40	80	120	160
6 - 8	30	45	60	33 - 36	72	108	144
				29 - 32	64	96	128
				25 - 28	56	84	112
				21 - 24	48	72	96
				17 - 20	40	60	80
				13 - 16	32	48	64
				12	24	36	48

- Awards to the top quarter of the field.
- Above 28 tables, the top awards are reached by extrapolation thus:  
 Top award =  $\text{SQRT}(T/28) * A$  where T = number of Tables, A = existing top award, for example the club teams top becomes  $\text{SQRT}(T/28) * 105$

### 8.3 DISTRICT RED-POINTED SWISS EVENTS

Each District may run one Swiss event per season.

Individual match and bonus awards are all red points as below. Scores for a draw are halved and rounded up.

Number of Boards per Match	5	6	7	8	BONUS
District Red Swiss Pairs	0.15	0.18	0.21	0.24	Bonus points are awarded to the <b>top 1/4</b> of the field based on TOE x 6/100 (max 7.50)
District Red Swiss Teams	0.15	0.18	0.21	0.24	Bonus points are awarded to the <b>top 1/4</b> of the field based on TOE x 12/100 (max 7.50)

# 9 Leagues

## 9.1 CLUB, AREA OR DISTRICT LEAGUES

League secretaries must register the intention to run a league at the start of each season: please contact [masterpoints@sbu.org.uk](mailto:masterpoints@sbu.org.uk). Specific instructions regarding the registration of teams, payment, and the process for data collection will be issued.

Leagues are run subject to the following restrictions:

- All clubs within a district League must be SBU-affiliated and within the district.
- All players must be paid-up members of the SBU for the season of play.
- All players who represent a club must be a member of that club.
- A league may be divided into two or more divisions if provision is made for seasonal promotion and relegation.
- A league event may be defined as a competition in which at least 3 teams compete, and every team in each division meets each other team at least once.
- League competition for Teams of 4 or multiples of 4 may, with approval, be organised by a District, Area, or an Affiliated Club. Only one League for Teams of 4 and one League of 8 within each District may qualify each year for recognition as a District League. Other league competitions will be classified as Area leagues.
- Where a League competition is run as an Annual Major Championship awards for each match are 1.5 times the award of the appropriate league scale.

### 9.1.1 Basic Scales

The basic scales for matches **won** are as follows:

Club			
Number of Divisions	Division		
	1	2	3
1	45		
2	47	41	
3	49	43	37

Area				
Number of Divisions	Division			
	1	2	3	4
1	68			
2	71	62		
3	74	65	56	
4	77	68	59	50

District						
Number of Divisions	Division					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	90					
2	94	82				
3	98	86	74			
4	102	90	78	66		
5	106	94	82	70	68	
6	110	98	86	74	62	50

Basic awards are for matches of 24 boards. For matches of fewer boards, awards are proportional and given in accordance with the following formula:

*Number of boards x basic award divided by 24*

For matches **drawn**, these scales are halved and rounded up.

## 9.2 NATIONAL LEAGUE

Definition:

- Awards are made for each match won or drawn. Matches drawn attract an award of one-half of that for a match won.
- Points awarded are national points.
- Awards, as described below, assume 16 board matches. Where there is a different number of boards per match, awards are proportional and given in accordance with the formula: *Basic award x number of boards divided by 16*

Basic Awards per Match:

Division	Division			
	1	2	3	4
1	1.00			
2	1.00	0.50		
3	1.00	0.75	0.50	
4	1.00	0.83	0.67	0.50

### 9.3 NATIONAL ONLINE LEAGUE (SOL)

Definition:

- Awards are made for each match won or drawn. Matches drawn attract an award of one-half of that for a match won.
- Points awarded from iteration 3 are national points (red).
- Awards, as described below, assume 24 board matches. Where there is a different number of boards per match, awards are proportional and given in accordance with the formula: *Basic (lowest) award x number of boards divided by 24*

Iteration	Division	
	Highest	Lowest
1 (Black points)	36	36
2 (Black points)	100	36

Iteration 3 Onwards		
Number of Divisions	Highest	Lowest
1	0.20	0.36
2	0.40	0.36
3	0.60	0.36
4	0.80	0.36
5	1.00	0.36

Where differential awards are to be made according to division awards will be calculated in equal decrements between Division 1 and the lowest division.

## 9.4 NATIONAL ONLINE BRONZE LEAGUE (BL)

Definition:

- Awards are made for each match won or drawn. Matches drawn attract an award of one-half of that for a match won.
- All points awarded are local points
- Awards, as described below, assume 16 board matches. Where there is a different number of boards per match, awards are proportional and given in accordance with the formula: *Basic award x number of boards divided by 16*

Iteration	Division	
	1	Lowest
1-3	24	24
4	67	24

Where differential awards are to be made according to division (i.e., iteration 4 and later), awards will be calculated in equal decrements between division 1 and the lowest division.

# 10 One Day Open Events and Congresses

## 10.1 SPECIAL ONE DAY EVENTS AND CONGRESSES

A licence is needed for all open special events and congresses run by clubs and districts where conditions are as described in the table below.

Participation in special events depends on the terms of the licence issued for that event. Advice must be sought from [masterpointqueries@sbu.org.uk](mailto:masterpointqueries@sbu.org.uk) in advance of advertising the event.

For national congresses, please see Chapter 13.

## 10.2 PERMITTED EVENTS

Type of Event	Minimum Number of Boards	Platform	Licence Cost
Club Single-Session Pairs Event	36	Face to Face Only	£8 + £0.80 per table
District Single-Session Pairs Event	36	Face-to-Face or Online	£8 + £0.80 per table
Red-Pointed District Swiss Event	36	Face-to-Face or Online	£10 + £1.00 per table
One-Day Club Congress	2 x 24	Face-to-Face Only	£8 + £0.80 per table
Multi-Day Club Congress (Black points only)	2 x 42	Face-to-Face Only	£8 + £0.80 per table
Multi-Day District Congress (Black points only)	2 x 42	Face to Face or Online by Prior Agreement	£8 + £0.80 per table
Multi-Day District Congress (Partial red points)	2 x 42	Face to Face or Online by Prior Agreement	£10 + £1.00 per table

A congress is generally expected to be a face-to-face event where at least one pairs, and one teams event, must take place. In a multi-day congress, these events may be a mixture of ordinary and Swiss events. In addition, there may be filler events that attract local points on the district scale.

### 10.3 MULTI-DAY EDUCATIONAL CONGRESS

Multi-day events which are run for educational purpose and do not necessarily meet the requirements for a congress as specified above, may be run without a licence and will attract points on the basic club scale, see 2.4.3.

### 10.4 DISTRICT RED-POINTED CONGRESS

Each District is allowed to run one congress per annum in which national points, as well as local points, are awarded. A district congress is expected to be played face-to-face over at least 2 consecutive days. It should include at least one pairs and one teams event. If these requirements are not to be met then prior agreement should be sought in advance from [masterpointqueries@sbu.org.uk](mailto:masterpointqueries@sbu.org.uk). There can be no presumption that a licence will be granted.

These events may each consist of a qualifying round and a final, or they may be a mixture of ordinary and Swiss events. In addition, there may be additional filler events that will only attract local points.

If the event comprises qualifying rounds and finals, then local points are awarded for the qualifying rounds, and national points are awarded for the finals (but not consolation finals). If Swiss events are played, then local points are awarded for matches won/drawn, and national points are awarded for the bonus in each case.

### 10.5 QUALI-FINAL EVENT

In a quali-final event the final stage is preceded by one or more qualifying stages provided that:

- At least 18 boards are played at each stage and
- Each stage reduces the number of contestants by at least 0.4.

Separate point awards must be made in respect of each stage.

Scales – please refer to chapter 5 for basic scales for teams and chapter 6 for basic scales for pairs.

First Qualifying 18-35 boards	First Qualifying 36+ boards	Second Qualifying	Pairs Final	Teams Final
Basic x 2 (max 200)	Basic x 3 (max 300)	Basic x 3 (max 300)	TOE x 6 (max 750)	TOE x 12 (max 750)

At a Congress with a qualifying round and final whereby those competitors who do not qualify for the main or subsidiary final and play in a Swiss event, this shall be regarded as a separate competition and the appropriate Swiss scales used accordingly. For example, if 40 teams start the competition and 9 qualify for the main final and a further 9 for the subsidiary final, the remaining 22 play a Swiss event, then the top award will be as per the Swiss scales in chapter 8.

### 10.6 SINGLE SESSION PAIRS OR TEAMS

Use TOE x 6 / 12 as in Pairs / Teams finals



## 10.7 SWISS

- A minimum of 5 boards is played in each match.
- Ideally the minimum number of Pairs (or Teams) should equal 3 times the number of matches. This is to avoid the likelihood of rematches.
- See Chapter 8 for match awards.

Award Scale:

Match Won Award	Match Drawn Award	Bonus (reducing evenly for top 25%)	
		Pairs	Teams
Swiss District Award	Swiss District Award	TOE x 6 (max 750)	TOE x 12 (max 750)

# 11 Simultaneous Pairs

These are match-pointed pairs events run simultaneously at a number of participating clubs, known as SIMs. The results are scored across the whole field and master point awards made based on the final ranking list.

## 11.1 MINIMUM NUMBER OF BOARDS AND ENTRANTS

Minimum numbers for participating clubs are as follows:

- 3 complete tables
- 21 boards in play, of which at least 18 must be played by all players in the case of a half table

## 11.2 SIMS ARRANGED BY SBU

- Autumn Simultaneous Pairs (Lord Thompson Trophy)
- Easter Simultaneous Pairs (Bobby Allan competition for mixed pairs)

Awards are national points. The total award is based on:

Top award =  $\text{SQRT}(T/25) \times 300$  where T = number of Tables

For a series of SIMS the top award will be 5.00 national points for the session which has the maximum entrants. Awards for the other sessions in the series will be made pro-rata based on the size of the field.

## 11.3 SIMS ARRANGED BY DISTRICTS

Awards are in local points. The total award is based on:

Top award =  $\text{SQRT}(T/25) \times 200$  where T = number of Tables

## 11.4 SIMS ARRANGED BY THE CELTIC NATIONS

Organised in turn by the Celtic nations and scored by ECats. Individual nations receive a share of the revenue based pro rata on entry of each primary membership.

Master points are a mixture of both Local and National. National points are awarded to the top tenth of the field and local points to the remainder of the top third.

## 11.5 SIMS ARRANGED BY THIRD PARTIES, SUPPORTED BY SBU

Events scored by either the EBU or Ecats are supported, in terms of enhanced master points, but the SBU receives no revenue. Any other SIMS events not in this list are regular club events and will attract master points on the club scale.

Examples below:

- British Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter Pairs organised by EBU
- Charity Challenge Pairs (ECats)
- Children in Need Pairs (ECats)
- Bill Hughes Pairs (ECats)
- Kidney Research Pairs (ECats)
- World Bridge Federation (WBF) events in aid of Youth Bridge (ECats)

## 12 National Competitions

National events are those directly organised by the SBU and usually featured in the SBU competition calendar. For all such events, except for the Winter Foursomes, all players must be members of the SBU. For eligibility for the Winter Foursomes, please see below.

Awards are national master points except where otherwise stated. Where a top award is quoted, it is divided by the number of eligible competitors, and the lesser awards are arrived at by equal decrements.

Note that for all competitions there is a minimum entry level for the maximum awards to be given. If the minimum entry level is not attained, the awards are reduced pro rata.

For some competitions, there is a minimum number of boards to be played in the competition, in total and at heat level in club or district.

**The minimum number of boards in a pairs national event is 24 unless otherwise stated. This applies whether it is a face-face, online, or hybrid event.**

National Event organisers should always seek guidance before an event is publicised.

### 12.1 KNOCKOUT EVENTS

#### 12.1.1 Scottish Cup and Scottish Cup Plate

Awards are made for matches won:

Event	Round				
	1 - 2	3	QF	SF	F
Scottish Cup	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	12.00
Scottish Cup Plate	1 - 1.50	-	2.00	3.00	4.00

#### 12.1.2 Gold Cup and Gold Plate

Awards are made for matches won:

Event	Round							
	Prelim	1	2	3	4	QF	SF	F
Gold Cup	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	6.00	10.00	20.00
Gold Cup Plate		0.50	-	-	-	1.00	1.50	2.00

NB. The Gold Cup and Gold Cup Plate are BGB events, and the BGB determines the size of the MP awards. It is advisable to check the BGB website for up-to-date information:

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/bgb/>

*Rounds 1 and two may be played in Scotland. Teams then enter round 3 of the main competition.*

### 12.1.3 Winter Foursomes

The Winter Foursomes is open to members of any NBO, not necessarily the SBU or a Home NBO. If a team is knocked out of the Winter Foursomes and plays in the Winter Swiss Teams, the same criteria apply. However, if a team enters the Winter Swiss event directly, then all players must be SBU members. Awards are made for each match won. In the event of a drawn match, master points will be divided equally between the teams.

Round							
1	2	Pool A	3	Pool B	4	QF	SF & Final
Total of 2.00 available, 1.00 for a 16-board match, 0.67 for an 11-board match	1.00 for a 16-board match, 0.67 for an 11-board match	0.25 for each match won	1.50 for a 16-board match	0.50 for each match won	2.00 for a 16-board match	3.00 for a 24-board match, 2.00 for a twice-loser play-off	Qualifying for the final 4.00 plus 6.00 for winning

Those teams qualifying for the Subsidiary Final will be awarded 0.75 for each match won in this event, with the top three places being awarded a 3.00, 2.00 and 1.00 bonus.

### 12.2 EVENTS FOR QUALIFIERS FROM CLUB/DISTRICT HEATS

No points should be issued by the club or district holding the heat(s). The minimum entry level must be attained for the top master point award to be given. In the event of a smaller entry, the awards are reduced on a pro-rata basis. Where only one qualifying round is played then the award for the 2nd qualifying round applies:

Event	Maximum Award	Minimum Entry Level	Minimum Number of Boards
1 <sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round	Basic x 4 (max 200)/100	A minimum of 4 Teams or 8 Pairs is required to hold a heat of any SBU National Competition.	24 boards must be in play, but in the event of a half-table, some competitors may only play 21 boards.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Qualifying round	Basic x 6 (max 300)/100	A minimum of 4 Teams or 8 Pairs is required to hold a 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round of any SBU National Competition.	

Final: Awards are made to the **top half** of the field:

Event	Maximum Award	Minimum Number of Pairs/ Teams
Rayne	7.00	12 Teams
National Pairs	20.00	24 Pairs in Final
National Bronze Teams (Thea Teale Salver)	3.00	24 Teams
Kennedy Ranked Pairs (Novice and Club Master)	6.00	16 Pairs

**NB** If the Thea Teale Bronze Teams is run as a single Swiss event on BBO, match awards are 0.15 for each match won and 0.08 for a draw.

## 12.3 EVENTS WITHOUT QUALIFYING ROUNDS

### 12.3.1 Swiss Events

An award of 0.25 is made for each match won, 0.13 for a draw. There are bonus awards for competitors finishing in the **top quarter**. The following events are designated Swiss events.

However, the number of entries may preclude a Swiss movement from being used.

The minimum entry level must be met for the maximum master point awards to be given.

In the event of a smaller entry, the awards are reduced on a pro-rata basis.

The awards are as follows:

Event	Maximum Bonus Award	Minimum Entry Level
Men's Teams	10.00	20 Teams
Women's Teams	10.00	20 Teams
Winter Swiss Teams	10.00	20 Teams
Scottish Swiss Teams (Edwin Berry)	10.00	20 Teams
Scottish Swiss Pairs	10.00	40 Pairs
Mixed Swiss Teams (Helen Walton Trophy)	10.00	20 Teams
Mixed Swiss Pairs (Ruby Martin Trophy)	10.00	40 Pairs
Men's Pairs	10.00	26 pairs
Women's Pairs	10.00	26 pairs

### **12.3.2 Ranked Individual Events**

For eligibility criteria, please refer to 3.3.5.

Awards will be made to the **top half** when 36 or more boards are played; otherwise, the **top third**. The minimum entry level must be attained for the top master point awards to be given. In the event of a smaller entry, awards are reduced on a pro-rata basis.

Awards are as follows:

Event (Individual)	Maximum Award	Minimum Entry Level
Benjamin	10.00	20
Harrison	10.00	20
Shenkin	8.00	20
Alan Fairlie (Individual)	6.00	20

### **12.3.3 Ranked Pairs Events**

For eligibility criteria, please refer to 3.3.5.

Awards are made to the **top half** of the field where 36 or more boards are played, otherwise to the **top third**. The minimum entry level must be attained for the maximum master point awards to be given. In the event of a smaller entry, the awards are reduced on a pro-rata basis. When it is decided to conjoin events due to a lack of numbers, for example, the Bowman/Fairlie or the Jesner/Johnston, the resulting competition shall be treated as one event for master point purposes. In cases of conjoined events, the highest maximum award will be used.

Awards are as follows:

Event (Pairs)	Maximum Award	Minimum Entry Level
Arthur	10.00	20 Pairs
Bowman	10.00	20 Pairs
Alan Fairlie (Pairs)	10.00	20 Pairs
Jesner	10.00	20 Pairs
Johnston	8.00	20 Pairs
Kennedy	6.00	20 Pairs

### 12.3.4 SBU National Events Run as Simultaneous Pairs

Event	Heats	Maximum Award	Minimum boards	Minimum Entry Level	
				Heats	Overall
<b>Diamond Trophy (Senior Pairs)</b>	Districts	10.00	42	8 Pairs	48 pairs
<b>Lord Thompson Sims</b>	Clubs	5.00 see 11.1 above	21 boards in play, minimum 18 played by any pair	6 pairs	N/A
<b>Easter Sims incorporating Bobby Allan Mixed Pairs</b>	Clubs			6 pairs	
<b>National Bronze Pairs (Thea Teale Trophy)</b>	Districts			3.00	8 pairs

### 12.3.5 Other Single Session Pairs Events

Awards are made to the **top half** of the field where 36 or more boards are played, otherwise to the **top third**. The minimum entry level must be attained for the top master point award to be awarded.

Awards are as follows:

Event	Comment	Maximum Award	Minimum Entry Level
<b>Inter - District (Spence Cup)</b>	2 Pairs from each district	7.00	14 pairs
<b>Stirling Pairs</b>	2 Session match-pointed Pairs	10.00	48 pairs

### 12.3.6 Junior Events

Junior events are open to those players who qualify as Junior as per current SBU definitions.

Awards are as follows:

Event	Maximum Award	Minimum Entry Level
<b>Scottish Schools Championship</b>	5.00, of which 2.00 are national points; the Championship runners-up receive 1.00 national point.	4 teams

### 12.3.7 Schools Mini-Bridge Tournament

No master points are awarded for this event.

# 13 National Congresses

Participation in SBU National & Overseas Congresses is open to all players who are a member of an NBO.

All awards are national master points except for the Bronze pre-congress pairs scales for SBU national congresses are listed in 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 below.

## 13.1 NATIONAL CONGRESS

Type of Event	Master Point Awards
<b>Open Teams</b>	The results may be combined from all sections for results purposes. However, the master point awards are based on the individual sections. Awards are made to the <b>top third</b> of each section, the lowest being 0.40, with equal increments of 0.40.
<b>Open Pairs and other single-session events</b>	Awards are made to the <b>top third</b> of the field, the lowest being 0.40, with equal increments of 0.40.
<b>Congress Pairs Qualifying Round(s)</b>	The top award will be one-third of the Congress Pairs Final. Awards by equal amounts to the top third of the field. If more than one qualifying round is played, these awards are made for each of these rounds.
<b>Congress Pairs Semi-Final</b>	The top award will be one-half of the Congress Pairs Final
<b>Congress Pairs Consolation Semi-Final</b>	The top award will be one-half of Congress Pairs Consolation Final
<b>Congress Pairs Final</b>	The top award will be based on TOE x 8/100 with a minimum of 5.00 and a maximum of 10.00. Awards by equal amounts to the <b>top half</b> of the field.
<b>Congress Pairs Consolation Final</b>	The top award will be two-thirds of Congress Pairs Final. Awards by equal amounts to the <b>top half</b> of the field.
<b>Congress Pairs Swiss (as a subsidiary event to a Pairs Final)</b>	The top award will be based on the TOE for the Swiss Pairs x 8/100 up to a maximum of one-third of the Congress Pairs Final. Awards are made in equal decrements to the top quarter of the field, plus 0.18 master points for each win and 0.09 master points for each draw.
<b>Congress Teams Qualifying Round</b>	The top award will be one-third of the Congress Teams Final. Awards by equal amounts to the <b>top third</b> of the field.
<b>Congress Teams Final</b>	The top award will be based on TOE x 16/100 with a minimum of 5.00 and a maximum of 10.00. Awards by equal amounts to the <b>top half</b> of the field.
<b>Congress Teams Consolation Final</b>	The top award will be two-thirds of the Congress Teams Final. Awards by equal amounts to the <b>top half</b> of the field



<b>Congress Teams Swiss (as a subsidiary event to a Teams Final)</b>	The top award will be based on the TOE for the Swiss Teams x 16/100 up to a maximum of one-third of the Congress Teams Final. Awards are made in equal decrements to the <b>top quarter</b> of the field, plus 0.18 master points for each win and 0.09 master points for each draw.
<b>Congress Swiss Pairs</b>	The top award will be based on TOE x 8/100 with a minimum of 5.00 and a maximum of 10.00. Awards are made in equal decrements to the top quarter of the field, plus 0.25 master points for each win and 0.13 master points for each draw.
<b>Congress Swiss Teams</b>	The top award will be based on TOE x 16/100 with a minimum of 5.00 and a maximum of 10.00. Awards are made in equal decrements to the top quarter of the field, plus 0.25 master points for each win and 0.13 master points for each draw.

### 13.2 NATIONAL OVERSEAS CONGRESS

Type of Event	Master Point Awards
<b>Single-session Teams</b>	Master point awards are based on the individual sections. Awards are made to the top third of each section, the lowest being 0.40, with equal increments of 0.40.
<b>Single-session Pairs</b>	Master point awards are based on the individual sections. Awards are made to the top third of each section, the lowest being 0.40, with equal increments of 0.40
<b>Congress Swiss Pairs</b>	The top award will be based on TOE x 8 with a minimum of 5.00 and a maximum of 10.00. Awards are made in equal decrements to the top quarter of the field, plus 0.25 master points for each win and 0.13 master points for each draw.
<b>Congress Swiss Teams</b>	The top award will be based on TOE x 16/100 with a minimum of 5.00 and a maximum of 10.00. Awards are made in equal decrements to the top quarter of the field, plus 0.25 master points for each win and 0.13 master points for each draw.

### 13.3 NATIONAL BRONZE CONGRESS

Type of Event	Master Point Awards
<b>Pre-congress Pairs</b>	Local points are awarded using district scale x 2: <i>Appendix table A or E</i>
<b>Bronze Congress Pairs</b>	<p>For each separate round, national points are awarded using district scale x 2/100: <i>Appendix Table A or E</i></p> <p>Pairs are ranked according to their average of 2 scores, or best 2 of 3 scores and a bonus is awarded.</p> <p>The top bonus award is 2.00 national points for a two-round event and 4.00 national points for a 3-round event. Thereafter awards are made in equal decrements to the top third of the field.</p>
<b>Bronze Congress Swiss Pairs</b>	<p>The top award will be based on TOE x 8/100 with a minimum of 2.50 and a maximum of 5.00.</p> <p>Awards are made in equal decrements to the top quarter of the field, plus 0.20 master points for each win and 0.10 master points for each draw.</p>
<b>Bronze Congress Teams</b>	National points are awarded using district scale x 2/100: <i>Appendix Table A</i>
<b>Bronze Congress Swiss Teams</b>	<p>The top award will be based on TOE x 16/100 with a minimum of 2.50 and a maximum of 5.00.</p> <p>Awards are made in equal decrements to the top quarter of the field, plus 0.20 master points for each win and 0.10 master points for each draw.</p>

Bronze players playing in the main congress subsidiary Swiss events will form part of the TOE for these events and may thus gain national points in line with the above descriptions for these events.

# Appendix AWARD SCALES FOR LOCAL POINTS

Awards may be made to the top half, third or quarter of the field as stated for the specific event. This may also depend on the number of boards played.

In all cases awards are made according to the formula below. All fractional numbers are rounded up.

$$A - (R-1)*A/N$$

R = Rank of player

A = Top master point Award

N = Number of players or teams in the proportion of the field to which awards are to be made

TOE is the total original entry, see 4.10. For tied places see 4.1.

**Table A**

Teams and Two-Winner Pairs			
Tables	Club	Area	District
28 - 30	100	150	200
25 - 27	90	135	180
22 - 24	80	120	160
19 - 21	70	105	140
16 - 18	60	90	120
13 - 15	50	75	100
10-12	40	60	80
7-9	30	45	60
4-6	20	30	40
3	10	15	20

**Table B**

	First Stage	Second Stage	Final
<b>Club</b>	Club x 1	Club x 2	TOE x 4 (max 400)
<b>Area</b>	Area x 1	Area x 2	TOE x 6 (max 600)
<b>District</b>	District x 1	District x 2	TOE x 8 (max 800)

*club, area, district: applicable basic scale awards*

**Table C**

	Early Rounds	Round before Quarter Final	Quarter Final	Semi Final	Final
<b>Club</b>	20	1 x N	2 x N	4 x N	8 x N
<b>Area</b>	30	1.5 x N	3 x N	6 x N	12 x N
<b>District</b>	40	2 x N	4 x N	8 x N	16 x N

*N = Number of teams*

**Table D**

	Series of 2 or Best 2	Series of 3 or Best 3	Series of 4+ or Best 4+
<b>Club</b>	50	100	150
<b>Area</b>	100	200	300
<b>District</b>	200	400	600

**Table E**

<b>One Winner Pairs</b>			
<b>Pairs</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>District</b>
46 - 48	96	144	192
43 - 45	90	135	180
40 - 42	84	126	168
37 - 39	78	117	156
34 - 36	72	108	144
31 - 33	66	99	132
28 - 30	60	90	120
25 - 27	54	81	108
22 - 24	48	72	96
19 - 21	42	63	84
16 - 18	36	54	72
13 - 15	30	45	60
10 - 12	24	36	48
7 - 9	18	27	36
6	12	18	24

**Table F**

	Less than 36 Boards	36+ Boards
<b>Club</b>	200	TOE x 4 (max400)
<b>Area</b>	300	TOE x 6 (max600)
<b>District</b>	400	TOE x 8 (max800)

**Table G**

<b>One Winner Individuals</b>			
<b>Players</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>District</b>
46-48	48	72	96
43-45	45	68	90
40-42	42	63	84
37-39	39	59	78
34-36	36	54	72
31-33	33	50	66
28-30	30	45	60
25-27	27	41	54
22-24	24	36	48
19-21	21	32	42
16-18	18	27	36
13-15	15	23	30
10-12	12	18	24
8-9	9	14	18

**Table H**

	Less than 36 Boards	36+ Boards
<b>Club</b>	150	TOE x 4 (max400)
<b>Area</b>	225	TOE x 6 (max600)
<b>District</b>	300	TOE x 8 (max800)

# CHANGE LOG

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