

2026 Maine Bridge Club GNOT Club Selection Event, Conditions of Play

Our 2026 GNOT Club Selection Event will be taking place over three weeks: (Tuesdays) August 4th, 11th and 18th. These are Gold masterpoint sessions and the following special playing conditions will apply. If you intend to play, please note these conditions and plan accordingly.

1. Gold masterpoints will be awarded for each session. See 'Results' below. All Gold masterpoint awards are provisional until approved by the ABF.
2. Individual entrants must be *bona fide* financial members of a club that is affiliated to the Northern Region Bridge Association (or to an adjoining region in the state of Victoria) and have an active ABF membership number.
3. Entries may be refused at the discretion of the management committee.
4. Entries will be capped at 20 pairs (10 tables) per heat, on a first in, best dressed basis. Entries over 20 will be wait-listed.
5. Register your pair's entry for the events via the club website. Registration will close at 7pm on the Monday before the event date. Late bookings will be treated as 'wait-listed'.
6. 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 a seat.
7. 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 as follows:
 - If wait-listed or walk-up pairs are available, the director will seat enough of those pairs as will make up to 10 full tables, on a first in, best dressed basis.
 - If no wait-listed or walk-up pairs are available, one pair will be culled on a last-in, first out basis.
8. Special seating arrangements will apply. On arrival, please consult the Director's seating plan before taking your seat. Please arrive early (by 1.10pm) to allow the seating arrangements to be sorted out without delaying the start of play.
9. If you are seeded to play in a certain Section, you must play in that Section. If you are seeded to sit in a certain direction, you must sit in that direction.
10. Substitutes: Pairs can use one substitute where one of the pair is unavailable for one session (only). It follows that the player being substituted cannot play at that session. Substitutes:
 - Must be eligible to play in this competition.
 - Must have an ABF Rank that is the same as or less than the rank of the player being substituted. In applying this test, sub-divisions of ABF rankings (Gold, Silver, Bronze) are not considered.
11. Results: Session match results (and thus masterpoint awards), will be calculated using IMP scoring. Results will be posted to the website shortly after the end of the session.
12. Overall placings will be calculated by the Masterpoint Secretary, but only for the purpose of providing the committee with guidance on which pairs to invite to make up the team(s) to represent Maine BC at the Regional GNOT Heat event, to be held at Shepparton on Sunday 30th August.