

STATE <100 MASTERPOINTS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

SUPPLEMENTARY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

The Event (Overview)

These Championships are run in four divisions, based on the masterpoint holding of each player immediately following the 1st September 2024 Masterpoint Centre update. The divisions are:

Masterpoint range	% of registered active NSW players
0-9.99 MP	32%
10-24.99 MP	14%
25-49.99 MP	12%
50-99.99 MP	12%

Information about masterpoint standings at that date is available on the ABF Masterpoint Centre website www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/default.asp. If players in different masterpoint divisions play as a pair, they are assigned into the division of the player with the greater number of masterpoints.

The UHMP Championships will have two independent stages.

- Early rounds (club sessions) will be played in affiliated clubs and scored locally.
- Local Finals are played over a single session in the week Monday 25th November to Sunday 1st December at about 15 different centres scattered around NSW.

Clubs are expected to form small groups comprising 2-6 clubs, with one club in the group designated to conduct the Local Final. The intention is that there will be minimal travel times for players and no necessity for overnight accommodation. Results from all the Local Finals are matchpointed across the entire state. A handicap is then applied to each pair's score and the results published by the Tournament Organiser.

Eligibility

Both members of the partnership must have earned fewer than 100 masterpoints immediately following the 1st September, 2024 ABF Masterpoint Centre update.

Every participating pair will be automatically entered into the appropriate division - that of the player with the greater number of masterpoints.

There is no limit to the number of club sessions a player may enter.

Players do not need to be club members.

There is no requirement to have played in a club session before entering a Local Final.

No substitutes are allowed at any stage of the competition.

Club Qualifying Events

These are to be held between 1st September and 24th November, 2024.

Each club may hold a maximum of 6 UHMP club sessions.

Sessions may be held face-to-face or online.

Registration

Club sessions: Enter via the online form at www.nswba.com.au/forms/under100mp.asp

Local Final: Apply to host a Local Final by completing the online form at www.nswba.com.au/forms/under100mpfinal.asp.

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Format of Club Sessions

All club sessions are to be single sessions using standard matchpoint scoring and Mitchell or Howell movements. Note that masterpoint awards will be reduced if fewer than 24 boards are played.

Club sessions are integrated or stratified; *i.e.* participating pairs in all four masterpoint divisions and non-contending pairs are all mixed in together. Players may attempt to maximise the number of red B4s masterpoints earned by playing in multiple club sessions. The \$5.00 per pair entry fee is payable for each such session contested.

Directors should be qualified at Club level or above.

Masterpointing of Club Sessions

Score and masterpoint each club session as you normally do for a single session club duplicate. UHMP competitors and non-competitors are treated identically at the club level. Clubs will be invoiced by the Masterpoint Centre in the usual way for green masterpoints issued by clubs for their club sessions.

Then download and save the Word UHMP club session *pro forma* document from the UHMP website www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2024&E=uhmp. Save the file, fill in the requested information and then send it to uhmp@nswba.com.au as an email attachment.

Alternatively, copy the relevant part of the document and paste into the body of the email.

A typical club submission (for a Mitchell movement) can be found at the end of these regulations, along with hints on how to complete it accurately and quickly.

Do not change the format of the *pro forma* file - the table is formatted so that the information can be copied and used directly by the Tournament Organiser. **Do not convert to pdf.**

Do not indicate the MP division of your pairs; just show under CATEGORY whether they are competing (C) or non-competing (NC).

Pair numbers and final finishing positions are not required and the order in which the pairs are shown is not important.

The results of each club session must be in a separate table, but you may include multiple tables within a single file.

The Tournament Organiser is responsible for calculating and issuing the red masterpoints to players who are competing in the UHMP. Each competing pair is assigned to the relevant MP division as part of this process. Names and ABF numbers will be checked and then the results will be returned as pdf printouts.

Local Finals

Any player with fewer than 100 masterpoints is eligible to play in a Local Final.

Full details on conducting Local Finals and submitting the results will be sent to relevant Clubs and Organisers in mid-November.

All Local Finals will play between 24 and 36 boards, playing hands supplied by the UHMP Organiser. All Local Finals must be held as face-to-face sessions; online sessions including those played on RealBridge are not permitted due to hand security concerns.

Club officials should contact officials of neighbouring affiliated clubs and discuss which clubs will host Local Finals and set its venue, date and start time. This information should be sent to the Tournament Organiser during September, so that it can be posted on the UHMP website.

No masterpoints are to be awarded by clubs for Local Finals. The event will be scored across the state and B4s masterpoints awarded based on the state-wide results.

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Charges

Club Qualifying Events: \$2.50 per player per session (*i.e.* \$5.00 per pair). This entry fee is to be collected by the clubs and then paid to Bridge NSW. Clubs would be expected to charge normal table money as well. An invoice will be sent sometime in December. **Please don't pay anything until you receive the invoice.** Instructions for payment will be included with the invoice.

Local Finals: \$4.00 per player per day (*i.e.* \$8.00 per pair). This should be incorporated into the Local Final entry fee. An invoice will be sent in December to each club hosting a Local Final. **Please don't pay anything until you receive the invoice.** Instructions for payment will be included with the invoice.

Masterpoints.

Bridge NSW will pay for all the B4s masterpoints issued. All red masterpoints awarded (*i.e.* for both club sessions and local finals) will be processed by the ABF Masterpoint Centre in the December update.

Administration.

The Tournament Organiser of this event (on behalf of Bridge NSW) is Warren Lazer.

All correspondence and queries should be sent to uhmp@nswba.com.au or ring Warren on (02) 9744 1555 after 10.00 am.

Possible Complications this Year - Read this section

As you are probably aware, events previously run by the NSWBA (including the UHMP) are now run by Bridge NSW. As part of the restructure, the current NSWBA website will cease to operate and will be replaced by a new Bridge NSW website. The proposed date for this is mid-November, clearly very poor timing from a UHMP-perspective. It is not clear to me if the UHMP dealing files and hand records will be able to be downloaded from the new site, or indeed when the new site will start operating. I'm sure we can overcome whatever problems beset the event. Any significant changes in procedure or web addresses will be communicated to club organisers by email, so make sure you read any that I send.

I will be overseas from 25 September to 5 November, playing in the NZ Congress and then the World Bridge Games (Australian Mixed Team) in Buenos Aires. During these dates, I will respond to emails as best I can, but I will probably not process any club sessions until my return.

DO NOT RING between 25 September and 5 November – email only between those dates.

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Example of submission of club session results

Club Name: UNICORN BRIDGE CLUB

Club number: 2-999

Number of boards played in session:

27

Date played:

15/9/24

Give the names and ABF numbers of ALL players.

Category indicates whether or not the pair has entered the UHMP (C = competing, NC = non competing).

Competing pairs have paid the \$4 entry fee and are eligible to win red MPs.

PLAYER 1	ABF NO 1	PLAYER 2	ABF NO 2	CATEGORY*	SCORE %
BROWN, Fred	35762	BROWN, Joan	539426	NC	62.28
BLACK, Olive	579216	BLACK, Berri	3695	C	58.58
WHITE, Jeff	32164	WHITE, Janice	654987	C	56.56
GREEN, Peter	497628	GREEN, Petra	21326	C	55.72
SILVER, Vicki	238654	SILVER, Vivienne	194685	NC	54.04
SCARLET, Amelia	25168	SCARLET, Adam	3265	C	47.64
PLUM, Harvey	16749	PLUM, Henrietta	22344	C	46.46
GREY, Quentin	68597	GREY, Zelda	216584	C	45.79
GOLD, Nathaniel	331467	GOLD, Naomi	98257	NC	39.05
MUSTARD, Terence	236456	MUSTARD, Theresa	798571	C	33.83
SMITH, Jenny	467852	SMITH, Joseph	86924	C	62.22
BUTCHER, Kelvin	316497	BUTCHER, Kerry	25845	NC	55
BAKER, Lionel	164697	BAKER, Linda	556492	C	55
FISHER, Mark	346972	FISHER, Maria	2685	C	54.07
FARMER, Ralph	216233	FARMER, Rowena	468759	C	53.51
TAILOR, Jemima	833769	TAILOR, Jack	216445	C	49.62
ARCHER, Barry	231132	ARCHER, Beatrice	963852	NC	49.44
COOK, Daniel	123654	COOK, Daphne	77996	C	47.96
COOPER, Edward	16822	COOPER, Enid	164775	C	37.4
FLETCHER, Geraldine	31628	FLETCHER, Gary	176958	C	35.74

* Choose from C (competing) or NC (non-competing)

If using CompScore2, this information can be extracted easily from the web export csv file: if using an Altosoft web site, this csv file will have the session name preceded by a "-1" as its file name and will be found in either c:\Compscore2\Web or c:\Compscore2\Web\Archive. If not using an Altosoft web site, you can temporarily change to Altosoft using Setup | Web Preferences, open the session, make the web export file from the Reports and Web tab, then change your web export method back to what it was. Open the csv file using Excel. The info needed begins in cells E4, K4, F4, L4, and H4 (approx). Copy and paste each relevant column into the pro forma Word document. You may need to highlight exactly the same number of cells in the pro forma document to get it to paste the information correctly.