

Club Team Championships 2024 – Conditions of Play

This document describes the conditions of play that will govern the Bendigo Bridge Club 2024 Club Team Championship events.

Club Team Championship Calendar

This year 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 Teams Championship: 7th and 14th October
- Friday Club Teams Championship: 11th and 18th October

These will be **Red** Point events.

Entry and Qualification Requirements

Qualification for the Club Team Championship competitions shall be restricted as follows:

- Team members must be current financial members who have joined the club at least three months prior to the first week of competition.
- Monday and Friday competitions are independent. Hence:
 - A team may enter both events.
 - A member may enter both competitions in the same or different teams.
- Teams entered for an event must compete in both sessions (i.e. both Mondays and/or both Fridays). See below for ways to enter if one or two team members are only available for one session.

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 will usually have four members, although up to six may be registered. If more than four team members are registered:
 - The Team captain shall nominate which team members play in which sessions,
 - Any bonus masterpoints won by the team shall be shared by all members of the team, regardless of the number of event sessions the member has played in.
- A member can only be registered in one team per event.
- Entries may be accepted or declined at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- Entries close at 6.30 pm on the day prior to the session.

Substitutions

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

- Teams with more than four registered members must use their extra registered player(s) 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 ranking¹ than the player being substituted. In comparing rankings, sub-divisions of ABF rankings (eg 'metal' divisions of State Master rank) are not taken into account.
- A substitute must not be a registered member of another team in the same event.
- Substitutions should be advised to the session director prior to play. The team captain is responsible for ensuring that the nominated substitute is eligible to compete, ie, in acknowledging the substitution, the director is not acknowledging that the substitution is valid under these conditions of play. If it transpires that the substitute is ineligible, the team will become ineligible to be the Champion Team for that event.

Seeding and Seating

Depending on the number of teams entered, sessions may be split into two or more sections.

If more than one section is required, teams will be seeded² across the sections and the director will post a seating plan on the day of the event. Teams must sit in conformance with the seating plan.

Results and Winners

The Masterpoint Secretary, using the rules specified in the ABF Masterpoint Manual, will determine the winning Club Championship Teams based on the aggregate nett IMPs achieved by each team over the two sessions.

¹ As at 1 October.

² Seeding will be based on the aggregate masterpoints of the four highest-ranked members of the team, as at 1 October.