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Attention: Club Secretary, and/or the Congress, Holiday and Cruise Organiser

Following are the current conditions for congress and holiday/cruise being held in 2024. This is a minimal revision to the originally published conditions to reflect the change to Bridge NSW. Club Secretaries and Masterpoint Secretaries should be familiar with them and retain a copy for reference.

Everything is available online at: nswba.com.au/handbook/?congress.

1. The congress program/flyer (Word/PUB/PDF files) must be sent to the NSWBA webmaster for posting on our website. (The new website will be launched later in 2024)
2. The congress program must contain the following three clauses:
 - "All players are subject to the Bridge NSW's Congress Disciplinary Regulations"
 - "Conducted under the auspices of Bridge NSW"
 - Normal congresses: "The ABF has approved the issue of red masterpoints at level B4"
Super Congresses: "The ABF has approved the issue of red masterpoints at level B3"
3. Any system restrictions must be advertised in the program.
4. If you wish to change the date of or cancel any Congress or Holiday/Cruise, application must be made to the congress coordinator, Pauline Gumby at calendar@bridgensw.com.au.
5. The congress must be open to all players registered with the ABF, subject to the powers of Bridge NSW and the club to control entries.
6. All congresses must be run under the control of a non-playing director accredited at congress level or higher. The table of NSWBA licensed directors (nswba.com.au/handbook/?directorslicensed) lists all directors currently licensed by the NSWBA. There is a \$20 fee for using a suitably accredited director not on this list. For congresses in some country areas, Alan Bustany (alan.bustany@gmail.com), can approve an experienced local C2 level director.
7. All advertised prizes must be awarded.
8. The congress must be scored using Bridgemates (or similar scoring units) so that full match results can be displayed on the web. Full results for each event should be posted on the internet as soon as possible after the congress.
9. The following should be sent to the NSW State Masterpoint Secretary **within two weeks** of holding the event:
 - a) Correct masterpoints for the event. These should be sent as a .red (or .mp2) file by email to masterpoints@bridgensw.com.au.
 - b) Full and correct results for each event as set below emailed with the masterpoints file.

Matchpoint Pairs

Name and date of event.

Qualifying – number of boards (if less than 24), number of tables, number of sessions, type of movement (Mitchell/Howell), and sessional placings.

Finals – number of boards (if less than 24), number of tables in each section (Final, Plate, Consolations), number of sessions, type of movement for each section, final placings.

Swiss (Butler) Pairs

Name and date of event.

Movement type (Swiss), number of tables, number of matches, number of boards/match, number of wins, final placings.

Teams

Name and date of event

Movement type (Swiss/Whist/round robin), number of tables, number of matches, number of boards/match, number of wins, final placings, team members.

For all events the ABF numbers of all players who earned masterpoints must be supplied.

10. A completed Congress, Holiday and Cruise Report form (nswba.com.au/tourn/2024/calendar/2024CongressReport.doc) must be emailed or posted to Bridge NSW. Once all the requirements, both pre and post tournament have been met the allocation of red masterpoints will be approved at level B4 for a normal congress and level B3 for a super congress. For holidays/cruises, only one event can be awarded masterpoints at B4; any other events receive masterpoints at level B5.

After the NSW Masterpoint Secretary has processed the masterpoint file Bridge NSW will send an invoice. Do not pay any fee until the invoice is received.

If you are not familiar with the running of a congress, see the relevant section of the NSWBA website nswba.com.au/handbook/?congress.

Bridge NSW also recommends you read sections 5.1.1 to 5.1.3 of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme Manual www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/mpmanual/html/mpmanual.htm.

Also, feel free to contact Bridge NSW office@bridgensw.com.au if you have any queries.

The Bridge NSW Congress Coordinator and NSWBA webmaster is Pauline Gumby. The NSW State Masterpoint Secretary is David Weston. Their contact details are as follows:

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