

Australian Bridge Federation Registration

Background

- If a person plays bridge at an ABF sanctioned event, then to accrue Masterpoints they must be registered with the ABF
- If a person has played 15 or more times at an ABF affiliated bridge club, they must be registered with the ABF. This is a “flat” number, not a per annum number and it is also an ABF 100% Affiliation Rule
- ABF sanctioned events can be Club level, Congress, Open championships etc. Masterpoints (Green, Red, Gold) can be earned
- When a person is registered, they also nominate their “home” club.
- The ABF charges an annual fee – known as a capitation fee – to each club for each “home” member of that club
- The ABF Masterpoints “year” runs from 1 April to 31 March
- Some clubs also charge a membership fee

How it works for the RACV Bridge Club

- Any member of the RACV Club can join the RACV Bridge Club
- A new member may already be a member at another bridge club and have an ABF number. They have the option to keep their existing “home” club or to change their “home” club to the RACV Bridge Club.
- If the RACV Bridge Club is an applicant’s first club, then it will default to be their “home” club.
- As part of the RACV Bridge Club registration process an applicant who declares they do not have an ABF number will be registered with the ABF
- The RACV Club pays the ABF capitation fee on behalf of the RACV Bridge Club members who have that club as their “home” club.
- The expectation is that those members will be active and regular players at the RACV Bridge Club, to justify the capitation fee payment being made on their behalf.
- Active is deemed to be playing bridge at the RACV Bridge Club a minimum (on average) of once a month over the ABF Masterpoints year. Exception requests should be raised with the RACV Club Member Event Coordinator.
- The RACV Bridge Club and RACV Club monitor the players frequency of play, and the Masterpoints Secretary completes a player audit each year, to ensure the RACV Club is paying for active members only.
- If a player is deemed inactive by the Masterpoints Secretary their ABF number is deactivated. However, if the said player’s circumstances change, then their number can easily be reactivated.