

# Central Districts Regional Bridge Committee

## Tournament Allocation Policy

All Clubs will be able to run tournaments in line with NZ Bridge Policy (Part B - Tournament Organisation of the New Zealand Bridge Manual) *This information is provided in the policy in italics*

### 1. Local (Club) Events

*At the Local level (within a Region), each Club is entitled to conduct one Tournament for an award of **3A** or **5A** points during each calendar year. In addition to its right to conduct one **3A** or **5A** Point Tournament, each Club may, subject to the approval of its Region, conduct one Open **B**, one Intermediate (**5B**) and one Junior (**3B**) Tournament.*

- a) It is the intention of the region that all tournaments that fit the above criteria will be approved subject to a suitable date being available.
- b) Clubs who wish to run new tournaments that fit the above criteria must apply in writing to the regional secretary by **28 February** in the year in which the schedule is being produced.
- c) Existing Tournaments that meet the above criteria will be considered to be pre-approved.
- d) Once NZ Bridge has published the tournament schedule clubs are required to check for clashes.
  - i) All requests for changes are to be made to the regional secretary using the change tournament form.
  - ii) Clubs must also consider the Waikato Bays region and Wellington region in requesting changes.
  - iii) Changes to the schedule must be requested by clubs by **31 March** in the year in which the schedule is being produced.
- e) The committee will reject any new tournament requests after **28 February** in the year in which the schedule is being produced
- f) The committee will reject any tournament change requests after **30 April** in the year in which the schedule is being produced

### 2. Additional Local (Club) Tournaments

*Each Region may approve extra "A" Point (5A and 3A) and "B" Point (8B, 5B and 3B) events in its Region additional to the list in 5 above (B5-B6). Clubs requesting such additional Master Point events must apply afresh annually to run any such extra event.*

*Regions are required to furnish full details of such additional events in their Regions to the Secretary of NZ Bridge by 30 April in the year in which the schedule is being produced.*

*Note: The NZ Bridge Board reserves the right to alter this qualification from time to time as may be deemed necessary.*

- a) Clubs may apply in writing for additional tournaments which will be considered by the regional tournament Sub Committee who will make recommendations to the full regional committee for final approval.
- b) The application will need to be made each year for additional tournaments.
- c) The committee will consider the distribution of extra tournaments on away that is equitable across the entire region.
- d) Having a tournament granted in any one year does not necessarily mean that it will be granted in the following year.
- e) Applications are required by **28 February** in the in the year in which the schedule is being produced year so that the committee can meet the NZ Bridge Deadline of 30 April in the year in which the schedule is being produced.

### 3. Regional Tournaments

*Each Region in its own area is entitled to run Regional Events in addition to the above Island Events, as follows:*

- (i) One Provincial Teams Championship – 10A*
- (ii) One Provincial Pairs Championship – 10A*
- (iii) One Main Regional Pairs or Teams Tournament – 10A*
- (iv) One Men's and one Women's Pairs Tournament – 5A*
- (v) One Regional Local Teams Tournament – 5A*
- (vi) Trials for the Interprovincial Teams Championships (Open, Women, Senior, Youth and Intermediate).*
- (vii) Preliminary rounds of the National Rubber Bridge Competition.*
- (viii) Regional Congress Events.*

- a) Clubs will be asked to apply to host these by **28 February** in the year in which the schedule is being produced so that the venues can be put into the NZCBA Schedule.
- b) Clubs who wish to apply to host must do so in writing. They should consider their ability to host the tournament in terms of room size and manpower available and should submit a draft budget.
- c) At the conclusion of the event a written report is required back to the regional committee which includes information about the running of event, a financial report of the event and the results.
- d) Current CD regional events
  - i) Marion Hill Pairs (10A) - This is attached to the Taranaki Congress. (Marion Hill was a Taranaki Player)
  - ii) John Fullarton Teams (10A). Open to bids from any club in the region.
  - iii) Zelda Morris Pairs (10A) - This competition is expected to be allocated to an East Side Club.(Zelda Morris was from the Hawkes Bay)
  - iv) IP Trials - expected to be hosted in Manawatu/Wanganui region.
  - v) Club Championships - Heats hosted in the east and west. Finals expected to be hosted in Manawatu/Wanganui region.
- e) Regional Committee involvement in regional tournaments
  - i) All regional events are required to have a regional committee member as a part of the match committee.
  - ii) These will be allocated by the regional committee in November of the preceding year.
  - iii) Geographical location will be a consideration in the allocation.

### 4. National Tournaments

The region will be allocated one national tournament. Clubs may apply to host these but consideration needs to be given to venue size, club resources, transport and accommodation requirements. The regional committee will ask for expressions of interest from clubs in running National Tournaments.

### 5. Regional Congresses

*Each Region in its own area is entitled to run a Regional Congress. These events may incorporate one or more of the 10A Provincial or Main Regional Pairs or Teams Tournaments or may comprise 5A, 3A, 8B, 5B and 3B events.*

*Any Region running a Congress (defined E3) is entitled to hold an additional 10A Point Pairs or Teams event to be run in association with this Congress.*

*A further 10A Point event will be considered if a Congress event consistently attracts a field of at least 40 tables.*

*Regions may hold or delegate to a Club the running of a Regional Congress event. This must be approved at Regional level and confirmed by the Board, who are to be provided with an outline of the proposed programme. The programme must meet the definition of a Regional Congress (E3).*

Any change to the format of Regional Congresses has to have the approval of the Regional committee before they can alter their programme.

a) Taranaki Mini Congress. Hosted by the 3 Taranaki Clubs over 3 Days

CD Marion Hill Pairs	Open	10A
Multigrade Int/Jun Pairs	Int	5B
Intermediate Teams	Int	5B
Open Teams	Open	10A
Swiss Pairs	Open	3A
Novice Pairs	Novice	C points

b) Hawkes Bay Congress hosted by Hawkes Bay Committee over 3 Days

Int/Junior Pairs	Int/Jun	5B/3B
Open Pairs	Open	10A
Open 8B Pairs	Open	8B
Open Teams	Open	10A
Intermediate/Junior Teams	Int/Jun	5B/3B
Hawkes Bay Swiss Pairs	Open	3A
Restricted Pairs		8B
Novice Pairs	Novice	C points

## 6. Metropolitan / Area Events

*Each Region may hold each year up to six events that do not meet the definition of a Tournament (E4). Of these events, only three shall be for the award of "A" Points (3A or 5A); the other three shall be 8B Tournaments.*

*Regions must furnish full details of any proposed events in their areas to the Secretary of NZ Bridge by 30 April in the year in which the schedule is being produced.*

**These competitions:**

- *May be Pairs or Teams.*
  - *Must satisfy NZ Bridge that they are genuine Tournaments with entries from several Clubs.*
  - *Must meet the minimum requirements for the grade of Tournament for the total number of boards played and the number of boards per session.*
- a) Clubs are welcome to apply to run such an event by **30 November** in the year prior to the year in which the schedule is being produced. Applications must be in writing stating how the NZ Bridge conditions are met.
  - b) The regional committee will decide whether or not there is sufficient space in the schedule before approving such events.
  - c) Awarding of such events shall be done in an equitable manner across the region.

## 7. Disputes

In case of dispute with the above policy Part B - Tournament Organisation of the New Zealand Bridge Manual shall apply.