

# 2025 Club Championship Pairs – Conditions of Play

This document describes the conditions of play that will govern the 2025 Club Championship Pairs competitions of Bendigo Bridge Club.

## 1. Club Championship Pairs Calendar

There will be three Club Championship Pairs competitions: a Monday Club Championship Pairs competition, a Wednesday Club Championship Pairs Competition, and a Friday Club Championship Pairs competition. Each competition shall comprise three sessions:

- Monday Club Championship Pairs sessions will be run on 3rd, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Wednesday Club Championship Pairs sessions will be run on 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Friday Club Championship Pairs sessions will be run on 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of November.

**Red** masterpoints will be awarded for each Monday and Friday session and for final placings in the competition.

**Green** masterpoints will be awarded for each Wednesday session and for final placings in the competition.

## 2. Entry and Eligibility Requirements and Restrictions

Club Championship sessions are walk-up events open to club members and visitors.

Entries may be refused entry at the discretion of the club's Management Committee.

Pairs and individual players may enter any or all of the three competitions (but see 'Substitutions', below).

Eligibility to win the Club Championship Pairs title(s) and Overall (bonus) red or green points shall be restricted as follows:

- Pair members must be currently financial club members 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.
- Pairs must compete in all three competition sessions of the competition(s) they enter (but see 'Substitutions', below).
- Entries must be booked in, using the website booking system, in the usual way, but please note:
  - Bookings should be made for all three weeks of competition.
  - To assist in the seeding and seating process (see below), bookings should be made before 6pm on the day prior to the session date.

## 3. Substitutions

Eligible pairs are entitled to one substitute per competition, subject to the following conditions:

- Substitutes must themselves be eligible to enter the competition
- A substitute is allowed if one member of a partnership is unable to attend one competition session. It follows that the player being substituted cannot play in that session.
- Substitutes cannot have an ABF ranking (as at 1 October 2025) that is greater than the player being substituted. In comparing rankings, sub-divisions of ABF rankings (eg Bronze, Silver and Gold) are not taken into account.
- Substitutions should be advised to the session director prior to play. However, the onus is on the pair making the substitution to ensure that the nominated substitute meets our substitutions eligibility criteria. In acknowledging the substitution, the director is not acknowledging that the

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substitution is valid under these conditions of play. If it transpires that the substitute is ineligible, that pair will become ineligible to be the Champion Pair for that competition.

### 4. Seeding and Seating

- Week 1 of competition will be seeded, based upon each pair's aggregate ABF masterpoints as at 1 November 2025. (Pairs using a substitute for week 1 must advise the Club Director by email, no later than 2 days prior to the session.)
- Weeks 2 and 3 will be seeded based upon the previous week's results.

The director will post a seating plan prior to each session. The director may change the plan for various reasons, eg, to accommodate pairs with special seating requirements or to account for late entries or withdrawals. Pairs must sit as per the seating plan (or as instructed by the director on the day).

### 5. Results, Winners and Overall (Bonus) Masterpoints

The Club Masterpoint Secretary will determine the winning Club Championship pairs and overall bonus point awards based on the aggregate percentage results achieved by all eligible pairs over the three weeks of each competition.

Red masterpoint awards are provisional until approved by the State Masterpoint Secretary.