

THE CBAI MASTER POINTS SCHEME

GENERAL INFORMATION

There are two types of Master Points:

Local Points - These are awarded for any competition at Club, Regional or Congress level including Open Competitions, one day events etc. They are convertible to National Points at the rate of 1 National Point = 5,000 Local Points

National Points - These are awarded for Major Competitions and National Championships
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

The Master Points holding in the main will determine the Grade of a Member in line with the following criteria:

NOVICE "N2"

A player remains a Novice "N2" for 2 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 1,000 Local Points are attained.

INTERMEDIATE "B2"

A player holding less than 2,500 Local Points who is not a Novice

INTERMEDIATE "B1"

A player with at least 2,500 Local points but less than 5,000 Local points..

INTERMEDIATE "A2"

A player with at least 5,000 (1 National Point) Local Points but less than 20,000 Local Points, (4 National Points).

INTERMEDIATE "A1" A player with at least 20,000 Local Points (4 National Points) but less than 7 National Points.

AREA MASTER

A player with at least 7 National Points but less than 30 National Points.

REGIONAL MASTER

A player with between 30 and 100 National Points.

NATIONAL MASTER

A player with between 100 and 500 National Points.

LIFE MASTER

A player with between 500 and 1,000 National Points

GRAND MASTER

A player with 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.

MASTER POINTS ISSUE

The issue of Master Points is compulsory for affiliated Clubs.

Clubs must award Master Points for all competitions held between 1 September and 31 May each season, providing at least 18 Boards are played in the competition.

Master Points are awarded on Gross Scores before Handicaps are applied.

Master Points should be awarded to the top $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total entry in a competition.

Calculation of Master Points Awards

The Master Points award is based on the Grade 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 4 per season – award double Local Points, or 300 Local Points whichever is the greater

For competitions with multiple sessions, double the awards for 2 sessions and multiply by 3 for 3 sessions.

BASIC FACTORS

GRADE	FACTOR
NOVICE & INTERMEDIATE B	4
INTERMEDIATE A2 and A1	5
MASTER	6

CLUB FACTORS

To make the calculations simpler for smaller clubs where one movement would be 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 will be given a Club Factor 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 – 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 200 Local Points.

AWARDS FOR MEMBERS OF CLUBS NOT RETURNING ANNUAL M P s

When Clubs do not make a return of Master Points 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 30 Pairs or 15 Teams	600
31 – 50 Pairs or 16 – 25 Teams	800
51 + Pairs or 25 + Teams	1000

Intermediate A2 and A1

	TOP
Up to 30 Pairs or 15 Teams	500
31 – 50 Pairs or 16 – 25 Teams	650
51 + Pairs or 25 + Teams	800

Intermediate B

	TOP
Up to 30 Pairs or 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 MASTER POINTS**REGIONAL OPEN CUP**

Awards should be the same as for a Congress Event

REGIONAL EVENTS

Regional events should receive three times the Congress award.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Provincial Championships should receive five times 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 ÷ 48 players = 4.75 Rounded to 5		

Top Master Point Award	5 x 12 (pairs played)	= 60	
Places to receive awards	12 x ¼	= 3	
Increment	60 ÷ 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 ÷ 32 players = 4.78125 Rounded to 5		

Top Master Point Award	5 x 15 (pairs in opposition)	= 75
Places to receive awards	16 x ¼	= 4
Increment	75 ÷ 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**

No of Tables	LOCAL POINTS AWARD			
	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

No of Pairs in opposition	LOCAL POINTS AWARD						
	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

No of Players in tournament	LOCAL POINTS AWARD							
	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

No of Teams	LOCAL POINTS AWARD			
	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**

No of Tables	LOCAL POINTS AWARD			
	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

No of Pairs in opposition	LOCAL POINTS AWARD						
	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

No of Players in tournament	LOCAL POINTS AWARD							
	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

No of Teams	LOCAL POINTS AWARD			
	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)

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 in the Competition with wins of 20-10 VPs or better will be awarded $\frac{1}{4}$ National Point for each match won, while wins of 19-11 VPs down to 15-15 VPs will receive $\frac{1}{10}$ of a National Point.

Duais an Uachtarain, Spiro, Revington, Jackson Cups

6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 with local points to half-way provided above average

Lambert Cup

4, 3, 2.5, 2, 1.5 and 1 with local points to half-way provided above average

Laird Cup (40 Pairs)

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)

.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 TRIALS

Each pair/team will receive 0.5 Nat Points for wins of 20-10 or better, while wins of 19-11 VPs down to 15-15 will receive 0.2 Nat Pts for matches of 10 boards or more. Each pair/team will receive 0.25 Nat Points for wins of 20-10 or better, while wins of 19-11 VPs down to 15-15 will receive 0.1 Nat Pts 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

Ranking National Points 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 provided these positions are above average. Each team in the Competition with wins of 20-10 VPs or better will be awarded $\frac{1}{4}$ National Point for each match won, while wins of 19-11 VPs down to 15-15 VPs will receive $\frac{1}{10}$ of a National Point.

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 $\frac{1}{4}$ National Point for each team entered rounded up to nearest $\frac{1}{2}$ National Point. Reduce by one point per place. Also, each team in the Competition with wins of 20-10 VPs or better will be awarded $\frac{1}{4}$ National Point for each match won, while wins of 19-11 VPs down to 15-15 VPs will receive $\frac{1}{10}$ of a National Point.

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

Winning Team	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	National Points	plus match awards as above
2 nd Team	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	National Points	plus match awards as above

Geraldine & Coen Trophies, McMenamain Bowl

Winners will be awarded one-fifth National Point for each Team entered, rounded up to nearest $\frac{1}{2}$ National Point. Reduce by 1 National Point per place. Also, each team in the Competition with wins of 20-10 VPs or better will be awarded $\frac{1}{4}$ National Point for each match won, while wins of 19-11 VPs down to 15-15 VPs will receive $\frac{1}{10}$ of a National Point.

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ National Point. Reduce by 1 National Point per place. Also, each team in the Competition with wins of 20-10 VPs or better will be awarded $\frac{1}{4}$ National Point for each match won, while wins of 19-11 VPs down to 15-15 VPs will receive $\frac{1}{10}$ of a National Point.

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

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

Tierney Trophy

.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 Nat Points for wins of 20-10 or better, while wins of 19-11 VPs down to 15-15 will receive 0.2 Nat Pts 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 Nat Points for wins of 20-10 or better, while wins of 19-11 VPs down to 15-15 will receive 0.1 Nat Pts 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

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

IBU Club Pairs 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 Intermediate "B" Final (Now 2 sessions)

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

Burke Trophy - National Final & Senior Pairs

6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 to half way or average in competition, whichever comes first.

Senior Teams

Winners will be awarded one-fifth National Point for each Team entered, rounded up to nearest ½ National Point. Reduce by 1 National Point per place. Also, each team in the Competition with wins of 20-10 VPs or better will be awarded ¼ National Point for each match won, while wins of 19-11 VPs down to 15-15 VPs will receive 1/10 of a National Point.

Inter-Provincials

6, 4, 2.

Intermediate Inter-Provincials

3, 2, 1.

Egan Trophy

Each team will receive 0.5 Nat Points for wins of 20-10 or better, while wins of 19-11 VPs down to 15-15 will receive 0.2 Nat Pts.

RANKING NATIONAL POINTS will be applied as follows

8, 6, 4.

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 200 Local Points.

EUROPEAN & WORLDWIDE SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS

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

EUROPEAN MASTER POINTS

A small allocation of European Master Points is distributed each year to the winners of I B U competitions.

INTERCHANGEABILITY

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