

New Plymouth Contract Bridge Club

COMPETITION RULES FOR PAIRS AND TEAMS EVENTS

1. Entering Club Competitions

Some competitions require pre-entry on relevant entry forms on the notice boards in the main room.

Pre-entry is required for verification of eligibility and ensuring table numbers are suitable for IMP teams and Swiss Pairs. Entry forms shall show playing restrictions if applicable and the eligibility requirements.

2. Eligibility to win competitions

Eligibility requirements for all competitions are specified for each competition below.

Visitors shall not be eligible to win any competitions of more than two sessions.

3. Ineligible Partnership Play

Ineligible partnerships may play in pairs competition sessions provided they do not infringe any playing restrictions. For example, cup partners playing in plate sessions or experienced partners playing in new partnership pairs.

4. Championship Cup Events

4.1. Championship Cup Event General Rules.

Monday afternoons, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights and Friday afternoons each have a nine-session championship cup competition.

To qualify pairs must meet the following criteria;

1. Enter on notice board forms.
2. Seven or more sessions must be played with the same partner.
3. If one of a pair plays with a substitute that score is ineligible for the Cup.
4. All eligible scores are included in the partnership average.
5. The winners are the pair with the highest applicable average score.
6. Both players must play on the final session of the competition.

Dispensation may be granted by the committee in special circumstances.

Note that additional criteria for specific championship competitions is defined in 4.2 to 4.6 below

4.2 Monday Championship Cup - Marsh Cup

Played mostly on the first Monday afternoon of each month from March until November. The cup sessions shall not be played on Monday public holidays.

Handicap scores are used in the average calculation

The cup is awarded to the pair with the highest qualifying average score.

The Match & Grading committee may waive or alter rules and eligibility requirements from time to time.

4.3 . Tuesday Championship Cups - Auckland Cup & Ewart Plate

The Auckland Cup is awarded to the Pair with the highest qualifying average gross score.

The Ewart Plate is awarded to the Pair with the second highest qualifying average gross

4.4. Wednesday Evening Championship Cup - Centennial Cup

The Centennial Cup is awarded to the Pair with the highest qualifying average gross score

4.5. Thursday Championship Cups - Thurston Cup and Liffiton Cup

The Thurston Cup is awarded to the Pair with the highest qualifying average gross score.

The Liffiton Cup is awarded to the Pair with the second highest qualifying average gross score.

4.6. Friday Championship Cup – Brenda Cameron Memorial Trophy

The trophy is awarded to the Pair with the highest qualifying average handicapped score. The Friday Plate is awarded to the partnership with the highest non handicapped average

5. Five Session Pairs - Tuesday Grayling, Wednesday Kaitake & Thursday HEL Rimu Plate Competitions

These five-session plate competitions are run on Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays. The competition sessions are normally played the week following the first five monthly cup sessions.

Note that the Wednesday Kaitake Plate and Thursday Stars Travel Plates have player entry restrictions.

To qualify pairs must meet the following criteria;

- Enter on notice board forms.
- Four or five sessions must be played with the same partner.
- Auckland Cup partnerships are not eligible for the Grayling Plate.
Thurston Cup partnerships are not eligible for the HEL Rimu Plate. Centennial Cup partnerships are not eligible for the Kaitake Plate.

If one of a pair plays with a substitute that score is ineligible.

All eligible scores are included in the partnership average. The winners are the pair with the highest average gross score

6. Centennial Cup Plate

A trophy specifically for graduates of the most recent series of learn bridge lesson run by the club. Awarded to the pair with highest average qualifying score in the Centennial cup sessions.

Players who have not been a member of a bridge club for the previous ten years shall be eligible. Championship Cup/Plate general rules apply to this competition.

7. Monty Shearer Memorial Trophy Competition

Played Tuesdays over four sessions, to qualify partnerships must meet the following criteria;

- Enter on notice board forms.
- All four sessions must be played with the same partner.
- Auckland Cup and Grayling Plate partnerships are not eligible.
- In 2021 this competition is being run as a Swiss Pairs.

8. D&D Allen Trophy Competition

This is a three session Tuesday competition, to qualify pairs must meet the following criteria,

- Pairs are required to enter on notice board forms.
- All three sessions must be played with the same partner.
- Auckland Cup and Grayling Plate partnerships are not eligible.
- The winners are the pair with the highest average gross score.

9. Two & Three Session Pairs Competitions

These competitions have no entry requirements. They require play in all sessions with the same partner to qualify.

These competitions are handicapped on Mondays Tuesdays Thursdays and Fridays.

10. New Partnership Pairs

Eligibility is restricted to partnerships that have not played in a New Plymouth Club event within the previous 2 years.

11. Monday Individual Competition

Scheduled on Statutory Holidays. To qualify must play 4 sessions, each with a different partner

12. IMP Teams

Tuesdays two 14 board matches per night four or five nights depending on entries.

Thursday two 12 board matches per night over five nights.

- Entries of teams with members and captains nominated must be made one week prior to start of the competition. Entries on the night of play will not be accepted if there is an odd number of teams.
- An even number of teams is required. Should there be an odd number of teams the last entry shall be a reserve.
- Teams shall have Minimum 4 players per team with maximum 6 per team.
- Teams must arrange to be present for all sessions. Any number of substitutes permitted but no member of one team may substitute for any other team.
- Thursday teams only one substitute with more than 40 rating points permitted in any session. On these occasions the team results shall be handicapped according to the handicap system.
- Any team not available on any night will be automatically deemed to have lost each match 6-14.
- For a partial default a 3 IMP penalty per board will be imposed.
 - Ties of winning teams will be broken in favour of the winner of the individual match between those teams. If that match was tied, the IMP score of their match will decide and, if necessary, total IMP points will.

13 Swiss Pairs

Tuesdays three 10 board matches per session for three sessions.

Thursday three 8 board matches per night over five nights.

- Entries of pairs must be made one week prior to start of the competition. Entries on the night of play will not be accepted.

- An even number of pairs is required. Should there be an odd number of pairs the last entry shall be a reserve.
- Pairs must arrange to be present for all sessions. Any number of substitutes permitted.
- A substitute with less than 40 rating points is permitted on the Thursday Swiss Pairs. In these instances.
- Any pair not available on any night will be automatically deemed to have lost each match 6-14.
- For a partial default a 3 IMP penalty per board will be imposed.
- Ties of winning pairs will be broken in favour of the winner of the individual match between those pairs. If that match was tied, the IMP score of their match will decide and, if necessary, total IMP points will.

14 Multiple Teams G & B King Cup

A “multiple teams” competition is run as a supplementary competition on Thursday evenings. Pre-entries on notice board forms is required for this competition.

Members who are Grand masters are invited to captain teams made up from members who are drawn from a pool of entries.

The competition is run over three nights with the team members changing partner for each session.

15 Premier Fours

The premier fours IMP team’s competition will be played on Thursday nights in the small room. The programme dates shown on the supplementary Monday and Thursday programme are subject to change according to the number of teams entering. If less than eight teams enter the competition a double round robin shall be played.

16 Rubber Bridge Competition

Open to all members, timing of the competition decided in March with entries required on notice board forms.

Played as a round robin with sections if entry numbers require this.

Responsibility	Match & Grading Committee
Date:	16/09/2021