

TOURNAMENTS

Tournaments are run throughout New Zealand at National, Regional and Local level. For full details of tournaments, refer to the NZ Bridge Master Point Manual, Part E. A tournament schedule for the current year can be found on the NZ Bridge website (www.nzbridge.co.nz)

INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eligibility

The Interprovincial Championships will be contested in five divisions: Open, Women, Senior, Intermediate and Youth.

To be eligible to compete in the Intermediate event, a player must be of Intermediate or Junior rank on 1 January of the same calendar year as that in which the Championships are being held.

To be eligible to compete in the Senior event, a player must have been born in 1950 or earlier. This age is the same as WBF Senior eligibility.

To be eligible to compete in the Youth event, a player must be aged 25 years or younger during the calendar year in which the Championships are being held. This age differs from the NZ National Trials and WBF eligibility.

Six Regions can field teams in each category:

Auckland
Waikato/Bays
Central Districts
Wellington
Canterbury
Otago/Southland

Each Region is free to use whatever method of trial or selection to determine the composition of its team as it sees fit. However, Regions may combine to form a Youth team. Each team may have a maximum of six players plus a non-playing captain. A team may have a playing captain but the team maximum is still six.

Residency

Players must be a member of a Club in the Region for which they wish to play. Players who belong to Clubs in more than one Region can trial for only one Region each year and must play regularly in the Club of the Region for which they trial.

Systems

Intermediate: All pairs must play systems that comply with the NZ Bridge regulations for Intermediate Tournaments.

Open, Women, Senior and Youth: Pairs are not restricted in their choice of systems or conventions.

System Cards

System cards must be prepared using the Word version of the NZ Bridge (or the WBF) full System Card, which may be downloaded from the NZ Bridge website (<http://nzbridge.co.nz/international/>).

System Disclosure

All pairs, regardless of their system classification and the category of event contested, must post their completed system card (using the Word version of the WBF System Card) on the National Congress website (www.NZBridgeCongress.co.nz) 7 (seven) clear days prior to the commencement of the Tournament. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a procedural penalty of 0.4 Victory Points (VPs) for each pair that has not complied.

Failure to comply with the System Disclosure requirement by pairs using *Yellow* systems will mean that the *Yellow* system will not be permitted to be used at any stage of the event.

In addition, all players are expected to arrive at the table with a fully completed system card filled out using the Word version of the WBF System Card. Failure to do so may result in a procedural penalty

Format (All Sections)

The six teams in each section will play a double Round Robin of 12-board matches. Scores will be converted to VPs according to the standard 12-board scale.

At the conclusion of the double Round Robin, the top two teams will play a final of 24 boards divided into two stanzas of 12. There will be a carryover to the final of 1.5 IMPs for each VP difference between the scores of the two teams. The maximum carryover is 20 IMPs.

If there is a tie to be broken in determining which team or teams will play in the final, then it will be broken using the standard NZ Bridge tie-breaking procedure (refer to page D34). However, if still tied, then successive 4-board playoffs will be used rather than the toss of a coin.