

Scoring at Newbury Bridge Club - April 2015

1. Correction period: When an event's score is posted on the NBC website there is a 48 hour correction period. This means that if on checking anyone notices an error it can be raised within this period and any corrections implemented.

Implementation of a correction only happens once the Director of the event or the Chief Director has approved it. Normally mistakes are highlighted within the first 24 hours.

After the correction period expires the results of the event are posted to the EBU.

This only applies for Tuesday and Thursday evening events which are the main club events. Both Tuesdays and Thursdays events are normally posted at the weekend.

For the small number of members who are not online and have no access to the internet or website the correction period is extended to 7 days. This allows time for them to check the notice board when they next visit the club. Events are posted on the notice board after the expiry of the 48 hour correction period. After any agreed correction both the EBU and website would be updated.

2. Master points: Results from both Tuesday's and Thursday's club night Pairs and Teams events along with the Southern Salver and Round the Houses Teams are posted to the EBU.
3. Neuberg scoring: Following an EBU recommendation the committee has agreed to adopt Neuberg Scoring. This system which can deal with decimals rather than whole numbers is applied when for some reason a board or boards need adjustment.

Examples include

- A board not being played through lack of time, and the director awarding an 'average', 'average minus' or 'average plus'
- When the cards are put back in the wrong slots or the wrong number of cards are put back in the correct slot and the director awards a fine.

For more details:

<https://www.ebu.co.uk/documents/laws-and-ethics/articles/neuberg-formula.pdf>

4. Board fine: a fine on a board can be issued by the director. This is a small penalty for a pair, typically it is 10% of a top for the board. The board is scored as played and therefore the fine does not affect other pairs in the event.

Applying it after the board is scored means that only the infringing pairs overall score is reduced.

5. NGS events: Results from both Tuesday's and Thursday's club night Pairs and Teams events are included in an individual's NGS grade.
6. NGS grade: This includes all events both eligible club and eligible non-club events played by individuals.

When an event is posted to the EBU a new NGS grade is automatically calculated for each player in the event. Once an event is posted the new grades are available at the latest the following day.

Each member can log into the EBU website and they will be able to see their grade evolve as each event is processed by the EBU website.

To find your NGS grade: <https://www.ebu.co.uk>

7. NGS grade example: The NGS grades used for the April Prize Handicap can be found in Members Only. This example shows specific grades used in the Prize Handicap.

As can be seen in the April example on the website the grades are based on the mean of 50%. A grade of +3 reflects a 53% grade and -3 is a 47% grade.

8. NGS grade bands: In the member's area on the NBC website these NGS grades are automatically monthly expressed in grade bands.

Individuals are classified as a "Jack" or a "Ten" etc. Each grade band covers a 2% range with an "Eight" being in the range of 49-51%.

9. NGS Event Ranking: The NGS grade for an event at the bottom of the ranking page on the website:

NGS Event Ranking	: 50.75%
Director	: Liz Madeley
Scorer	: Jackie Woods
Scoring Software	: ScoreBridge
Results Session	: 10141
Results Filename	: 2014Nov06!Prize_Handicap!.dat
Uploaded	: 7th Nov 2014 18:05 GMT

This takes all the NGS grades captured on the 1st of the month and averages them out to produce an average grade from all the participants in the event. The result is the NGS Event Ranking. It is for information purposes only to give an idea of the strength of the event.

10. Prize Handicap grade adjustment: After the Prize Handicap event an adjustment is made to the score which using the current NGS grades (not the NGS grade band) and this new result determines the winners of the Prize.

The adjustment is simply done by adding each pairs NGS grades together dividing by 2 and then subtracting each pairs average grade from their score. The result posted to the EBU has the handicap adjustment removed.

11. Publishing Prize Handicap result: The NGS grades used for the Prize Handicap are the very latest and include all events up to but not including the Prize Handicap event itself.

Using the scoring program Scorebridge a set of grades is downloaded from the EBU each month and this is what is applied to the event.

The Prize Handicap is on a Thursday and in order to allow for the correction period for the previous Tuesday's event the latest handicaps are not normally available until the weekend.

12. NGS grade and new members: For club members who are too new to have an NGS grade the committee decided they should be awarded a grade of -8 so that they can enter competitions such as the Prize Handicap.

It takes 10 to 12 events to get a published NGS grade.