

# Club Team Championships 2026 – Conditions of Play

This document describes the conditions of play that will govern the 2026 Club Team Championship events of Bendigo Bridge Club.

## Club Team Championship Calendar

The club will run two Club Team Championship events – a Monday Club Teams Championship event and a Friday Club Team Championship event. Each event will comprise two sessions that will take place on the following dates:

- Monday Club Championship Teams: 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October
- Friday Club Championship Teams: 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October

These will be Red Point events.

## Entry and Eligibility Requirements and Restrictions

Club Championship sessions are walk-up events open to club members and visitors. However, teams or team members may be refused entry at the discretion of the club's Management Committee

Eligibility to win the Club Team Championship and Overall (bonus) red points shall be restricted as follows:

- All team members must be currently financial members of Bendigo BC who have joined the club at least three months prior to the first week of competition. This includes any substitute that the team may use.
- Teams, pairs and individual players, may enter both the Monday and Friday events.
- Teams must compete in both sessions (ie both Mondays and/or both Fridays)

## How to enter

- One team member must register the team's entry by booking the team in via the website in the usual way but, instead of just entering one partner's name, enter the names of all the other team members.
- The player making the booking shall be deemed to be the Team Captain.
- Teams may comprise up to five members. If more than four team members are nominated...
  - The team captain shall nominate which team members shall play in which sessions
  - Any Overall red points won by the team shall be shared by all members of the team, regardless of how many sessions they played.

## Substitutions

Eligible teams are entitled to one substitute per event, subject to the following conditions:

- Teams with more than four nominated members must, if possible, use their extra player before nominating a substitute player.
- Substitutes must themselves be qualified to enter the competition
- For a substitute to be allowed, the team member being substituted must be unable to attend one event session. It follows that the player being substituted cannot play in that session.
- Substitutes must hold an equal or lesser ABF ranking (as at Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2026) than the player being substituted. In comparing rankings, sub-divisions of ABF rankings are not taken into consideration.
- Team captains are responsible for ensuring that their substitute is eligible to compete for the Championship and for Overall Red points.
- The substitute must not be a registered member of another team in the same event

## Results and Winners

The Masterpoint Secretary will determine the winning Club Championship Team and Overall red points based on the aggregate scores achieved by each eligible team over the two sessions.