

2026 GNOT Club Selection Events – Conditions of Play

Our GNOT Club Selection Events will be taking place on (Mondays) August 3rd & 10th, and (Fridays) August 7th and 14th. These are **Gold** masterpoint events and the following special playing conditions will apply. If you intend to play, please note these conditions and plan accordingly.

1. The Monday and Friday events are separate, two-session, Swiss Pairs competitions. Gold masterpoints will be awarded for each session.
2. Individual entrants must be a *bona fide* (ie currently financial) member of a club affiliated with the Northern Region Bridge Association (or a neighbouring region within Victoria), and have an active ABF Membership Number.
3. Entries must be made via the club's website booking system¹. Session entries will close 24 hours before start of play.
4. Entries may be refused at the discretion of Bendigo BC management committee.
5. Walk-up pairs without a booking will not be seated if their entry will create a half-table (see below). If you turn up without a booking, you must report to the director to have your time of arrival noted. You are not guaranteed seats.
6. As each round of play will comprise a (minimum) five board match, we will not be accommodating half tables. If we have a half-table, the director will resolve the situation by either...
 - if walk-up pairs are available, the director will seat enough of the walk-up pairs as will make up full tables, on a first in, best dressed basis.
 - if no walk-up pairs are available, one pair will be culled on a last-in, first out basis.
7. Seating: On arrival for each session, please consult the Round 1 Draw that the director will publish on the day. The draw will specify your pair's table and seating direction. As is normal for Swiss-based tournaments, seating will be redrawn after each round.
8. Results:
 - Session match results (and thus masterpoint allocations) will be calculated using IMP scoring. Results will be posted to the website shortly after the end of each session.
 - All Gold masterpoint allocations are provisional until approved by the GNOT Co-ordinator.
 - Session results will be consolidated to provide Overall placings, but only for the purpose of providing the Committee with guidance on which pairs to invite to make up the team(s) that will represent the club at the Regional Heat event, to be held in Shepparton on Sunday 30th August.²
9. Substitutes

Pairs are allowed one substitute for an event, subject to the following conditions:

 - Substitutes must themselves be eligible to enter the event.
 - A substitute is allowed if one member of a partnership is unable to attend one session. It follows that the player being substituted cannot play at that session.

¹ Non-Bendigo BC players should contact the President or Secretary for assistance in booking.

² ABF Masterpointing regulations prohibit the awarding of Overall masterpoints for GNOT events.

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- The substitute cannot have an ABF ranking (as at 1st August 2026) that is greater than the player being substituted . In comparing rankings, sub-divisions of ABF rankings (eg Bronze, Silver and Gold) are not considered.
- Pairs must advise the session director if a substitute is being used. This is particularly important if a substitute is being used for a Week 1 session. In the absence of such advice, the Week 1 pair shall be deemed to be the official pair.
- The onus is on the pair making the substitution to ensure that a substitute satisfies the above conditions. If a substitute fails to meet the conditions, the pair will be deemed ineligible for inclusion in the Overall placings.