

STATE <100 MASTERPOINTS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

SUPPLEMENTARY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

The Event (Overview)

These Championships are run in four divisions, based on the masterpoints earned by each player immediately following the 1st September 2016 Masterpoint Centre update. The divisions are:

Masterpoint range	% of registered active NSW players
0-9.99 MP	33%
10-24.99 MP	13%
25-49.99 MP	12%
50-99.99 MP	12%

Information about masterpoint standings at that date is available on the ABF Masterpoint Centre website <http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/default.asp>. If players in different masterpoint divisions play as a pair, they must participate in the division of the player with the greater number of masterpoints.

The UHMP Championships will have two independent stages.

- Early rounds (club sessions) will be played in affiliated clubs and scored locally.
- Local Finals are played simultaneously over 2 sessions on Sunday 27th November at about 25 different centres scattered around NSW.

Clubs are expected to form small groups comprising 2-6 clubs, with one club in the group designated to conduct the Local Final. The intention is that there will be minimal travel times for players and no necessity for overnight accommodation. Results from all the Local Finals are sent to the Tournament Organiser who will matchpoint the Finals across the entire state.

Eligibility

Both members of the partnership must have earned fewer than 100 masterpoints immediately following the 1st September, 2016 ABF Masterpoint Centre update.

Every participating pair will automatically be entered into the appropriate division - that of the player with the greater number of masterpoints.

There is no limit to the number of club sessions a player may enter.

Players do not need to be club members.

Players enter the Local Final of their choice via the NSWBA online entry system. There is no requirement to have played in a club session before entering a Local Final.

No substitutes are allowed at any stage of the competition.

Dates of Club Qualifying Events

These are to be held in September and/or October, 2016. Although sessions may be held anytime during these months, the preferred weeks are:

- Monday 12 – Sunday 18 September
- Monday 10 – Sunday 16 October

Each club may hold a maximum of 6 UHMP club sessions.

Registration

Club sessions: Enter via the online form at <http://www.nswba.com.au/forms/under100mp.asp>

Local Final: Apply to host via the online form at

<http://www.nswba.com.au/forms/under100mpfinal.asp>

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Format of Club Sessions

All club sessions are to be single sessions using standard matchpoint scoring and Mitchell or Howell movements. Note that masterpoint awards will be reduced if fewer than 24 boards are played.

Club sessions are integrated or stratified; *i.e.* participating pairs in all four masterpoint divisions and non-contending pairs are all mixed in together. Players may attempt to maximise the number of red B4s masterpoints earned by playing in multiple club sessions. The \$4.00 per pair entry fee is payable for each such session contested.

Directors should be qualified at Club level or above.

Masterpointing of Club Sessions

Score and masterpoint each club session as you normally do for a single session club duplicate. UHMP competitors and non-competitors are treated identically at the club level. Clubs will be invoiced by the Masterpoint Centre in the usual way for green masterpoints issued by clubs for their club sessions.

Then download and save the Word UHMP_clubsession *pro forma* document from the UHMP website <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2016&E=uhmp>. Save the file, fill in the requested information and then send it to uhmp@nswba.com.au as an email attachment.* You may include the results of more than one club session in a single file. And you may copy the table into an Excel spreadsheet if you prefer working with Excel rather than Word.

Do not indicate the MP division of your pairs; just show under CATEGORY whether they are competing (C) or non-competing (NC).

Do not change the format of the *pro forma* file - the table is formatted so that the information can be copied and used directly by the Tournament Organiser.

The Tournament Organiser is responsible for calculating and issuing the red masterpoints to players who are competing in the UHMP. Each competing pair is assigned to the relevant MP division as part of this process. Names and ABF numbers will be checked and then the results will be returned as pdf printouts.

*A typical club submission (for a Mitchell movement) can be found at the end of these regulations. Note that pair numbers and final finishing positions are not required and that the order in which the pairs are shown is not important.

Local Finals

Any player with fewer than 100 masterpoints is eligible to play in a Local Final. Players should enter the Local Final of their choice via the NSWBA online entry system.

Full details on conducting Local Finals and submitting the results will be sent to relevant Clubs and Organisers in early November.

All Local Finals will be played over 2 sessions on Sunday 27th November, playing hands supplied by the UHMP Organiser.

Club officials should contact officials of neighbouring affiliated clubs and discuss which clubs will host Local Finals and set the entry fee for the day. This information should be sent to the Tournament Organiser during September, so that it can be posted on the NSWBA website.

No masterpoints are to be awarded by clubs for Local Finals. The event will be scored across the state and B4s masterpoints awarded based on the state-wide results.

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Charges

Club Qualifying Events: \$2.00 per player per session (*i.e.* \$4.00 per pair). This entry fee is to be collected by the clubs and then paid to the NSWBA. Clubs would be expected to charge normal table money as well. An invoice will be sent after the results for your **last** club session have been received. **Please don't pay anything until an invoice has been issued.** Instructions for payment will be included with the invoice.

Local Finals: \$2.00 per player per day (*i.e.* \$4.00 per pair). This should be incorporated into the Local Final entry fee. An invoice will be sent in December to each club hosting a Local Final. **Please don't pay anything until an invoice has been issued.** Instructions for payment will be included with the invoice.

Masterpoints: The NSWBA will pay for all the B4s masterpoints issued.

Administration.

The Tournament Organiser of this event (on behalf of the NSWBA) is Warren Lazer.

All correspondence and queries should be sent to uhmp@nswba.com.au or ring Warren on (02) 9744 1555 after 10.00 am.

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Example of submission of club session results

Club Name: UNICORN BRIDGE CLUB

Club number: 2-999

Number of boards played in session:

27

Date played:

15/9/16

Give the names and ABF numbers of ALL players. Category indicates whether or not the pair has entered the UHMP (C = competing, NC = non competing). Competing pairs have paid the \$4 entry fee and are eligible to win red MPs.

PLAYER 1	ABF NO 1	PLAYER 2	ABF NO 2	CATEGORY*	SCORE %
BROWN, Fred	35762	BROWN, Joan	539426	NC	62.28
BLACK, Olive	579216	BLACK, Berri	3695	C	58.58
WHITE, Jeff	32164	WHITE, Janice	654987	C	56.56
GREEN, Peter	497628	GREEN, Petra	21326	C	55.72
SILVER, Vicki	238654	SILVER, Vivienne	194685	NC	54.04
SCARLET, Amelia	25168	SCARLET, Adam	3265	C	47.64
PLUM, Harvey	16749	PLUM, Henrietta	22344	C	46.46
GREY, Quentin	68597	GREY, Zelda	216584	C	45.79
GOLD, Nathaniel	331467	GOLD, Naomi	98257	NC	39.05
MUSTARD, Terence	236456	MUSTARD, Theresa	798571	C	33.83
SMITH, Jenny	467852	SMITH, Joseph	86924	C	62.22
BUTCHER, Kelvin	316497	BUTCHER, Kerry	25845	NC	55
BAKER, Lionel	164697	BAKER, Linda	556492	C	55
FISHER, Mark	346972	FISHER, Maria	2685	C	54.07
FARMER, Ralph	216233	FARMER, Rowena	468759	C	53.51
TAILOR, Jemima	833769	TAILOR, Jack	216445	C	49.62
ARCHER, Barry	231132	ARCHER, Beatrice	963852	NC	49.44
COOK, Daniel	123654	COOK, Daphne	77996	C	47.96
COOPER, Edward	16822	COOPER, Enid	164775	C	37.4
FLETCHER, Geraldine	31628	FLETCHER, Gary	176958	C	35.74

* Choose from C (competing) or NC (non-competing)