

THE CBAI MASTERPOINTS SCHEME

GENERAL INFORMATION

There are two types of Masterpoints:

Local Points: these are awarded for any competition at club, regional or congress level including open competitions, one-day events, etc. They convert to National Points at the rate of 1 National Point = 5,000 Local Points

National Points: these are awarded for major competitions, national championships, international trials, etc.

Local Points are not recorded and converted to National Points until the end of the season, so unless players win National Points or fractions thereof during the season, they will retain their grades as issued at the start of the season.

A member's Masterpoint holding will (unless exceptional circumstances pertain) determine the grade of that member in line with the following scale:

NOVICE "N2"

A player remains a Novice "N2" for two years from the start of lessons or until **1,000 Local Points** are attained.

NOVICE "N1"

A player remains a Novice "N1" from the end of the second year until the end of the fifth year from the start of lessons or until **2,000 Local Points** are attained.

INTERMEDIATE "B2"

A player holding fewer than **5,000 Local Points (1 National Point)** who is not a Novice.

INTERMEDIATE "B1"

A player holding at least **1 National Point** but fewer than **2 National Points**.

INTERMEDIATE "A2"

A player holding at least **2 National Points** but fewer than **5 National Points**.

INTERMEDIATE "A1"

A player holding at least **5 National Points** but fewer than **10 National Points**.

AREA MASTER

A player holding at least **10 National Points** but fewer than **40 National Points**.

REGIONAL MASTER

A player holding at least **40 National Points** but fewer than **100 National Points**.

NATIONAL MASTER

A player holding at least **100 National Points** but fewer than **500 National Points**.

LIFE MASTER

A player holding at least **500 National Points** but fewer than **1,000 National Points**.

GRAND MASTER

A player holding **1,000 or more National Points**.

A player may play up one grade without permission (except in the case of restricted entry competitions – e.g. Master Pairs where all players need to be Masters).

A player may play up two grades if authorised by the Regional Secretary and subsequently ratified at the next Management Committee meeting. Any player who avails of this may not play below that grade unless by regrading, which can only be proposed after three years.

The provisions for regrading are set on Page 12 of this document.

MASTERPOINTS ISSUE

The issue of Masterpoints is compulsory for affiliated clubs. For clubs, the Masterpoint season runs from 1 September to 31 May inclusive, and all clubs must award Masterpoints for all competitions held between those dates each season, providing at least 18 boards are played in the competition. No Masterpoints should be awarded for summer play.

Masterpoints are awarded on gross scores before handicaps are applied.

Masterpoints should be awarded to the top ¼ of the total entry in a competition.

As of 1 September 2025, clubs should award Masterpoints for their club competitions to registered members of the club ONLY; guests are no longer eligible to receive Masterpoints for club competitions, and any non-members included on year-end Masterpoint submissions will be ignored.

CALCULATION OF MASTERPOINT AWARDS

The Masterpoint award is based on the grade(s) of the players involved in a competition and the number of pairs competed against. A basic factor is applied to each player according to the table below, to arrive at a factor for the competition. This composite factor is then multiplied by the number of pairs competed against to arrive at the top award. Awards for 2nd, 3rd and any subsequent placings should decrease by a fixed increment. This increment is arrived at by dividing the top award by the number of awards.

For major club events (maximum four per season) double Local Points, or 300 Local Points for the winners, whichever is the greater, should be awarded.

For competitions with multiple sessions, double the awards for two sessions and multiply by three for three sessions.

BASIC FACTORS

FACTOR

GRADE

NOVICE & INTERMEDIATE B	4
INTERMEDIATE A2 & A1	5
MASTER	6

CLUB FACTORS

To make the calculations simpler for smaller clubs where one movement is all they would expect to play and where the regular players in the weekly competition would be substantially the same from week to week, each club will be allocated a Club Factor by the CBAI each year. This is a composite factor for their membership that will remove the necessity of calculating a competition factor each week

READY RECKONER

Included in this section at pages 6 to 8 are tables that can be used to provide an instant award schedule for your movement, depending on your Club or Competition Factor. As these are set out in bands, e.g. 13 - 16 pairs played, they may not exactly replicate every individual calculation, but the amounts shown may be awarded.

CLUB HANDICAPS

Local points should always be awarded on the basis of the **GROSS** score – score that include handicaps should **NOT** be used.

TWO & THREE SESSION EVENTS

Calculate the top award on the number of pairs played using the Competition Factor or use the appropriate Ready Reckoner table.

TEAM COMPETITIONS

Double the number of teams played and use the Competition Factor as before or use the appropriate Ready Reckoner table.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

Double the number of pairs played and use the Competition Factor as before or use the appropriate Ready Reckoner table.

REGIONAL OR INTER-CLUB LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

GRADE	OVERALL	INDIVIDUAL MATCH
Master	1000 Local points	200 Local Points
Intermediate A	750	150
Intermediate B	500	100
Novice	250	50

50% of Overall Winner Award should be awarded to 2nd place.

CBAI SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS

Local points will be awarded centrally based on the daily entry. The top award for Monday to Thursday is 600 Local Points, with further awards descending by 2 Local Points to a final award of 200 Local Points. Top Award for Friday is 300 Local Points.

AWARDS FOR MEMBERS OF CLUBS NOT RETURNING ANNUAL MATERPOINTS

When clubs do not make a return of Masterpoints for a season, their members will each be awarded Local Points on the following scale:

Club Factor	4	400 Local Points
Club Factor	5	500 Local Points
Club Factor	6	600 Local Points

All Affiliated members will be awarded a single bonus of 100 Local Points on September 1st each year.

CONGRESS MASTER POINT AWARDS

TWO SESSION EVENTS

Masters

	TOP
Up to 20 Pairs or 10 Teams	400
21 - 30 Pairs or 10 - 15 Teams	600
31 – 50 Pairs or 16 – 25 Teams	800
51 + Pairs or 25 + Teams	1,000

Intermediate A2 and A1

	TOP
Up to 20 Pairs or 10 Teams	350
21 - 30 Pairs or 10 - 15 Teams	500
31 – 50 Pairs or 16 – 25 Teams	650
51 + Pairs or 25 + Teams	800

Intermediate B

	TOP
Up to 20 Pairs or 10 Teams	300
21 - 30 Pairs or 10 - 15 Teams	400
31 – 50 Pairs or 16 – 25 Teams	500
51 + Pairs or 25 + Teams	600

Awards to $\frac{1}{4}$ way, graduated as usual. If the winner of a category or grade prize in the competition falls outside the top $\frac{1}{4}$, award the same local points as the last of the top $\frac{1}{4}$, e.g. Best Intermediate B in an Intermediate competition with 32 pairs should receive the same award as 8th position if they finish 9th or lower.

ONE SESSION EVENTS

Mixed or other single session events e.g. Gala Pairs, top award would be half of Master Awards.

OPEN PAIRS

Calculate as for clubs and double the awards (using Factor 5).

REGIONAL MASTERPOINTS

REGIONAL OPEN CUP

Awards should be half of similar congress event

REGIONAL EVENTS

Regional events should receive the same as the congress award.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Provincial Championships should receive **twice** the congress award

Examples:

- A. Twelve Table Mitchell, with 24 Pairs, comprising 4 Novices, 16 Intermediate B, 20 Intermediate A & 8 Master players. Full movement completed

Factor Calculation	4 Novices	x 4	16
	16 Inter B	x 4	64
	20 Inter A	x 5	100
	8 Master	x 6	<u>48</u>
	Total		<u>228</u>

Competition Factor $228 \div 48 \text{ players} = 4.75$ Rounded to 5

Top Masterpoint Award	5 x 12 (pairs played)	= 60
Places to receive awards	12 x $\frac{1}{4}$	= 3
Increment	60 \div 3	= 20

AWARDS are:	1st North/South & 1st East/West	60 Local Points
	2nd North/South & 2nd East/West	40 Local Points
	3rd North/South & 3rd East/West	20 Local Points

- B. Eight Table Howell playing 13 rounds with 2 Novices, 9 Intermediate B, 17 Intermediate A & 4 Master players.

Factor Calculation	2 Novices	x 4	8
	9 Inter B	x 4	36
	17 Inter A	x 5	85
	4 Master	x 6	<u>24</u>
	Total		<u>153</u>

Competition Factor $153 \div 32 \text{ players} = 4.78125$ Rounded to 5

Top Masterpoint Award	5 x 15 (pairs in opposition)	= 75
Places to receive awards	16 x $\frac{1}{4}$	= 4
Increment	75 \div 4	= 19 (rounded)

AWARDS are	1st	75 Local Points
	2nd	56 Local Points
	3rd	37 Local Points
	4th	18 Local Points

READY RECKONER**CLUB COMPETITIONS****CLUB or COMPETITION FACTOR 4****PAIRS - MITCHELL MOVEMENT – Awards to N/S & E/W**

LOCAL POINTS AWARD				
No of Tables	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
5 – 8	35	15	-	-
9 – 12	50	30	10	-
13+	60	50	35	20

PAIRS - HOWELL MOVEMENT

LOCAL POINTS AWARD							
No of Pairs in opposition	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place	7th Place
Up to 8	35	20	-	-	-	-	
9 – 12	40	25	15	-	-	-	
13 – 16	60	45	30	15	-	-	
17 – 20	75	60	45	30	15	-	
21 – 24	90	75	60	45	30	15	
25 – 28	105	90	75	60	45	30	15

INDIVIDUAL MOVEMENT

LOCAL POINTS AWARD								
No of Players in tournament	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place	7th Place	8th Place
Up to 32	70	60	50	40	30	20	10	
33 – 48	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
49 – 64	120	105	90	75	60	45	30	20
65 – 80	150	130	110	90	70	50	30	20
81 – 96	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
97 - 112	210	190	170	150	130	100	70	40

TEAM EVENTS

LOCAL POINTS AWARD				
No of Teams	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
5 – 8	70	30	-	-
9 – 12	100	60	20	-
13+	120	100	70	40

READY RECKONER**CLUB COMPETITIONS****CLUB or COMPETITION FACTOR 5****PAIRS - MITCHELL MOVEMENT – Awards to N/S & E/W**

LOCAL POINTS AWARD				
No of Tables	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
5 – 8	40	20	-	-
9 – 12	60	40	20	-
13+	80	60	40	20

PAIRS - HOWELL MOVEMENT

LOCAL POINTS AWARD							
No of Pairs in opposition	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place	7th Place
Up to 8	40	20	-	-	-	-	
9 – 12	50	35	20	-	-	-	
13 – 16	75	55	35	15	-	-	
17 – 20	95	75	55	35	15	-	
21 – 24	120	100	80	60	40	20	
25 – 28	150	130	110	90	70	50	30

INDIVIDUAL MOVEMENT

LOCAL POINTS AWARD								
No of Players in tournament	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place	7th Place	8th Place
Up to 32	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10
33 – 48	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30
49 – 64	150	130	110	90	70	60	50	40
65 – 80	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40
81 – 96	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	40
97 - 112	300	260	220	180	140	100	70	40

TEAM EVENTS

LOCAL POINTS AWARD				
No of Teams	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
5 – 8	80	40	-	-
9 – 12	120	80	40	-
13+	160	120	80	420

READY RECKONER**CLUB COMPETITIONS****CLUB or COMPETITION FACTOR 6****PAIRS - MITCHELL MOVEMENT - Awards to N/S & E/W**

LOCAL POINTS AWARD				
No of Tables	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
5 – 8	50	25	-	-
9 – 12	75	50	25	-
13+	95	70	55	25

PAIRS - HOWELL MOVEMENT

LOCAL POINTS AWARD							
No of Pairs in opposition	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place	7th Place
Up to 8	50	25	-	-	-	-	
9 – 12	60	40	20	-	-	-	
13 – 16	85	65	45	25	-	-	
17 – 20	110	90	70	50	30	-	
21 – 24	135	115	90	70	50	25	
25 – 28	170	145	120	100	75	50	25

INDIVIDUAL MOVEMENT

LOCAL POINTS AWARD								
No of Players in tournament	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place	7th Place	8th Place
Up to 32	100	90	80	70	50	40	30	20
33 – 48	125	110	95	80	65	50	35	20
49 – 64	170	150	130	110	90	70	50	30
65 – 80	220	195	170	145	120	95	70	45
81 – 96	275	240	210	180	150	120	90	60
97 - 112	325	290	255	220	185	150	115	80

TEAM EVENTS

LOCAL POINTS AWARD				
No of Teams	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
5 – 8	100	50	-	-
9 – 12	150	100	50	-
13+	190	140	110	50

NATIONAL POINTS

National Points are awarded on an individual competition basis as set out below.

PAIRS COMPETITIONS

Davidson Cup (40 Pairs) - see Page 12*

16, 14, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, to half way provided above average.

Master Pairs

Winners will be awarded $\frac{1}{4}$ National Point for each pair entered rounded up to nearest $\frac{1}{2}$ National Point. Reduce by one point per place. Also, each pair for wins of **15 - 5** VPs or better will be awarded $\frac{1}{4}$ National Point for each match won, while wins of **<15 - 5** VPs down to **10-10** VPs will receive $\frac{1}{10}$ of a National Point.

Duais an Uachtarain, Spiro, Revington, Jackson, Lambert Cups

Top Award determined by number and grade of entry, rounded to nearest half. Descend by 1 National Point until zero and then award Local Points to half-way provided above average. (See example calculation).

Laird Cup (40 Pairs) - see Page 12*

3, 2, 1, .9, .8, .7, .6, .5, .4, .3, .2, .1 with Local Points to half-way provided above average

Civil Service Cup (40 Pairs) - see Page 12*

.3, .2, .1 with Local Points to half-way provided above average

J J Murphy Novice Pairs

.1 to winners, with local points to half-way provided above average

TRIALS

CAMROSE, LADY MILNE, SENIOR CAMROSE & PRE-QUALIFIER TRIALS

Each pair/team will receive 0.5 National Points for wins of **15-5** VPs or better, while wins of **< 15-5** VPs down to **10-10** VPs will receive 0.2 National Points for matches of 10 boards or more. Each pair/team will receive 0.25 National Points for wins of **15-5** VPs or better, while wins of **<15-5** VPs down to **10-10** VPs will receive 0.1 National Points for matches of 6-9 boards. This will apply from the Preliminary Trials through to each stanza of Semi-Finals or Final matches.

RANKING NATIONAL POINTS will be applied as follows

10, 6, 4, 2, 1 to half way

Beaten Semi-finalists will receive equal awards unless a play-off takes place.

4FUN TEAMS

	Master (Nat)	Inter A (Nat)	Inter B (Nat)	Novice (Local)
1st	3	1	0.3	300
2nd	2	0.7	0.2	200
3rd	1	0.5	0.1	100

All other participants = 50 Local Points

TEAMS COMPETITIONS

Kelburne Cup (16 Teams)* - see Page 12

Ranking National Points 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 provided these positions are above average.

Each team for wins of **15-5** VPs or better will be awarded 0.25 National Points for each match won, while wins of **<15-5** VPs down to **10-10** VPs will receive 0.1 National Points.

Regional Kelburne Qualifying Winners will be awarded 1 National Point provided the 3-stage qualifying process has been completed

Holmes-Wilson Cup

Winners will be awarded one-quarter National Point for each team entered rounded up to nearest half National Point. Reduce by one point per place. Also, each team for wins of **15-5** VPs or better will be awarded 0.25 National Points for each match won, while wins of **<15-5** VPs down to **10-10** VPs will receive 0.1 National Points.

Example: Entry 50 Teams. One-fourth of 50 = 12.5

Winning Team	12½	National Points	plus match awards as above
2 nd Team	11½	National Points	plus match awards as above

Geraldine & Coen Trophies, McMenamin Bowl

Winners will be awarded one-fifth National Point for each team entered, rounded up to nearest half National Point. Reduce by 1 National Point per place. Also, each team for wins of **15-5** VPs or better will be awarded 0.25 National Points for each match won, while wins of **<15-5** VPs down to **10-10** VPs will receive 0.1 National Points.

Example: Entry 20 Teams. One-fifth of 20 = 4

Winning Team	4	National Points	plus match awards as above
2 nd Team	3	National Points	plus match awards as above

Cooper Cup

Winners will be awarded one-sixth National Point for each team entered, rounded up to nearest half National Point. Reduce by 1 National Point per place. Also, each team for wins of **15-5** VPs or better will be awarded 0.25 National Points for each match won, while wins of **<15-5** VPs down to **10-10** VPs will receive 0.1 National Points.

Example: Entry 20 Teams. One-sixth of 20 = 3.5

Winning Team	3.5	National Points	plus match awards as above.
2 nd Team	2.5	National Points	plus match awards as above.

Bankers Trophy (26 Teams)* - see Page 12

3, 2, 1, .9, .8, .6, .4, .3, .2, .1 with local points to half-way provided above average

Tierney Trophy (26 Teams)* - see Page 12

.3, .2, .1 with local points to half-way provided above average

IRISH BRIDGE UNION COMPETITIONS

Open, Ladies & Senior Trials

Each pair/team will receive 0.5 National Points for wins of **15-5 VPs** or better, while wins of **<15-5 VPs** down to **10-10 VPs** will receive 0.2 National Points for matches of 10 boards or more. If matches of 24 boards or more are played in two halves, awards will be calculated for each half match, each pair/team will receive 0.25 National Points for wins of **15-5 VPs** or better, while wins of **<15-5 VPs** down to **10-10 VPs** will receive 0.1 National Points for matches of 6-9 boards.

These will apply from the Preliminary Trials through to each stanza of Semi-Finals or Final matches.

RANKING NATIONAL POINTS will be applied as follows

10, 6, 4, 2, 1 to half way

Beaten semi-finalists will receive equal awards unless a play-off takes place

Moylan Cup (40 Pairs) - see Page 12*

16, 14, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 to half-way.

IBU Club Pairs (Masters) National Finals

6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, with local points to halfway provided above average. First three Intermediate A Pairs will receive 3, 2, 1

IBU Club Pairs (Intermediates) National Final

.3, .2, .1, with local points to halfway provided above average.

Burke Trophy, O'Connor Trophy & Senior Pairs

Top Award determined by number and grade of entry, rounded to nearest half. Descend by 1 National Point until zero and then award local points to half-way provided above average. (See example calculation). For the Burke Trophy each team for wins of **15-5 VPs** or better will be awarded 0.25 National Points for each match won, while wins of **<15-5 VPs** down to **10-10 VPs** will receive 0.1 National Points; for the O'Connor Trophy, each team for wins of **15-5 VPs** or better will be awarded 400 Local Points for each match won, while wins of **<15-5 VPs** down to **10-10 VPs** will receive 150 Local Points.

Senior Teams

Winners will be awarded one-fifth National Point for each team entered, rounded up to nearest half National Point. Reduce by 1 National Point per place. Also, each team for wins of **15-5 VPs** or better will be awarded 0.25 National Points for each match won, while wins of **<15-5 VPs** down to **10-10 VPs** will receive 0.1 National Points.

Inter-Regionals

Masters 6, 3; Area Masters 4, 2; Intermediates 2, 1.

Egan Trophy (10 Teams) - see Page 12*

Each team will receive 0.5 National Points for wins of **15 - 5** or better, while wins of **<15 VPs** down to **10-10** will receive 0.2 Nat Points.

RANKING NATIONAL POINTS will be applied as follows

8, 6, 4, 2, 1

Simultaneous Pairs

Local Points will be awarded centrally. The top award is 600 Local Points, with further awards descending by 2 Local Points to a final award of 300 Local Points.

EUROPEAN & WORLDWIDE SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS

Local Points will be awarded on basis of pairs played locally using Regional Factor.

EUROPEAN MASTERPOINTS

A small allocation of European Masterpoints is distributed each year to the winners of IBU competitions.

INTERCHANGEABILITY

Arrangements have been made with the Bridge Unions of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland providing for the interchangeability of Masterpoints between their respective Unions and the CBAI.

REGRADING

A member may be regraded in either direction by the Management Committee:

- (1) On the recommendation of their Club Secretary.
- (2) On the recommendation of their Regional Executive.
- (3) On personal application by the member. All such applications for regrading must be made to the Committee through the Regional Secretary.

Players may also be regraded by the Management Committee at its discretion.

FIXED-ENTRY COMPETITIONS (marked with an * in this document)

In the case of fixed-entry competitions, the expected entry is noted in this document. In the event of an entry level for the competition which is less than or equal to 75% of the expected entry, the Masterpoints awarded will be reduced to 75% of the stated figures, and in the event of an entry level less than or equal to 50% of the expected figure, the Masterpoints awarded will be reduced to 50% of the stated figures.