



Club Congress Conditions 2025

This document prescribes the conditions for club congresses. All references in this document to “Congress” include holidays and cruises. Club Secretaries and Masterpoint Secretaries should be familiar with them and retain a copy for reference.

1. The link for the event must be posted to the Bridge NSW Calendar Coordinator for inclusion in the calendar. Bridge NSW encourages the use of MyABF for all events.
2. The congress program and all promotional material must contain the following three clauses:
 - “All players are subject to all Bridge NSW congress and tournament Regulations.”
 - “Conducted under the auspices of Bridge NSW.”
 - Normal congresses: “The congress qualifies for the issue of red masterpoints at level B4.”
Super Congresses: “The congress qualifies for the issue of red masterpoints at level B3.”
3. NOTE: An application for a Super Congress must demonstrate that the proposed event will meet the criteria specified in clause 5.1.3 of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme and be accompanied by the approval of the State Masterpoint Secretary. 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, an application must be made to the Bridge NSW Calendar Coordinator,
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 (level C, B or A). The table of qualified Directors is available from the Bridge NSW website.
7. All advertised prizes must be awarded.
8. The congress must be scored using Bridgемates (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** file by email to masterpoints@bridgensw.com.au.
 - b) Emailed with the masterpoints file, full and correct results for each event as set out below:

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 per match, number of wins, final placings, team members.

Once all the pre and post-tournament requirements 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; other events receive masterpoints at level B5.

The ABF numbers of all players who earned masterpoints must be supplied for all events.

10. A completed Congress, Holiday and Cruise Report form must be emailed to office@bridgensw.com.au. A new form is being prepared for 2025. It will be focussed on event evaluation to assist clubs and Bridge NSW in improving the congress offerings for players. Clubs that do not provide a completed report, including all fields, may be denied congress applications for the following year.

After the NSW Masterpoint Secretary has processed the masterpoint file, Bridge NSW will send an invoice for the Congress Licence Fee issued at the rate of 80 cents per masterpoint. Do not pay any fee until the invoice is received.

If you are unfamiliar with running a congress, more information is available on the Bridge NSW website. Before applying to Bridge NSW, please 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 the Bridge NSW office at office@bridgensw.com.au if you have any queries.

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

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