

New Plymouth Contract Bridge Club

Handicap Policy

Objective

All pairs playing in sessions scheduled as handicapped will have a handicap applied according to national ranking and rating points.

Responsibility

Match & Grading Committee (M&G)

General

Handicaps will be calculated from each member's rating points each January after NZ Bridge issues rating points for the calendar year.

In addition, the following pertains to national rankings:

- Any player ranked Open nationally will have a club handicap of no more than 4 and is deemed to be a Tuesday player.
- Any player ranked Intermediate nationally will have a club handicap of no more than 12 and is deemed a Thursday or Tuesday player (dependent on rating points).

M&G will provide a schedule of amended handicaps for directors use when scoring handicapped sessions.

M&G reserve the right to assign a member's handicap that differs from the calculation.

NZ Bridge affiliated visitors to the club will be automatically handicapped by the scoring system when their NZ Bridge numbers are used.

Directors must enter handicaps for overseas and non-affiliated visitors. The session director will assess the visitor/s handicaps.

For Thursday IMP Teams and Swiss Pairs substitutes and experienced players on Wednesdays, handicaps will be calculated on each occasion.

Competitions programmed as "Handicapped"

The average of both players handicap is automatically added to the gross score of all pairs, by the scoring system, to calculate the competition placing.

Rating Pts	Handicap %
0-1	20
2-4	18
5-9	16
10-16	14
17-25	12
26-40	10
41-60	8
61-100	6
101-160	4
161-240	2
240+	0

Handicapping Thursday Swiss Pairs & IMP Teams Competitions.

Substitutes for Thursday Swiss Pairs and IMP Teams are allowed up to 60 rating points (but not a national ranking of Open) with a handicap applied.

The session director should apply the handicap after making a draw for the next round. The director will recalculate the match VP's after subtracting the handicap. The new VPs are entered on the scoring screen that is accessed from the View Session Results Screen. There is an entry box for manually entering the match VPs at top right of the screen.

Rating Points	40 – 60
6 Board Match	-2 IMP
8 Board Match	-3 IMP
10 Board Match	-4 IMP
12 Board Match	-5 IMP

Experienced Player Handicap on Wednesday Night sessions.

Experienced players are encouraged to play Wednesday non cup/plate sessions. Such players are expected to be partners of novice players such as “Bridge Buddies” In these cases the partnership score will have a handicap applied according to the table below.

In addition, the following pertains to national rankings:

- Any player ranked Open nationally will have a Wednesday handicap of no less than -5%
- Any player ranked Intermediate nationally will have a Wednesday handicap of no less than -0.5%

The session director will apply the handicap using the “**Director Adjustments**” function under the scoring system View Session Results screen “**Edit Options**”.

Club Handicap	Wednesday Handicap
0-1	-7
2-3	-6
4-5	-5
6-7	-4
8-9	-3
10-11	-2
12-13	-1.5
14-15	-1
16-17	-0.5
18-20	0