

Master Points Guide for Clubs (1st September 2016)

Introduction and scope

The intention in writing this guidance document was to bring together those parts of the SBU Master Points scheme that pertain to clubs. The contents are derived almost exclusively from the "Handbook of the Master Points Scheme", referred to as **HOTMPS** from now on. The latest formally published version of HOTMPS, dated September 2013, was the seventh edition and distributed in an A5 booklet with pink covers, and thus sometimes referred to as the "wee pink book".

HOTMPS is the responsibility of the SBU Master Points Policy Committee.

A decision whether to formally print this new guidance document has not yet been made. It will be made available on the SBU and MEMPAD sites.

This document is to be regarded as a reformatted and expanded subset of HOTMPS, not a replacement. Any perceived contradictions between the two should be brought to the notice of Membership Services and the MP Policy Committee.

It is written on the assumption of little or no previous knowledge on the part of the reader, and for this reason contains many examples.

Guidance is provided as to when master Points may or may not be awarded by clubs; therefore, basic award scales for one-winner and two-winner events are listed. Also listed are some of the occasions (club championships) where the basic scale is changed in order to enhance master Point awards.

A section is included on Swiss events for clubs that play these, and there is also a separate chapter devoted to league structures and associated awards.

It is intended that this guide will cover all common events and competitions routinely run by clubs; however, it is not exhaustive. Clubs should refer to the **Handbook of the Master Points Scheme** (HOTMPS) or to the Master Points Policy Committee for queries when organising "unusual" events.

All affiliated Scottish clubs, by virtue of paying an annual affiliation fee, are licensed to award local Points for club events, primarily using club scales. Clubs are authorised to issue Local (black) Points, and not authorised to produce National (red) Points.

Points are expressed within this document in units of 1, e.g. 6, 10 or 100. For ranking and recording purposes the SBU often divides by 100, showing two decimal places. Thus 100 local Points becomes 1.00 Local Points (or 1.00LP), and the threshold for a Club Master rank is 200 points (local or national) which can then be expressed as 2.00MP.

A listing of the various SBU ranks and the total Points required is included as Appendix A.

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Overview of Master Point awards

General conditions under which awards are made

All awards are quoted per player. (p10 HOTMPS)

Master Point awards must be made to all entitled players, irrespective of whether they are interested in the master Point scheme or not. (p6 HOTMPS)

Competitors **cannot** be charged for the issue of their master Points. The cost of master Points should be covered by the table money or entry fee levied by the club. (p6 HOTMPS)

Points **must not** be awarded twice for the same event. Thus when clubs take part in simultaneous pairs events (Sims) or in a heat of a national competition, all Points are awarded by the organising body or directly credited to a player's Master Point record by the SBU. Obviously clubs cannot award Points as well. (p6 HOTMPS)

Points cannot be issued on a handicapped basis (p11 HOTMPS), nor so-called stratified tournaments, see next chapter.

Minimum numbers of players and boards (p10 HOTMPS)

When organising an event in which Master Points are to be awarded, the following must be borne in mind:

- All players must have played at least 20 boards in order to qualify for a Master Point award.
N.B. This also applies to all stages in a multi-stage event.
- In a one-winner pairs event there must be at least 3 complete tables.
- In a two-winner pairs event there must be at least 4 complete tables.
- In a teams event there must be at least 3 complete tables.
- In an individual event there must be at least 2 complete tables.

A brief note about movements

While it is beyond the scope of this guide to provide comprehensive advice regarding movements, it is useful to identify those pairs movements that result in a single winner, and those that result in two winners since the allocation of Master Points is different in each case.

The following table lists these two groups:

TABLE 1

One-winner movements	Two-winner movements
Howell	Mitchell including skip and share+relay
Hesitation Mitchell	Blackpool
Mitchell/Bowman with arrow switch	Bowman
Hesitation Bowman	

Club award scales

There are three basic scales of award:

- one for individual events ([TABLE 3](#))
- one for one-winner pairs events ([TABLE 2](#))
- one for two-winner movements (teams and two-winner pairs, [TABLE 4](#)).

These are the most commonly used scales in clubs since they cater for single-session events involving between 20 and 35 boards.

- Master Points are awarded to the top third* of the field.
- If the field is not exactly divisible by 3 then the number of participants is rounded up to the nearest multiple of 3 (see tables on following pages).
- The winning pair, team or individual receives a fixed, maximum award and equal decrements are then calculated so that the last award made is equal to this decrement.
- The tables provided in the next section illustrate this principle, and are included as easy "ready-reckoners".

* Top quarter in Swiss events, top half if more than 36 boards are played or if the event is the final of a multi-stage event. More details of these are given in later chapters.

One-winner scales

REMINDER

- In a one-winner pairs event there must be at least 3 complete tables.
- In an individual event there must be at least 2 complete tables.
- All players must play at least 20 boards before any points can be awarded

TABLE 2

One-winner pairs events	
Pairs	Points
46 - 48+	96
43 - 45	90
40 - 42	84
37 - 39	78
34 - 36	72
31 - 33	66
28 - 30	60
25 - 27	54
22 - 24	48
19 - 21	42
16 - 18	36
13 - 15	30
10 - 12	24
7 - 9	18
6	12
<i>*Decrement</i>	6

TABLE 3

Individual events	
Players	Points
46 - 48+	48
43 - 45	45
40 - 42	42
37 - 39	39
34 - 36	36
31 - 33	33
28 - 30	30
25 - 27	27
22 - 24	24
19 - 21	21
16 - 18	18
13 - 15	15
10 - 12	12
8 - 9	9
	6
<i>*Decrement</i>	3

These tables show the maximum awards to be made in each case (p16, 20 HOTMPS).

Within these limits it is easy to allocate Master Points.

**The decrement shown is applicable provided that the total number of pairs/players does not exceed 48.*

If there are more than 48 pairs/individual players then the maximum award is still 96/48: no extrapolation is allowed in order to increase the numbers of Points won (p16, 20 HOTMPS). An appropriate decrement needs to be calculated as in [example 8](#), below.

In the event of a tie, competitors share the available Points ([examples 4, 5 & 6](#), below), except in respect of the last qualifying place when all tied players receive the award for that place ([example 7](#), below) (p10, HOTMPS)

The numbers of pairs/players indicated reflect the minimum required for each type of competition ([see page 3](#) and [example 9](#)).

Examples (all pairs examples in this group are one-winner events)

1. Pairs event, 18 pairs (9 complete tables).
TABLE 2 shows that the top award would be 36 Points, with lower awards of 30, 24, 18, 12 and 6. Thus 6 pairs receive Point awards.
2. Pairs event, 26 pairs (13 complete tables)
TABLE 2 shows that the top award would be 54 Points, with lower awards of 48, 42, 36, 30, 24, 18, 12 and 6.
Note that in this example the field is not an exact multiple of 3, hence there is a need to round up the number of pairs to 27 and make awards to the top third (9 pairs).
3. Pairs event, 7 pairs (3½ tables)
TABLE 2 shows that the top award would be 18 Points, with lower awards of 12 and 6.
As in the previous example the field is not an exact multiple of 3, hence there is a need to round up the number of pairs to 9 and make awards to the top third (3 pairs).
4. Pairs event, 15 pairs (7½ tables) with a two-pair tie for third place
TABLE 2 shows that the top award would be 30 Points, with 24 Points for second place.
Third place should attract 18 Points and fourth place 12 Points but because of the tie these Points are shared: both pairs are awarded 15 Points.
The pair in fifth place is still awarded 6 Points.
5. Pairs event, 15 pairs (7½ tables) with a three-pair tie for second place
TABLE 2 shows that the top award would be 30 Points.
Second place should attract 24 Points, third place 18 Points and fourth place 12 Points but because of the tie these Points are shared: all three pairs are awarded 18 Points. $((24+18+12)/3 = 18.)$
The pair in fifth place are still awarded 6 Points.
6. Pairs event, 20 pairs (10 tables) with a two-pair tie for sixth place
TABLE 2 shows that the top award would be 42 Points.
(the field is not an exact multiple of 3, hence there is a need to round up the number of pairs to 21 and make awards to the top third (7 pairs).
Lower awards are 36, 30, 24, 18 down to fifth place.
Sixth place should attract 12 Points and seventh place 6 Points but because of the tie these Points are shared: both pairs are awarded 9 Points.
7. Pairs event, 20 pairs (10 tables) with a two-pair tie for seventh place
TABLE 2 shows that the top award would be 42 Points.
(the field is not an exact multiple of 3, hence there is a need to round up the number of pairs to 21 and make awards to the top third (7 pairs).
Lower awards are 36, 30, 24, 18, 12 down to sixth place.
Because the tie is for the last qualifying place, both tied pairs receive 6 Points.
Therefore exceptionally 8 pairs receive an award because of this “last-position tie” situation.

8. Pairs event, 60 pairs (30 complete tables)

TABLE 2 shows that the maximum award is 96 Points.

Points are awarded to the top third of the field, i.e. 20 pairs.

To calculate each award, divide 96 by 20 (= 4.8), then multiply by the position complement of 21, and round the answer up:

20th place: $4.8 \times 1 \rightarrow 5$ Points

19th place: $4.8 \times 2 = 9.6 \rightarrow 10$ Points

18th place: $4.8 \times 3 = 14.4 \rightarrow 15$ Points

17th place: $4.8 \times 4 = 19.2 \rightarrow 20$ Points

16th place: $4.8 \times 5 = 24 \rightarrow 24$ Points

15th place: $4.8 \times 6 = 28.8 \rightarrow 29$ Points

... and so on up to 1st place which gets 96 Points

9. Individual event, 8 players (2 complete tables)

TABLE 3 shows that the top award would be 9 Points, with lower awards of 6 and 3.

It would not be possible, however, to award any Points for an event comprising 7 players, since this would be below the threshold required.

Two-winner scale – for Teams and 2 winner pairs

REMINDER

- In a two-winner pairs event there must be at least 4 complete tables.
- In a teams event there must be at least 3 complete tables.
- All players must play at least 20 boards before any points can be awarded

TABLE 4

Tables	Points
28 - 30	100
25 - 27	90
22 - 24	80
19 - 21	70
16 - 18	60
13 - 15	50
10 - 12	40
7 - 9	30
4 - 6	20
3	10

This table shows the maximum awards to be made for a teams event or for a two-winner pairs event (p12, HOTMPS).

If there are more than 30 tables then the maximum award is still 100: no extrapolation is allowed in order to increase the numbers of Points won (p12, HOTMPS), [example 16](#), below

In the event of a tie, competitors share the available Points ([examples 13 & 14](#), [examples 17 & 18](#) below), except in respect of the last qualifying place when all tied players receive the award for that place ([example 15](#), [example 19](#), below) (p10, HOTMPS)

Please note that these are the only permissible awards for a teams event. Additional points may NOT be awarded for individual matches won/drawn.

Examples

10. Pairs or teams event, 12 complete tables.

TABLE 4 shows that the top awards to N/S and E/W pairs or to teams would be 40 Points, with lower awards of 30, 20 and 10.

11. Pairs or teams event, 13 complete tables.

TABLE 4 shows that the top awards to N/S and E/W pairs or to teams would be 50 Points, with lower awards of 40, 30, 20 and 10.

Note that in this example the field is not an exact multiple of 3, hence there is a need to round up the number of pairs in each direction to 15 and make awards to the top third of those (5 pairs).

12. Pairs event, 9½ tables.

TABLE 4 shows that the top award to N/S would be 40 Points, with lower awards of 30, 20 and 10.

The N/S field is not an exact multiple of 3, hence there is a need to round up the number of pairs to 12 and make awards to the top third (4 pairs).

As however the E/W line only contains 9 pairs, divisible by three, the top award to E/W would be 30 points, with lower awards of 20 and 10. Thus there are only awards to three E/W pairs.

13. Pairs event, 12 complete tables with a two-pair tie for second place in the N/S direction.

For N/S pairs: TABLE 4 shows that the top award would be 40 Points.

Second place should attract 30 points and third place 20 points but because of the tie these points are shared: both pairs are awarded 25 points.

The pair in fourth place is still awarded 10 points.

For E/W pairs: TABLE 4 shows that the top award would be 40 Points, with lower awards of 30, 20 and 10.

14. Pairs event, 13 complete tables with a three-pair tie for third place in the E/W direction.

Neither the N/S nor E/W field is an exact multiple of 3, hence there is a need to round up the number of pairs in each direction to 15 and make awards to the top third (5 pairs) in each line.

For N/S pairs: TABLE 4 shows that the top award would be 50 Points, with lower awards of 40, 30, 20 and 10.

For E/W pairs: TABLE 4 shows that the top award would be 50 Points and the second place would be awarded 40 Points.

Third place should attract 30 Points, fourth place 20 Points and fifth place 10 Points but because of the tie these Points are shared: all three pairs are awarded 20 Points $((30+20+10)/3 = 20)$.

There are no further awards.

15. Pairs event, 9 complete tables with a two-pair tie for third place in the E/W direction.
For N/S pairs: TABLE 4 shows that the top award would be 30 Points, with lower awards of 20 and 10.
For E/W pairs: TABLE 4 shows that the top award would be 30 Points and the second place would be awarded 20 Points.
 Because the tie is for the last qualifying place, both tied pairs receive 10 Points.
16. Pairs event, 36 complete tables.
 TABLE 4 shows that the maximum award is 100 Points.
 Points are awarded to the top third of the field, i.e. 12 pairs in each direction.
 To calculate each award, divide 100 by 12 (= 8.3), then multiply by the position complement of 13, and round the answer up when necessary:
 12th place: $8.3 \times 1 = 8.3 \rightarrow 9$ Points
 11th place: $8.3 \times 2 = 16.6 \rightarrow 17$ Points
 10th place: $8.3 \times 3 = 24.9 \rightarrow 25$ Points
 9th place: $8.3 \times 4 = 33.2 \rightarrow 34$ Points
 8th place: $8.3 \times 5 = 41.5 \rightarrow 42$ Points
 7th place: $8.3 \times 6 = 49.8 \rightarrow 50$ Points
 ... and so on up to 1st place which gets 100 Points
17. Teams event, 12 complete tables with a two-team tie for second place.
 TABLE 4 shows that the top award would be 40 Points.
 Second place should attract 30 Points and third place 20 Points but because of the tie these Points are shared: both teams are awarded 25 Points.
 The team in fourth place are still awarded 10 Points.
18. Teams event, 13 complete tables with a three-team tie for third place.
 The field is not an exact multiple of 3, hence there is a need to round up the number of teams to 15 and make awards to the top third (5 teams).
 TABLE 4 shows that the top award would be 50 points and second place would be awarded 40 points.
 Third place should attract 30 points, fourth place 20 points and fifth place 10 points. Because of the tie these points are shared: all three teams are therefore awarded 20 points $((30+20+10)/3 = 20)$.
 There are no further awards.
19. Teams event, 9 complete tables with a two-team tie for third place.
 TABLE 4 shows that the top award would be 30 Points and the second place would be awarded 20 Points.
 Because the tie is for the last qualifying place, both tied teams receive 10 Points.
20. Teams event, 3 complete tables
 TABLE 4 shows that 10 Points would be awarded to all players in the winning team.
 There would be no further awards.

Chapter 2

Types of competition run by clubs

Normal club night (basic club scales – black Points)

All awards are made at the normal one-winner or two-winner scale as outlined in Chapter 1.

Handicapped events

In a typical handicapped competition, where players' percentage scores are adjusted using a system of handicaps, Master Points can only be awarded on the basis of the un-adjusted ranking list.

Points must not be awarded to players using a ranking list that has been produced after handicaps calculated by the club have been applied. Such a list can be used by the club to award trophies and/or prizes. A club may choose not to award Points, if it so wishes.

Example 21 illustrates this.

"Seeded" events

If a club event requires that a "seeding" list is produced, and pairs/teams are made up by pairing seeded with non-seeded players, then this arrangement is a condition of contest, and Master Points may be awarded on the basis of the resulting ranking list. This type of competition should not be confused with handicapped events.

Stratified events

Stratified events are not recognised by the SBU.

Points must be awarded on the basis of the original ranking list only.

Supervised play

Master Points must not be awarded for supervised play sessions.

Competitions that involve two or more stages

There are a number of types of multi-stage events. Some examples are outlined here briefly, however due to their nature it is anticipated that incidence of use in clubs will be low.

Refer to HOTMPS points tables.

Qualifying round and final (p13, 17, 21 HOTMPS)

A final stage is preceded by one or more qualifying stages.

At least 20 boards are played at each stage.

Each stage reduces the number of contestants by at least 40%

All play through (p14, 17, 21 HOTMPS)

One or two stages are played, then followed by a final.

The same players play in each stage although seating arrangements will change.

Carry forward team event (p14, HOTMPS)

Played like a multi-stage event but Master Points awarded once only, as for a single event.

A proportion of the score at each stage is carried forward to be aggregated in a final ranking list.

Competitions that involve two or more events

A) Simple aggregated events

These are aggregated events where, as well as Master Points being awarded for each of the events played, a bonus is awarded to recognise overall performance.

Many clubs have this type of competition, where players are required to participate in a minimum number of events during the year in order to qualify. Players may be allowed to take a number of their best scores forward for a final ranking.

Pairs competitions (p18, HOTMPS)

Awards are made based on a ranking list produced from at least two events.

Awards are made in equal decrements to the top third of the qualifiers, see TABLE 5 and [example 22](#).

TABLE 5

Events	Maximum bonus
2	50
3	100
4 or more	150

[Appendix 2](#) illustrates how suitable files may be prepared in Scorebridge for upload to MEMPAD.

[Appendix 3](#) illustrates how suitable files may be prepared in PairsScorer for upload to MEMPAD.

Individual competitions (p22, HOTMPS)

Awards are made based on a ranking list produced from two or three events.

These must be **individual** events, i.e. awards must not be made in respect of individuals who have played with different partners in a series of **pairs** events.

Awards are made in equal decrements to the top third of the qualifiers, see TABLE 6.

TABLE 6

Events	Maximum bonus
2	50
3 or more	100

Teams competitions (p15, HOTMPS)

Awards are made based on a ranking list produced from three or more events.

Awards are made in equal decrements to the top third of the qualifiers, see TABLE 7.

TABLE 7

Events	Maximum bonus
3 or more	150

B) Aggregated events with a restricted final

These are events where entry to a final is gained by achieving high scores aggregated over a number of events.

At least 4 events must precede the final. Master Points are awarded for each of these events in the normal way. (p18, HOTMPS)

If the final is played over less than 36 boards, then the top Master Point award is 200. Further awards are made in equal decrements to the top **half** of the field ([example 23](#)).

If the final is played over 36 or more boards, then the top Master Point award is calculated from the TOE (Total Original Entry) multiplied by 4. The maximum top award is 400. TOE is defined as those pairs who have competed in the minimum number of events needed to qualify for the final (the rules state a minimum of 4 events, but clubs may set a higher number if required). See [example 23](#).

Clubs may wish to run a consolation final for those players who played in the required number of events but failed to achieve a high enough aggregate score for the final.

Awards for the consolation final are made at 66% of the scale for the main final (p22, HOTMPS, also see [example 23](#)).

Annual Club Major Championship

Three competitions during the year may be nominated by a club as their Annual Major Championships: one Pairs, one Teams and one Individual (p11, HOTMPS).

For each of these, Points are awarded using the basic scale times 1.5.

There are no special criteria applied to events in order to qualify as an Annual Major Championship, although if a club wishes to run an Annual Major Championship as a Swiss event then permission must be sought beforehand from Member Services.

Lists of suitable events

Pairs (p16, HOTMPS)	Individual (p20, HOTMPS)	Teams (p12, HOTMPS)
2+ events aggregated* (TABLE 5)	2+ events aggregated* (TABLE 6)	3+ events aggregated* (TABLE 7)
4+ rounds aggregated with a restricted final	3+ rounds aggregated with a restricted final	Single Elimination Teams
Qualifying round and final	Qualifying round and final	Qualifying round and final
All play through	All play through	All play through
		Multiple Teams in one or more sections
		Carry forward
		Perfect Teams
Swiss Pairs		Swiss Teams

***These events must be designated exclusively as forming part of the Championship. They must *not* include, for example, heats of District/National championships, Simultaneous Pairs etc.

Taking simple aggregated events as an example (top row of the above table), the new top awards would be:

- For pairs, **75, 150 and 225** ([TABLE 5](#) x 1.5)
- For individuals, **75 and 150** ([TABLE 6](#) x 1.5)
- For teams, **225** ([TABLE 7](#) x 1.5)

These are probably the most common type of Annual Club Major Championships.

Scoring programs do not automatically calculate Master Points for these types of competition, so they need to be calculated manually, using the same process as in [example 22](#) but with appropriate maximum awards.

Please note that the x 1.5 factor applies only to the bonus, not to the individual events as well. The individual events attract Master Points on the basic scales outlined in [Chapter 1](#).

Note also that [Appendices 2 and 3](#) give guidance on preparing SBU Master Point files from scoring programs after the points have been calculated.

[Chapter 4](#) provides details of Master Points available for an Annual Major Championship run as a Swiss event.

Annual Club Minor Championship

Competitions eligible for nomination are similar to those for Annual Major Championships (p11, HOTMPS).

One pairs event, one individual event and one teams event may be nominated.

Only one of these may be similar to a nominated Annual Major Championship. In other words, if a club already runs simple aggregated competitions for a pairs, individual and teams Annual Major Championship, it could perhaps run a second simple aggregated competition for a pairs Annual Minor Championship but would have to choose an alternative type of competition for any individual and teams Annual Minor Championships that it decided to run.

The Points scale used to award Master Points depends on the total number of boards played:

- Where **fewer than 36 boards** are played in the entire competition, then Points are awarded on the basic scale. This may be the case for a competition played on one night only, Multiple Teams, for example.
- Where **at least 36 boards** are played over the course of the competition, then the award for the final/bonus is calculated as for a Major Championship, and then reduced to 75% of that award. This may be a qualifying round and final, or a number of events aggregated etc.

Top awards for simple aggregated events would then be:

For pairs,	56, 113 and 169
For individuals,	56 and 113
For teams,	169

Examples

21. Club Handicap pairs championship, 26 pairs (13 complete tables)

Original ranking list		Application of handicap		Ranking after handicaps applied
Pair	Percentage	Handicap	New Percentage	
A	61.23	-5	56.23	K
B	61.20	-5	56.20	D
C	60.10	-3	57.10	G
D	58.07	1	59.07	E
E	58.00	0	58.00	C
F	57.31	-5	52.31	A
G	56.54	2	58.54	B
H	54.10	-1	53.10	J
I	53.21	-4	49.21	H
J	53.10	1	54.10	F
K	53.08	6	59.08	L
L	51.48	0	51.48	O
M	50.65	-1	49.65	M
N	49.27	-1	48.27	I
O	48.33	3	51.33	Q
P	48.02	-4	44.02	N
Q	46.91	2	48.91	T
R	45.33	1	46.33	R
S	42.00	-4	38.00	P
T	41.58	5	46.58	U
U	39.52	2	41.52	X
V	38.33	0	38.33	Y
W	37.24	1	38.24	V
X	35.87	4	39.87	W
Y	33.22	6	39.22	S
Z	29.47	7	36.47	Z

Based on the original ranking list, and referring to [TABLE2](#), pair A are awarded 54 points, with 8 further awards of 48, 42, 36, 30, 24, 18, 12 and 6 to pairs B – I inclusive.

Pair K win the handicap trophy/prize, but must not be awarded points since they were 11th in the original ranking list.

22. Annual club pairs competition, bonus award

The screenshot shows that participants were required to play in at least 12 events in order to qualify for a share of the bonus.

The best 12 scores have been used to calculate the average.

Position	Average	14/01	28/01	11/02	18/02	04/03	11/03	18/03	25/03	Played	Qualify
1	61.12	51.56			63.96	46.88	55.77	58.33	58.56	15	12
2	60.14	59.90	49.74	52.98	57.58	59.64	60.68	75.60	57.64	16	12
3	57.67	51.56	65.34	52.68	51.78	60.16		51.49		14	12
4	56.06	46.53	49.40	49.21	46.06	38.54	47.01	53.27	50.46	20	12
5	56.00	48.26	52.91	40.77	51.98	47.84	61.75	53.87	55.32	17	12
6	55.72	59.32	51.19	47.62	55.67	46.61	52.56		47.69	19	12
7	55.70	55.90	53.57	62.17	54.01		49.15		42.13	18	12
8	53.86			46.30	55.18	56.77		52.38		14	12
9	52.39	48.20	58.47	55.82		42.71		41.96		12	12
10	52.01	43.81	40.21	46.03	50.03	58.07	50.43	51.19		17	12
11	51.70	51.28	58.63	49.70	45.42	58.07	45.51	51.49	33.80	19	12
12	50.05		52.91			50.72			56.02	13	12
13	49.85			39.68	54.06	48.32	58.12	40.48	47.45	16	12
14	49.42			61.90	40.47	58.07	44.02	43.45		15	12
15	47.43		47.09	37.50	52.32	45.19	43.16	42.56	44.91	17	12
16	45.02		50.30	43.45		44.53	44.02	46.13		12	12
17	43.41	53.18	37.20	51.49	48.22	42.31	33.33		30.09	16	12
18	39.59		33.33		33.27			36.31	48.38	12	12

Note that players who played on fewer than 12 occasions are not listed. They do not form part of the ranking list for Master Point calculations.

Because more than 4 events were played by all players, the top award is 150 Master Points. There are 5 further awards of 125, 100, 75, 50 and 25.

Summary

One third of the qualifiers (those pairs who played at least 12 times) receive bonus points. [Check with page 15].

23. Club pairs competition, best pairs compete in a final

In this example, the club has set the minimum number of events at 4, and the qualifying score at 50%.

60 pairs have played in at least 4 qualifying events, but only 35 of these have a score that qualifies them for the final.

- A. If the final consists of fewer than 36 boards, then the winners will receive 200 Master Points.

The top **half** of the field receives Master Points: 18 pairs in this case.

Remaining awards are calculated by first dividing the top award by the number of awards ($200 \div 18 = 11.1$) then multiplying the answer by 17, 16, 15 etc and rounding the answer up. ([see also example 8](#))

17 further awards will be made: 189, 178, 167, 156, 144, 133, 122, 111, 100, 89, 78, 67, 56, 44, 33, 22 and 11.

- B. If the final consists of 36 or more boards, then the top Master Point award is calculated as 60 (TOE) x 4. The winners will receive 240 Master Points.

The top half of the field in the final is still 18.

The multiplier for calculating remaining awards is now 13.3 ($240 \div 18$)

17 further awards will be made: 226, 213, 200, 186, 173, 160, 146, 133, 120, 106, 93, 80, 67, 53, 40, 27 and 13.

- C. The remaining 25 pairs compete in a consolation final, playing fewer than 36 boards.

The winners will receive 132 Master Points (66% of 200).

The top **half** of the field receives Master Points: 13 pairs in this case.

The multiplier for calculating remaining awards is 10.2 ($132 \div 13$).

12 further awards will be made: 122, 112, 101, 91, 81, 71, 61, 50, 40, 30, 20 and 10.

Chapter 3

Competitions where results are sent elsewhere

National events with heats played in clubs (p31, HOTMPS)

Clubs must not award Points for these. Appropriate awards are made by the SBU.

For information on how to send results to convenors, please see p 31 HOTMPS and [Appendix 4](#).

Competitions of this type include:

National Pairs heats, National Teams heats (Rayne Trophy). National Points for heat qualifiers are awarded centrally.

SBU Autumn and Easter Pairs. Local and National Points are awarded centrally.

Simultaneous Pairs events

Clubs must not award Points for these. Appropriate awards are made by the organising bodies.

Results files for these events are usually uploaded via electronic scoring programs.

Competitions of this type include:

SBU Simultaneous Pairs: Lord Thomson Trophy, Bobby Allan. Local and National Points are awarded by SBU.

Celtic Pairs. Local Points and National Points are awarded by the organisers.

Children in Need. Local Points are awarded by the organisers (ECATS), who pass the data directly to SBU Member Services.

British Simultaneous Pairs. Local Points are awarded by EBU who pass the data directly to SBU Member Services.

Chapter 4

Swiss events

General

A minimum of 5 boards must be played in each match (irrespective of whether teams or pairs).

The number of teams or pairs in the field must be at least 3 times the number of matches played.

Danish awards are allowed, whereby a team or pair may play and win against the same opponents on more than one occasion.

A 'match' signifies an encounter between two pairs or two teams. There is no difference between pairs or teams awards, unless specifically mentioned.

Awards are made in two steps: namely...

- Basic awards for each match won or drawn
- Bonus awards to the top **quarter** of the field.

A) Normal club session run as a Swiss event.

Basic awards table (p24, HOTMPS). This applies for teams and pairs

TABLE 8 MATCH AWARDS (pts per match won/drawn)

Boards	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18+
Award for win	8	9	11	12	14	15	17	18	20	21	23	24	26	27
Award for draw	4	5	6	6	7	8	9	9	10	11	12	12	13	14

Bonus Points

Bonus Points are calculated on the basis of the Total Original Entry (the number of tables in a teams event, or the number of pairs in a pairs event) thus:

Top bonus award = TOE x 4, capped at 200 Points

Number of Points decreases in equal steps, for those eligible ([Example 24](#))

B) Annual Major Championships run as a Swiss event

The basic awards table is **not** used for Major Championships when run as a Swiss.

Instead; for each match played the award is equal to ... Number of boards x 3.

Bonus Points

Bonus Points are calculated on the basis of the Total Original Entry (number of tables in a teams event, number of pairs in a pairs event) thus:

Top bonus award = TOE x 6, capped at 300 Points

Number of Points decreases in equal steps for those eligible ([Example 25](#))

Note that these altered criteria result in awards increased by more than x 1.5, hence there is no other uplift for an Annual Major Championship.

Reminder: Permission to run an Annual Major Championship as a Swiss event must be sought in advance from Member Services.

Examples

24. Club Swiss teams event, 16 tables, 5 boards per match

For each match won or drawn, 8 Points are awarded to each member of the team, as indicated on the previous page, see [TABLE 8](#).

VPs for each match are totalled, and a ranking list produced.

TOE = 16, therefore maximum Bonus award = $16 \times 4 = 64$ Points.

Bonus Points are awarded to the top quarter of the field, i.e. the top 4 places, creating decremental steps of $(64 \div 4) = 16$.

Total award for first place = match awards + 64

Total award for second place = match awards + 48

Total award for third place = match awards + 32

Total award for fourth place = match awards + 16

A worked example is shown below.

TEAM RANK	MATCHES WON	MATCHES DRAWN	VPs	MATCH MPs	BONUS MPs	TOTAL MPs
1	5	0	95	40	64	104
2	5	0	88	40	48	88
3	4	0	79	32	32	64
4	4	0	76	32	16	48
5	4	0	75	32		32
6	3	0	64	24		24
7	3	0	60	24		24
8	2	1	58	20		20
9	2	0	47	16		16
10	2	0	42	16		16
11	2	0	33	16		16
12	1	1	30	12		12
13	1	0	19	8		8
14	0	0	17	0		0
15	1	0	15	8		8
16	0	0	2	0		0

25. Club Swiss pairs event, 10 tables, 6 boards per match

For each match won or drawn, 18 Points are awarded to each pair:

$$(3 \times \text{number of boards} = 3 \times 6 = 18)$$

VPs for each match are totalled, and a ranking list produced.

TOE = 20, therefore maximum Bonus award = $20 \times 6 = 120$ Points.

Bonus Points are awarded to the top quarter of the field, i.e. the top 5 places, creating decremental steps of $(120 \div 5) = 24$.

Total award for first place = match awards + 120

Total award for second place = match awards + 96

Total award for third place = match awards + 72

Total award for fourth place = match awards + 48

Total award for fifth place = match awards + 24

A worked example is shown below.

PAIR	MATCHES WON	MATCHES DRAWN	VPs	MATCH MPs	BONUS MPs	TOTAL MPs
1	4	0	75	72	120	192
2	4	0	73	72	96	168
3	4	0	69	72	72	144
4	3	0	64	54	48	102
5	4	0	60	72	24	96
6	3	0	58	54		54
7	3	0	52	54		54
8	2	1	48	45		45
9	2	0	43	36		36
10	2	0	37	36		36
11	2	0	32	36		36
12	1	0	30	18		18
13	1	0	28	18		18
14	1	0	27	18		18
15	0	0	25	0		0
16	1	1	24	27		27
17	1	0	22	18		18
18	0	0	20	0		0
19	1	0	11	18		18
20	0	0	2	0		0

Appendix 1

Glossary

Appendix 2

Preparing an SBU Master Point file using aggregated events data in Scorebridge.

First, create a new event.

For the screenshot above, the number of tables would be 9.

Select an event type from the drop-down menu (you may have requested a named event already; if not then choose a suitable "Championship" or "Aggregate" title). You may also wish to include a description in the appropriate box.

Tick the "Result only" box, then click "OK" on the pop-up window that appears.

Click the green OK button.

On the player Names and Scores screen, select names in position order from the database list on the right of the screen. As you click on each name the list on the left will be populated.

*Enter scores in the pair score column (this is optional, but good practice in terms of record keeping). Pressing "ENTER" after each entry will take you to the next **pair**, in keeping with normal scoring practice.*

*Enter Master Points in the Ma.Pts column. Again, Pressing "ENTER" after each entry forwards the cursor to the next **pair**.*

Click "OK/Save". Answer No to the question about recording slams, and Yes to the one about displaying results. A results screen is then displayed and you can then make the SBU MP file in the normal way.

Appendix 3

Preparing an SBU Master Point file using aggregated events data in Pairscorer.

First, create a new event.

On the Club Event/Details tab that appears, select an event type from the drop-down menu (you may have requested a named event already; if not then choose a suitable "Championship" or "Aggregate" title). You may also wish to include a description in the appropriate box.

Click the "Masterpoints" button.

- *On the screen that follows, set the Masterpoint Scale to: "SP Special Scale (ref SP/EB tab)".*
- *Set the "Total boards played (override)" box to 36+.*

Now click the tab titled SP/EB Scale Details.

- *In the SP Scale/GP rank box, set Low Place to any number (1 is fine) and Top to 0 (zero). Basically this just sets the Green Points awarded to zero. The decrement box can be left blank.*
- *In the Local Rank / Match Win Awards box, set Top Local Award, Lowest Local Award and Number of Awards.*
- *In example 22, Top Local Award would be 150, Lowest Local Award would be 25 and Number of Awards would be 6.*

Click the Masterpoints tab again, and click the OK button, then OK again on the next screen to return to the event menu.

It is now necessary to select a movement, even though no event is being played.

- *Click the Select Movement button, and select the number of tables required. In example 22 this would be 9.*
- *Select a single winner movement from the list (a Full Howell is usually available) and click OK.*

Now click Player Names. Select names from the database list on the right of the screen. As you click on each name the list on the left will be populated. To preserve your rank order for output on the final screen, fill the N/S side in rank order first, then the E/W side.

Click OK to return again to the event menu.

Click Properties. Enter scores in the "Adj" column. Click OK.

Click Reports. Tick the "Ranks + Masterpoints" box and select "Web Table" or similar from the Print to options, then click "Display on Screen". Check that the Master Points that show on the output correspond to those you require.

Click the "Internet Functions" button and create an SBU file in the usual way.

Appendix 4

Sending results of National heats

National Pairs heats

A complete ranking order must be prepared. This must include Master Point numbers for all players.

To determine entry to the next round, this ranking order must be sent to the District Secretary.

For award of Master Points, the same information must be sent to the District MP Secretary.

Current District Secretaries and MP Secretaries are shown on the MEMPAD website by following the menu options of "MEMBER DATA", then "SBU Information", then "SBU Districts" where all District officials, with contact details, are shown.

For certain National competitions with heats, there may be variations which will be announced, as required, by the National Convener.

SBU Simultaneous Pairs

Instructions for scoring and submitting results is provided by the convener.