

**Competition Rules and Regulations**

N.B. These rules and regulations are specific to this event at the New Melville

1. This competition is an open event (i.e. not restricted to club members) but it is restricted to players who compete in the Bronze category as defined by the SBU\*. For the purposes of this event a player who is in the Bronze category **at the time of application** is eligible to take part and that category will be used when determining the overall level of a team.
2. For the purposes of this event the following rules will be used to determine an overall team category where a B1 player is ascribed 1 point, a B2 player 2 points and so on:

A team total of 4 or 5 points - **B1**

A team total of 6 or 7 points – **B2**

A team total of 8, 9 or 10 points – **B3**

A team total of more than 10 points – **B4.**

3. The size of the prizes described overleaf will be subject to a minimum of 24 teams taking part. If there fewer teams, prizes will be reduced to £60 per team with no 'bonus prize'. If the entry does not reach 16 teams then the format will be changed to multi-teams with a further reduction in prize money. Details to be announced at the start of play.
4. If there are fewer than three teams in any one category, then the prizes for that category will be amalgamated with an adjacent category. In this case the Club will try to balance the numbers across the remaining categories in a fair and practical way. Details will be announced on the day prior to the start of play.
5. Scoring will be by IMPs converted to Victory Points (all done using Bridgemates etc).
6. If there is a two-way tie in any one category then the winning team will be determined from a 'head-to-head' result, failing which the team with the higher IMP score will win, failing which the cash prize will be split between the two teams.
7. If there is a three-way (or greater) tie in any category, then the cash prize will be split between the teams.

If a standby team is available entries will be taken up until Saturday evening on the 26 November. Please consult the club's website to see whether this will happen. Otherwise, entries will close 48 hours earlier.

\*Players who have at least 25 National points plus 100 black points compete in the Silver or Gold category as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and are not eligible to take part.