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1 THE MASTER POINTS SCHEME

1.1 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1.1 The day-to-day administration is under the control of the Masterpoints Manager, to whom all communications relating to the scheme should be addressed.
- 1.1.2 The Masterpoints Manager acts under the direction of the Technical Sub-Committee, which exercises powers delegated to it by the SCBA Committee and SCBA Council.
- 1.1.3 The Technical Sub-Committee's decisions are subject to ratification by the SCBA Council, which is composed of representatives of Corporate Members and the SCBA committee. Control of the scheme thus rests ultimately with the general body of members of the SCBA.

1.2 AREA OF OPERATION

- 1.2.1 With the exception of specific international tournaments, the scheme operates in Singapore only. Similar schemes are operated by the NCBOs of other countries and Master Points can be transferred at a pre-determined scale to the SCBA Masterpoint Scheme.

1.3 NEWS OF THE SCHEME

- 1.3.1 Promotion lists are published regularly in the SCBA newsletter and web-site. Ranking lists are sent each year to Club Secretaries. Prizes are awarded on an annual basis, based upon the total Master Points earned during the competition year 1st January to 31st December within various rank categories. Full details are contained in the SCBA newsletter and web-site and results of the leading scorers within these categories are forwarded each year to Club Secretaries.

1.4 TYPES OF POINTS

- 1.4.1 Players obtain points by successful participation in events for which point awards are authorised. There are two types of Master Points:
 - (a) Non-Local Points: these are won in events of national standing, and are necessary for the acquisition of certain senior ranks (see 1.6 below).
 - (b) Local Points: these are won in any event where Non-Local Points are not awarded, and sometimes in addition to Non-Local Points.
- 1.4.2 Except in the chapter relating specifically to Non-Local Point events, all awards quoted in this book are expressed in Local Points.

1.5 THE MASTER POINT RANKS

- 1.5.1 A player's accumulated holding of Non-Local and Local Points can be expressed together under the general term of Master Points (MP) at the rate of 100 Non-Local / Local points = 1 Master Point.

Example: If a player has 725 Non-Local Points and 4,344 Local Points, his overall holding is 50 Master Points (i.e. $(725+4,344) / 100$).

- 1.5.2 The ranks of National Master and above require a specified number of National Master Points (NMP), derived from conversion of Non-Local Points at the rate of 100 NLP = 1 NMP, within an overall total.
- 1.5.3 The ranks and requirements are listed below in increasing order of seniority. All requirements relate to the accumulated number of Master Points acquired by each player; thus, Club Master requires 2 Master Points whilst Local Master requires 10, this promotion therefore representing a requirement to obtain a further 800 Master Points.

Rank	Master Points
Club Master	2 - 9
Local Master	10 - 24
State Master	25 - 49
Master	50 - 99
* Master	100 - 149
** Master	150 - 199
*** Master	200 - 249
**** Master	250 - 299
***** Master	300 +
National Master	150 + and 75 NMP
Life Master	150 + and 150 NMP

1.6 CREDIT OF POINTS

- 1.6.1 Master Points are directly credited on to each eligible players record by the SCBA, based upon information received from the Sponsoring Organisation. The latter acts under the direction of the Masterpoints Manager in this respect, and is responsible for clearly notifying players of the points issued.
- 1.6.2 The register of Master Points is maintained by computer at the offices of the SCBA. Only members of the SCBA or members of corporate members of SCBA may have points credited and have their records so maintained.
- 1.6.3 Members may request a copy of their record at any time. An administrative fee may be payable for such a request.
- 1.6.4 A lapsed member who subsequently rejoins the SCBA may have their Master Points reinstated under such terms as may be laid down from time to time by the SCBA Committee and Council.
- 1.6.5 A new member joining the SCBA or one of its corporate members may have their Master Points retrospectively credited under such terms as may be laid down from time to time by the SCBA Committee and Council.

1.7 ERRORS AND ALTERATIONS

- 1.7.1 If, at any time, an incorrect number of masterpoints has been credited as a result of an error in calculating the due award, the issuing officer is required to take all reasonable steps to correct the error.

2 GENERAL PRINCIPLES RELATING TO AWARDS

2.1 MINIMUM NUMBER OF TABLES AND BOARDS

- 2.1.1 No event may be treated as a points event unless the original entry was at least:
- (a) 2 complete tables in a single-winner individual event
 - (b) 3 complete tables in a single-winner pairs event (ie Howell type)
 - (c) 3 complete teams in a team event
 - (d) 5 complete tables in a two-winner pairs event (ie Mitchell type)
 - (e) 5 complete tables in a four-winner individual event (ie a N, S, E & W winner)
- 2.1.2 No event may be treated as a points event unless all competitors play at least 12 boards.
- 2.1.3 No event may be treated as a multi-stage event unless all competitors play at least 12 boards at each stage.

2.2 STATUS OF THE ORGANISING BODY

- 2.2.1 The higher the status of the organising body, the higher the scale of awards becomes. It is a general principle throughout that awards are increased as the status increases, as per the following schedule:

Taking Club status as being the norm, then:

District status = 1.5 x Club

County status = 2 x Club

Regional status = 3 x Club

National status = 4 x Club

- 2.2.2 Reference is sometimes made to the status of the organising body being increased by one level, for example in a Major Championship event. This means that Club becomes District, District becomes County etc. Thus, a Major Club Championship operates at District scales. The corresponding status increase for a National organisation is to 6 x Club Scale. See Chapter 3 for a definition of these organisations.

2.3 PLAYER AWARDS

- 2.3.1 Except in the section relating to Non-Local Point awards (Chapter 5), all awards quoted are Local Points per player.
- 2.3.2 It is a general principle that a player must play at least one-third of the boards involved in the stage of the event for which an award is being made, in order to receive the due award. For example, a teams contest may allow a team to contain 6 players, of whom any 4 play at any one time. In such a case, only players who competed in at least one-third of the boards involved in the particular stage for which an award is being made shall receive the due award. (See also 2.6 in the case of withdrawals / concessions).

- 2.3.3 The awards quoted in the case of a teams contest are based upon teams of 4 (this to include teams of more than 4, provided only 4 members actually compete at any one time).

Where matches are arranged involving teams of more than 4 playing members, the awards quoted should be modified as follows:

Teams of 6 or 8no change
Teams of 10 or 12x $\frac{3}{4}$
Teams of 14 or morex $\frac{1}{2}$

For example, 3 teams of 16 uses the normal 3-table scale (not the 12-table scale), and all awards quoted are halved.

2.4 FRACTIONAL AWARDS

- 2.4.1 The scales and formulae quoted herein may, on occasion, lead to a fraction arising in an award due to be made to a player. On any such occasion, the award should be rounded up to a whole number. Such rounding-up should only be performed at the end of a calculation; any fractions which may arise at intermediate stages of a calculation should be retained. Note that 'rounding up' involves resolving any fraction to the benefit of the player.

2.5 TIED POSITIONS

- 2.5.1 Ties are never broken for Master Point purposes. The competitors share equally the points applicable to the places which they would occupy were the tie to be broken. There is, however, a minimum award of 6 points at Club Scale (for events of a different status, this figure to be multiplied by the corresponding factor); this may be relevant if a tie occurs at the lowest place due to receive an award.

Exceptions: 4.5.8 and 4.5.9 make provision for ties to be broken in knock-out events and, under certain circumstances, in league events, etc.

Example (a): there is a tie for 4th place in a 15 table two-winner movement. 4th and 5th place would normally receive 20 points and 10 points respectively (at Club status) - the actual award is 15 points each.

Example (b): there is a tie for 4th place in a 12 table two-winner movement. 4th and 5th places would normally receive 10 points and 0 points respectively (at Club status) - the actual award is 6 points each (rather than 5 points each).

2.6 WITHDRAWALS AND CONCESSIONS IN HEAD-ON MATCHES

- 2.6.1 No award may be given for a match not played. An award shall only be made to the winners if the opponents have withdrawn or conceded at a time when in arrears.
- 2.6.2 Any adjusted score awarded by the organisers shall, however, be taken into full account for the purposes of ranking awards (if any) as opposed to awards based on matches played and won.

- 2.6.3 For the purpose of establishing whether or not a player has played sufficient boards to merit an award (as described in 2.3.2), such player may be deemed to have played all the boards that have not been played as the result of a concession. This clause is subject to the player being present at the venue, and provided that the particular conditions of contest would have allowed that player to compete in the boards so cancelled.

2.7 DEFINITION OF EVENTS

2.7.1 All-play-through events

The same competitors play throughout in all sessions (or in the only session). Swiss events and leagues are particular forms of all-play-through events: so too is a regular (basic) club session or game.

2.7.2 Quali-final events

The same competitors play throughout the first qualifying stage. The leading competitors then qualify for a final (or subsequent qualifying stage). A knock-out event is a particular form of quali-final event.

2.7.3 Ladder events

Different competitors play in each session. Some form of special scoring system then operates which uses the results from these separate sessions to produce a further ranking list based on the average (or best) performance over the series as a whole.

Note that an event of this nature may not be a major championship. Master Points for each individual session must be awarded on the normal basis. Organisations are authorised to award additional Master Points based on the final ranking list, but are limited (for Master Point purposes) to two such events per annum. Note also that at least six separate results must be taken into account in order to qualify for additional Master Points: 4.11 refers.

2.7.4 Other types of event

Invitation events, restricted events and inter-organisation events are outlined in 3.3 and 4.10. Other than these, no special provision is made for events not meeting the criteria laid down above.

In particular, no special provision is made for what might be described as a ladder event of less than six sessions, eg three separate sessions, with different competitors playing in each session, the overall (or best) result of which is used to determine qualification into a final.

If such a final does take place, Master Points must be awarded as though it is a regular (basic) game only, ie they must be based solely on the actual size of the final. No attempt may be made to count the number of different competitors who attempted to qualify, and no attempt may be made to use the special quali-final scales contained herein.

Likewise, even if there are at least six separate sessions involved, the quali-final scales do not apply: special provision for this sort of final is contained in 4.11.9.

2.8 EVENTS PLAYED IN TWO OR MORE SECTIONS

- 2.8.1 An event played in two or more sections can be treated as constituting a single field provided:
- (a) the same boards are played in each section, and
 - (b) the competition is scored overall by match points (ie the normal pairs/individual scoring method).
- 2.8.2 For the purpose of Master Point awards, there is no such thing as a teams event or any non-match-pointed event played in more than one section and scored overall. Master Points must be awarded within each separate section.

2.9 HANDICAP EVENTS

- 2.9.1 No awards may be made in a handicap tournament. However, the tournament may be re-scored without application of the handicap and points awarded on that basis. (Such a re-scoring process will never be feasible if players have qualified for a later stage of an event by virtue of a handicap).

2.10 CARRY-FORWARD SCORES

- 2.10.1 Quali-final events may allow that a certain fraction of the previous stage score be carried forward into the next stage; awards are still made for each separate stage of the event, including the stage(s) in which a carry-forward score is included in the final result.

2.11 SPECIAL SCALES OF AWARDS

- 2.11.1 If a proposed event is of a type for which no scale is provided, application for an appropriate scale should be made to the SCBA.

3 ORGANISATIONS AND EVENTS

3.1 DEFINITION OF ORGANISATIONS

3.1.1 There are four types of organisation as defined below. An organisation may run events for the benefit of its members and bona fide guests of a member without special application to SCBA.

3.1.2 Affiliated Clubs (Corporate Members)

These are Clubs affiliated by annual subscription to the SCBA via corporate membership. For purposes of masterpoint awards, regular weekly games held at the premises of SCBA shall be accorded club status.

3.1.3 Club organisations that are afforded District status.

Certain Clubs (Corporate members) may be granted permission to operate at District status for Master Point purposes only, when running a league programme for the benefit of members of several other Clubs. Applications for District status from a Club will be considered by the SCBA Technical Sub-Committee.

3.1.4 County and Regional Scales

Reference is sometimes made to the term County and Regional Scales in this Handbook. County and Regional organisations do not exist in Singapore, but serve as a convenient reference points for increasing status of events, and for equivalence with the corresponding EBU scales.

3.1.5 National Body

This is the SCBA itself. Master Point awards for events organised by SCBA in capacity of NCBO are awarded the status of a National event.

Recognising the current limited membership of the SCBA and that as membership grows, winning National Events would become more significant achievements, SCBA as an NCBO organising body is pegged at District level status.

SCBA's NCBO organising body status peg will be upgraded as membership grows: to county status when total membership (ordinary, life and student members and members of corporate members) is > 600; to Regional status when total membership is > 1500 and National status when total membership is > 5000.

3.1.6 Congress Organisations

Any organisation not covered within 3.1.2 to 3.1.5 above that wishes to run an event is referred to as a congress organisation for the purpose of that particular event. A congress organisation should make application to the SCBA to be treated as if it were an affiliated club (Corporate member) if it wishes to award Master Points.

3.2 ENTITLEMENT TO AWARD MASTER POINTS

3.2.1 Organisations may award Master Points in accordance with the conditions laid down in this Handbook for the following types of event played under the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge, the Bye-Laws and regulations of the SCBA and the conditions of this scheme.

3.2.2 Regular games

These are basic duplicate sessions of 12 to 35 boards overall duration, including a “championship” event of only 12 to 35 boards. Clubs may hold an unlimited number of such events.

3.2.3 Ladders

These are a series of regular games (see 3.2.2 above), with a bonus award attached to the series based on some measure of average performance (see also 2.7 and 4.11).

All organisations can hold two ladders per annum (see also 4.11.9, note (c) for regular games divided into two or more sections of differing status).

3.2.4 Minor Championships

These are all events of 36+ boards overall duration (excluding a ladder) other than the annual major pairs and major teams championships described in 3.2.6 below. Clubs may hold an unlimited number of such events.

3.2.5 The entitlement to award Master Points for minor championships as described in 3.2.4 above is subject to the following:

- (a) only two teams league/round-robin events are allowed per annum (a double or greater round-robin counts as a single event).
- (b) events such as Men's Pairs and Ladies Pairs, or Star Masters and above and Masters or below count as a single event. Similarly, an event with a consolation or open contest attached to a premier contest counts as a single event for this purpose.
- (c) the format of each contest must be substantially different, with respect either to the nature of the entry (eg Mixed Teams, Open Pairs, Ladies Individual etc) or the type of event (eg league, knock-out, Swiss, all-play-through, quali-final etc) or both.

3.2.6 Major Championships

An organisation may nominate **one** pairs event and **one** teams event per annum as being a major championship (this in addition to the minor championships listed above). Such events must be of **at least 36-boards** overall duration, and must be unrestricted (other than to full/primary members only); the format may be the same as that of an already existing minor championship.

The status of such an event is increased by one level, ie Club becomes District, District becomes County, County becomes Regional (see also Chapter 5, for Non-Local Point events).

The nature of an unrestricted event must be such that all members have an opportunity to win the event. Thus, it may not be a Mixed Pairs event (for example), and it may not be a multi-division league (as those members not in Division 1 could not win the event).

3.2.7 **SCBA only**

SCBA shall have the authority to organise the following types of open events

- (a) Some special events per year, e.g. Holiday special events
Status: District
- (b) An unlimited number of no fear style events, open to both existing members and potential new members (eg Level 1 systems only).
Status: District
- (c) An unlimited number of junior, youth or schools events
Status: District
- (d) An unlimited number of simultaneous pairs event per year.
Status: District

3.3 **INTER-ORGANISATION EVENTS**

3.3.1 An inter-organisation event is one for which players qualify, or are selected, from within one organisation in order to compete in an event/final organised by another body.

Example: The Club champions from several clubs are invited to compete in a 'grand final' of some description.

3.3.2 Master Points are based solely upon the actual entry participating in the event itself; no account may be taken of any earlier stages organised by the outside bodies.

3.3.3 Such events require special application to the SCBA technical Sub-committee for District status.

3.3.4 Club organisations that are afforded District status may run 'inter-club' events. If entry is restricted to one team, 2 pairs or 4 individuals (as appropriate) from each club, then the status is at one level higher than that of the organising body itself.

If the above does not apply, then the status is the basic status applicable to the organising body.

3.4 **SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION TO SCBA**

3.4.1 A special application to the SCBA Technical Sub-committee should be made for events NOT organised by SCBA or a corporate member of SCBA; or for events organised by a corporate member of SCBA that is over and above the normal entitlement.

3.4.2 An application to the SCBA should include the following details:

- (a) Full details of event (date, time, venue etc)
- (b) Anticipated size of entry, including anticipated size of international entries
- (c) Status of organisation being sought (see 3.6).
- (d) Name of Tournament Director in charge
- (e) Any special conditions or variation of standard conditions which the applicant requires.
- (f) The details of any sponsorship of the event and a copy of any sponsorship contract.
- (g) The details of any peripheral activities (eg raffles or advertising activities which may be associated with the event.
- (h) Copies of all promotional material.
- (i) Additional information may be required in the case of an event run in aid of a charity, or an event organised by a package tour operator.

- 3.4.3 SCBA shall be entitled at its discretion to grant or refuse such an application and to charge or not to charge a fee for the right to award masterpoints for such events. The fee will be based upon sessions played (a session is 18 to 35 boards), the number of tables in play and the status of the event.

3.5 STATUS LEVELS OF SPECIAL EVENTS

- 3.5.1 The status of an event varies accordingly to the nature of the entry, and will be quoted when the application is approved.
- (a) If the event is not likely to attract a significant entry from outside of Singapore, then District status applies.
 - (b) If the event is likely to attract a significant entry from outside of Singapore then County status applies.
 - (c) The status of a major congress may be granted after consideration of an application. The minimum requirements are that:
 - i) the congress is of at least four sessions,
 - ii) the congress averaged at least 50 tables over its four best sessions in the previous year
 - iii) the congress attracts a significant entry from outside Singapore

Once a congress has been granted major status, it retains it as long as it meets the minimum standards. If it fails to meet the standards in one year, application may be made to have the status extended to one further year on a provisional basis. Masterpoints are awarded at Regional status.

- 3.5.2 Some events include side competitions for the benefit of players who have not qualified for a championship/consolation final, or for the benefit of players who do not wish to enter such a championship event. The organisers often refer to such events as open pairs/teams in their programme. The awards for such an event are reduced by one level (subject to a minimum level of Club status) unless the event can properly be described as a consolation event (see 4.3).
- 3.5.3 A congress organisation (ie an organisation requiring a licence) does not hold major or minor championships. All events are at the status level quoted above.
- 3.5.4 Under special circumstances, an application may be made to the SCBA for a status level different to the above.

4 THE LOCAL POINT AWARDS

4.1 USE OF THE BASIC SCALES

(For basic events and all-play-through events of 36+ boards).

- 4.1.1 Use Scale A for Club events, Scale B for District status events, Scale C for County status events, Scale D for Regional status events, Scale E for National status events or Scale F for Individual events.
- 4.1.2 Identify what fraction of the field is due to receive an award.
- a) For a basic event, where all competitors play 18 to 35 boards, this will always be the top one-third;
 - b) For short events of 12 to 17 boards only, this will always be the top one-quarter;
 - c) For all-play-through events, where all competitors play 36+ boards, this will always be the top half.
- 4.1.3 Identify the number of **full** tables in the competition, and look this figure up in the appropriate column (ie in the top third, top quarter or top half column as appropriate).

For example, for 9 tables, read the awards appropriate to 9 tables.

- 4.1.4 Identify the movement type.

For a pairs event, this may be a **single-winner** movement (ie a Howell or a Scrambled Mitchell) or a **two-winner** movement (ie a Mitchell-type movement, with a NS and EW winner).

The scale for a teams event is the same as for a **two-winner** pairs event.

A special scale (F) is given for a **single-winner individual** event.

The teams scale applies, however, in the case of a four-winner individual (ie a N, S, E & W winner, where all players have played in a constant compass direction throughout).

- 4.1.5 Identify the winning award in the appropriate column and row.

This figure is obtained by reading across from the number of tables column into the appropriate award column (single-winner pairs or two-winner pairs).

If, on reading across, you fall on a blank space, then take the next highest figure.

Awards for lower places are obtained by reading down from this winning award.

When using the two-winner pairs scale, the awards quoted are those applicable to each of the two directions.

- 4.1.6 Example: taking a Club pairs game of 16 tables, the awards are:

- (a) For 12 to 17 boards,
Mitchell type: 40, 30, 20, 10 in each direction (4 awards)
Howell type: 48, 42, 36, 30 etc to 12, 6 overall (8 awards)

- (b) For 18 to 35 boards,
Mitchell type: 60, 50, 40 etc to 10 in each direction (6 awards)
Howell type: 66, 60, 54, 48 etc to 12, 6 overall (11 awards)
- (c) For 36+ boards,
Mitchell type: 80, 70, 60 etc to 10 in each direction (8 awards)
Howell type: 96, 90, 84, 78 etc to 12, 6 overall (16 awards)

Scale A refers.

- 4.1.7 For events of 72+ boards duration, the status is increased by one level. Thus, for example, a Club organisation would adopt the District scales.
- 4.1.8 Special sets of scales exist for finals and for events that attract an award per winning match.
- 4.1.9 See 4.4 in the case of a large event reaching the theoretical maximum points limit.

4.2 USE OF THE SPECIAL QUALI-FINAL SCALES

(For standard types of quali-final events)

- 4.2.1 Awards for the first qualifying stage are as per a basic event, using the basic scales outlined in 4.1. If the event is a major championship, the status level is increased by one. The theoretical maximum award for a qualifying round of 36+ boards duration is, however, 180 points at Club status, not 300 as stated on the scales.
- 4.2.2 For the final (or subsequent qualifying stage) use:

Scale QA for Club quali-final events
Scale QB for District status quali-final events
Scale QC for County status quali-final events
Scale QD for Regional status quali-final events
Scale QE for National status quali-final events

If the event is a major championship, the status level is increased by one, ie the same status as the first qualifying stage. The theoretical maximum award for a second (or subsequent) qualifying stage of any sort is, however, 180 points at Club status not 300 as stated on the scales.

- 4.2.3 The point of reference on the quali-final scales is the size of the original entry, ie the number of full tables which played in the first qualifying stage.

The scales provide for awards to be given to the top ¼ of the original entry; for example, if 16 tables entered the event originally, awards will be given to the top 4 tables in the final (or subsequent stage). Thus, the actual size of the final is not relevant in this respect.

- 4.2.4 If less than ¼ of the original field has qualified for the final (or subsequent stage), then the top award is as stated in the quali-final scales, and all competitors in the final receive an award. Awards for intermediate places are calculated in accordance with the principle of constant reductions (see 4.4.3 and 4.4.4).
- 4.2.5 If the final (or subsequent stage) is of 36+ boards duration, then the status of the final itself (or subsequent stage) is increased by one level over that of the first stage.

- 4.2.6 If the final has been preceded by two or more separate qualifying stages, then the status of the final itself is increased by one level provided that no more than one-half of the original field have qualified for such a final. However, 4.2.5 and this section may not be used in conjunction to increase the status by 2 levels, ie if either 4.2.5 or 4.2.6 apply, or if both apply, the status is increased by one level.
- 4.2.7 If the final (or subsequent stage) is of 12 to 17 boards duration only, then the status of the final (or subsequent stage) is decreased by one level over that of the first stage (one lower than Club status is of District status in this particular instance). 4.2.6 may also apply, in which case these two factors would cancel each other out, and the status would be the same as the qualifying round.
- 4.2.8 If the final (or subsequent stage) is of such a nature as to attract an award per winning match, then awards are as listed in the relevant parts of 4.5 to 4.7. Any increased status outlined in 4.2.5 or 4.2.6 above does not apply in this case. (For a subsequent qualifying stage, note the theoretical maximum points limit of 180 for overall ranking at Club status.)
- 4.2.9 *Note:* it is recommended that no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the field qualify for a final of 18 to 35 boards, and no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ for a final of 36+ boards. The effect of ignoring this recommendation is that a lower than usual proportion of competitors will receive an award in the final, ie less than one-third or half of the field, respectively (similar considerations are not relevant for a 12 to 17 board final).
- 4.2.10 Example: a Club teams event of 16 teams plays a single-session qualifier followed by a final of 6 teams. In the qualifier, there are 6 awards of 60, 50 ... 10 (basic scales). In the final, there are 4 awards of 72, 54, 36 and 18. Scale QA refers.
- 4.2.11 If a subsequent qualifying stage is played in two or more sections and not scored across the field, then the original entry should be calculated pro rata across the sections. For example, 60 tables qualify into two sections of 15 tables; take the original entry of each section as being 30 tables.

4.3 CONSOLATION EVENTS

- 4.3.1 These are secondary rated events (consolation finals) for the benefit of certain competitors who have failed to reach the premier final.
- 4.3.2 Consolation events of such a nature as to attract an award per winning match are covered separately within 4.6 and 4.7.
- 4.3.3 Basic consolation events must meet the following requirements:

Taking P to be the number of full tables in the premier final,

C the number in the consolation,

N the number not in either:

Then C must be greater than or equal to P,

and N must be greater than or equal to C, for a 12 to 35 boards consolation final

or N must be at least three times as great as C for a 36+ boards final.

If either (or both) of these requirements are not met, then the event shall be deemed to be a basic event only based upon the actual entry in it. Furthermore, the status level of the event shall be one level lower than the status of the main event, subject to a minimum level of Club status.

4.3.4 Subject to the above, the quali-final scales outlined in section 4.2 shall apply, save that the original number of full tables shall be:

$$C + \frac{N}{3}$$

where C = number of full tables in the consolation event itself and N = number of full tables which have not qualified for either the premier or consolation final.

Example: 60 tables qualify into a 9-table premier and 12-table consolation final. Awards for the premier final are based upon an original entry of 60 tables. Awards for the consolation are based upon an original entry of 25 tables, this being:

$$12 + \frac{39}{3} = 12 + 13 = 25 \text{ (there being 39 tables which have not qualified)}$$

Any fractions obtained in this calculation must be disregarded, ie only full tables obtained via the calculation are counted.

4.3.5 Having modified the original number of full tables as described above, awards are calculated exactly as though the consolation event were the premier final itself. Thus:

- (a) Any increased status afforded to the premier event applies equally to the consolation
- (b) The status of a consolation final of 36+ boards duration is increased by one level
- (c) If application of the above results in there being more awards available than actual contestants in the consolation event, the principles outlined in 4.1 apply, ie the top award is as stated, and all contestants in the consolation event receive an award based on constant reductions from this top award.

4.3.6 The theoretical maximum award limit is 3/5 of that for the premier event, ie 180 points at Club status.

4.3.7 Similar principles apply, for example, for a “third-rated final” out of four sections. In this case, the expression N relates to the number of full tables in none of the top three events.

Example: 60 tables qualify into one of three finals, each of 12 tables. The remaining 24 tables play open pairs. The corresponding calculation is:

- Premier Final original entry of 60 tables
- Consolation Final original entry of $12 + 36/3 = 24$ tables
- Third Final original entry of $12 + 24/3 = 20$ tables
- Open Pairs a 24-table event (status is one level lower than the above)

The theoretical maximum points limit of a third-rated final is 3/5 that of a secondary-rated final, i.e. 108 points at Club status.

4.4 LARGE EVENTS (THEORETICAL MAXIMUM AWARD LIMIT)

4.4.1 There is a theoretical maximum award which may be given for each type of event. This limit is only reached in the case of a large tournament.

4.4.2 For a basic event of 18 to 35 boards, the theoretical maximum limit is: 100 at Club status, 150 at District status, 200 at County status etc.

For a basic event of 12 to 17 boards, the theoretical maximum limit is 75 at Club status, 113 at District status and 150 at County status etc.

This limit is reached by having 30 tables of teams/two-winner pairs, or 25 tables of individual/single-winner pairs.

- 4.4.3 Once this limit is exceeded, the standard scales cannot be used. Instead, the awards need to be calculated in accordance with the principle of constant reductions.

The top award and number of awards (the top one-third in a basic game) are as stated. Awards for intermediate places are calculated from these figures.

Example: if attempting to give 50 awards with a maximum of 150, then by constant reductions of 3 points per place from 150 for 1st place.

Note: see 4.4.5 for minimum awards.

- 4.4.4 Any fractions obtained in the above calculations must be retained until the end of the series of calculations. They are then rounded up, in favour of the competitor, to the next higher whole number.

- 4.4.5 There is a minimum award of 6 points at Club Scale, 9 points at District etc. Any award which would ordinarily be less than this minimum having applied the above principles should be increased to equal this limit.

- 4.4.6 For events of 36+ boards duration, the theoretical maximum limit is 300 points at Club Scale; 450 points at District Scale; 600 points at County Scale etc.

This limit is reached by having 60 tables of teams/two-winner pairs, or 50 tables of individual / single-winner pairs. Awards are to the top half of the field.

If the stage of the event involved is merely a qualifying stage, the theoretical maximum points limit is 3/5 of the above, ie 180 points at Club status (which is reached by having 36 tables or 30 tables, respectively).

- 4.4.7 For finals, or events with an award per match won, the theoretical maximum limit is reached by having 65 original tables of teams/two-winner pairs or 55 original tables of individual / single winner pairs. Awards are to the top quarter of the original entry.

- 4.4.8 Similar principles apply in specialised events, such as knock-out, as described in 4.7.

- 4.4.9 For large events, which easily reach the theoretical maximum, this maximum should be increased in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Actual maximum award} = \text{theoretical maximum award} \times \text{Square Root} \left(\frac{a}{t} \right)$$

where a is the actual number of tables, and t is the number of tables at which the theoretical maximum is reached (note: the calculation involves taking the square root of a divided by t).

Example: Club status simultaneous pairs single winner: theoretical maximum award is 100 points, which is reached by having 25 tables.

Actual no. of tables	Actual maximum award
30	110
40	127
50	142
60	155
70	168
80	179
90	190
100	200

Actual no. of tables	Actual maximum award
110	110
120	120
130	130
140	140
150	150
160	160
170	170
180	180

4.5 AWARD PER MATCH WON --- GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 4.5.1 The most common events of this type are teams events (multiple teams, Swiss teams, round-robins and knock-out) and Swiss pairs events. However, the general principle is that all stages of events of 36+ boards duration, where competitors meet for a minimum of 6 consecutive boards, shall attract an award per winning match. Additionally, any teams event of at least 36 boards duration shall attract an award per match won even if matches (rounds) are of fewer than 6 boards each.
- 4.5.2 In knock-out events, the award per winning match increases as the competition progresses. In other types of contest (Swiss, leagues etc) the award per winning match is constant, but there is an additional bonus award given to the leading competitors based upon the final ranking list. The event (or stage of event) must be of at least 36 boards total duration, and matches must be of at least 6 boards each in a pairs or individual event (otherwise, it is a basic event only, as described in 4.1). By contrast, there is no lower limit in a teams event, provided that the event itself is of at least 36 boards duration.
- 4.5.3 Awards for overall ranking (not applicable for knock-out) are as per the quali-final scales outlined in 4.2. These provide for an award to be given to the top quarter of the field. These ranking awards are increased by 50% in size if the overall duration of the event is of 72+ boards (most league events will meet this requirement). Note that only a player who has competed in at least one-third of the total number of boards available for play shall receive such a ranking award.
- 4.5.4 Awards for matches won are as outlined in 4.6 and 4.7, and are proportional to the number of boards played in the match, subject to a maximum award equivalent to an 18-board match. If matches are of 36+ boards duration, the match winning award is 50% greater than the corresponding award for a match of 1835 boards.
- Note: both the match winning awards and the ranking awards may be increased by 50% for a tournament of 72+ boards involving 36+ board matches.
- 4.5.5 A league played on a double round-robin basis (eg home and away) shall treat each match separately. Thus, there is one award for winning the home match and a second award for winning the away match. Ranking awards are based solely upon the final ranking list at the conclusion of the double round-robin. Similarly, for a triple or larger round-robin.
- 4.5.6 The procedure to follow where competitors have qualified to reach an event of this nature is detailed in 4.6 and 4.7. A 2- or 3-team final (or subsequent stage) is treated as being a knock-out final (or stage) as per 4.5.7.
- 4.5.7 On occasions, it may be expedient to play one or more triangular matches, ie a match between 3 teams or pairs (for example, in a Swiss teams event with an odd number of teams). Such matches are

treated as being 2 separate mini-matches, with awards in each being one-half of the award for a corresponding full match. Thus, by winning both matches, a player acquires the same number of points as for winning a full match.

- 4.5.8 A match drawn in terms of the final method of scoring counts as a half-win. In a knock-out contest, a draw will obviously be resolved; in this case only, the eventual winners receive the full award for having won the match had the tie-break not been required (the eventual losers do not receive any award), provided that the tie is broken by playing additional boards.
- 4.5.9 On occasions, it may be expedient for there to be a play-off in the event of a tie on the overall ranking list. No Master Points may be given for such a play-off, but overall ranking points shall be at stake if the tie involves the leading teams.
- 4.5.10 On occasions, in a league event, it may be expedient to award an adjusted score in respect of a match not played. No award may be given for the actual match itself, but the result so arbitrated shall count with regard to the bonus awards for overall ranking.

4.6 AWARD PER MATCH WON (OTHER THAN KNOCK-OUT)

- 4.6.1 See also 4.5. Note that a 2- or 3-team final is treated as a knock-out final (subject to an original entry of at least 5 full tables).
- 4.6.2 The types of event covered here are principally Swiss pairs and any form of teams event.
- 4.6.3 For matches of 1 to 17 boards duration, the match-winning awards are a direct multiple of the number of boards played in the match. Thereafter, there is one award for a match of 18 to 35 boards and another award for a match of 36+ boards.

Number of boards per match	CLUB SCALE (Boards x 1½)	DISTRICT SCALE (Boards x 2¼)	COUNTY SCALE (Boards x 3)	REGIONAL SCALE (Boards x 4½)	NATIONAL SCALE (Boards x 6)
1	2	3	3	5	6
2	3	5	6	9	12
3	5	7	9	14	18
4	6	9	12	18	24
5	8	12	15	23	30
6	9	14	18	27	36
7	11	16	21	32	42
8	12	18	24	36	48
9	14	21	27	41	54
10	15	23	30	45	60
11	17	25	33	50	66
12	18	27	36	54	72
13	20	30	39	59	78
14	21	32	42	63	84
15	23	34	45	68	90
16	23	36	48	72	96
17	26	39	51	77	102
18 to 35	27	41	54	81	108
36 or more	41	62	81	122	162

Any award which might otherwise be issued for less than 6 points at Club status should be increased to be exactly 6 points (apply the normal multiplication factors for higher rated events).

4.6.4 Awards for overall ranking are as per the quali-final scales outlined in 4.2. These provide for a bonus award to be given to the top quarter of the field. If the event as a whole is of 72+ boards duration, the ranking awards (not necessarily the match-winning awards) are increased by 50%.

4.6.5 Examples:

- (a) A Club Swiss teams event of 20 teams, playing 6 x 6-board matches.
Awards per match won = 9 points
Awards for overall ranking (scale QA) = 90, 72, 54, 36 and 18 (5 places).
- (b) A Club multiple teams event of 15 teams, playing 14 x 3-board matches.
Awards per match won = 5 points
Awards for overall ranking (scale QA) = 72, 54, 36 and 18 (4 places).
- (c) A District status league event (one division) of 10 teams, playing 9 x 24-board matches.
Awards per match won = 41 points
Awards for overall ranking are as per scale QB + 50% as the event is of 72+ boards this generates 3 awards of 122, 81 and 41 points.
Note the correlation between the match-winning award and the lowest ranking award (41 points in both cases).

4.6.6 If players have qualified to reach an event of this nature, the match-winning awards and overall ranking awards described above are modified as follows:

- (a) The match-winning awards are increased by a factor dependent upon the proportion of the original field which has qualified.

PROPORTION OF ORIGINAL FIELD WHICH HAS QUALIFIED	INCREASE IN MATCH-WINNING AWARDS
More than 1/2	No change
More than 1/4 and less than or equal to 1/2	x 1½
More than 1/8 and less than or equal to 1/4	x 2
More than 1/16 and less than or equal to 1/8	x 3
1/16 or less	x 4

- (b) The awards for overall ranking are as per the special quali-final scale QF (see Appendix). This provides for an award to be given to one-eighth of the original entry. Where less than one-eighth have qualified, all competitors in the final receive a ranking award; the top award is as stated, and awards for lower places are calculated in accordance with the principle of constant reductions.

Note: it is recommended that not more than half of the original entry qualify for a final of this nature. The effect of ignoring this recommendation is that a lower than usual proportion of the field will receive a ranking award (i.e. less than one-quarter).

- 4.6.7 For a consolation final of this nature, two requirements must be met:
- (a) the number of full tables in the consolation final must be greater than or equal to the number of full tables in the main final.
 - (b) the number of full tables excluded from both the main and consolation finals must be at least 3 times as great as the number playing in the consolation final itself. See 4.3.3 for events which fail to meet these requirements.

Subject to the above, the match-winning awards as outlined in 4.6.1 to 4.6.5 above shall be modified by a factor dependent upon the proportion of the original field participating in the consolation final.

PROPORTION OF ORIGINAL FIELD WHICH PLAYS IN THE CONSOLATION FINAL	INCREASE IN MATCH-WINNING AWARDS
More than 1/10	No change
More than 1/20 and less than or equal to 1/10	x 1½
1/20 or less	x 2

Moreover, the awards for overall ranking are obtained by reference to the special quali-final scale QF (see Appendix), save that the original number of full tables shall be deemed to be $C + N/3$ where C = number of full tables in the consolation event itself and N = number of full tables which have not qualified for either the premier or consolation final. (See 4.3.4 for an example). The theoretical maximum points award is $3/5$ of that for the premier event, ie 180 points at Club status.

4.7 ***KNOCK-OUT EVENTS***

- 4.7.1 See also 4.5 for general principles; for example, the original entry must be at least 5 full tables.
- 4.7.2 Three types of knock-out are catered for:
- (a) Single elimination teams (the normal form of contest).
 - (b) Double elimination teams (no team is eliminated until twice defeated).
 - (c) Single elimination pairs (an unusual form of contest, in which a pair's match-point score on each board is obtained by comparison with scores from a separate pairs contest playing the same boards: a single elimination event scored on this basis).
- 4.7.3 The awards quoted below assume matches of 18 to 35 boards duration; if matches are of 36+ boards duration, the status is increased by one level in respect of those matches. If matches are of fewer than 18 boards, then the awards are reduced pro rata; for example, 9-board matches would be one-half of that quoted below.
- 4.7.4 The maximum number of rounds is as below (68, dependent upon exact type); if additional rounds are required, the awards for such rounds shall be as per a preliminary round only.
- 4.7.5 A round involving one or more byes or triangular matches is a preliminary round. Usually, such a round occurs at the very beginning; however, if such a round is played at a later stage, the award is the average of the previous and next full rounds.
- 4.7.6 The awards below are at Club status. For events of a higher status, they should be multiplied by the usual factors: viz. District x 1½, County x 2, Regional x 3, National x 4.

4.7.7 The awards increase as the event progresses as follows:

	Prelim	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8
Single elimination teams	27	27	38	54	76	108	152	-	-
Double elimination teams	27	27	27	27	38	54	76	108	152
Single elimination pairs	27	27	27	38	54	76	108	152	-

4.7.8 A double elimination contest may provide for a previously undefeated team to receive a bye at a late stage of the event by virtue of their superior performance. In such a case, they shall receive two-thirds of the award designated for winning a match in that round. Provided no further byes or triangular encounters exist in that round, the round itself shall be treated as being a full round.

4.7.9 If players have qualified to reach an event of this nature, (including a 2- or 3-team final) then the round number is deemed to be the number it would have been had all the original competitors played knock-out throughout.

Example: from an entry of 32 teams, 8 qualify to play a knock-out final stage. Had the 32 teams played knock-out throughout, the stage at which only 8 teams remain would be Round 3. Thus, the first stage of actual knock-out is deemed to be Round 3.

4.7.10 Awards for a consolation knock-out are one-half of the awards for a main knock-out event. If players qualify to reach a consolation knock-out, the awards are one-half of those described in 4.7.9, with the original entry deemed to exclude those in the main final.

Example (a): 32 teams set off on a straight knock-out (5 matches), with those eliminated in Round 1 entering a consolation knock-out (ie 16 teams). Thus, whilst Round 2 of the main event takes place, the consolation is playing Round 1. The awards in the consolation are one-half of the Round 1 awards above.

Example (b): 32 teams qualify (by a means other than by knock-out) into an 8-team main knockout final stage and an 8-team consolation knock-out final stage. The original entry in the consolation is deemed to be 24 teams (ie excluding the teams playing in the main final). Had 24 teams played knock-out throughout, they would have played a preliminary round followed by one full round in order to reduce to 8 teams. Hence, the awards for the first stage of consolation knock-out are one-half of the Round 2 awards above.

Note: consolation knock-out events are treated differently from other consolation events, in that there is no restriction upon the proportion of the field which may participate. Further, it is permitted that competitors may enter a consolation knock-out at various stages as they themselves become eliminated from a main knock-out. The number of rounds required to complete the event should, however, be calculated in advance in order to ensure that the maximum number of rounds is not exceeded (if it is, additional rounds are treated as preliminary rounds).

4.8 TEAMS LEAGUES

- 4.8.1 The awards below follow the principles outlined in 4.6 and 4.9 for leagues of only one division and for any event divided into 2 or more divisions/sections of differing status. Teams leagues are listed separately because they are the most popular form of competition of this nature. See also 4.5 for general notes.
- 4.8.2 The match-winning awards shown below are based on matches of 18 to 35 boards duration. If matches are of fewer than 18 boards, they should be reduced pro rata; if of 36+ boards, they should be increased by 50%.
- 4.8.3 Ranking awards are to the top one-quarter of the division, and are unaffected even if matches are of fewer than 18 boards. It has been assumed that each division plays at least 72 boards in total (this increases the ranking awards by 50%) hence, no adjustment should be made to these figures providing the event is of 72+ boards total duration. Indeed, if only 36 to 71 boards are involved, the ranking awards should be decreased by one-third.
- 4.8.4 Subject to matches of 18 to 35 boards and an overall duration of 72+ boards, there exists a certain correlation between the “award per match won” and the “ranking awards”.

For example, if the “award per match won” is 27 points (see 4.6 --- Club Scale) with ranking awards due to go to the top one-quarter, the lowest place due to receive an award will receive 27 points for overall ranking (see Scale QA plus 50%). So, with 10 teams in the league, 3 teams will receive a ranking award (10 / 4, rounded up). These awards will be 27, 54 and 81 for 3rd to 1st, respectively.

Thus, it is only necessary to calculate the award per match won in these circumstances. The ranking awards follow automatically from this figure.

If matches are not of 18 to 35 boards, then 4.8.2 applies to the match-winning award; if the overall duration is of 36 to 71 boards only, then 4.8.3 applies to the ranking awards. Otherwise, the award per match won is identical to the award made to the lowest placed team due to receive an award. Awards for higher places are by constant increments of this figure. The chart below indicates this key figure for the various organisations and divisions.

- 4.8.5 For a Club organisation (intra-club league)

No. of divisions	Div.1				
1	27	Div.2			
2	27	21	Div.3		
3	41	31	21	Div.4	
4	41	35	28	21	Div.5
5	41	36	31	26	21

For 6+ divisions: Division 1, 41 points.

Lowest Division, 21 points.

Intermediate awards between these limits.

All awards assume 18 to 35 board matches and total overall programme of 72+ boards.

4.8.6 For a District status organisation (inter-club league)

No. of divisions	Div.1						
1	41	Div.2					
2	54	41	Div.3				
3	68	54	41	Div.4			
4	81	68	54	41	Div.5		
5	81	71	61	51	41	Div.6	
6	81	73	65	57	49	41	Div.7
7	81	75	68	61	55	48	41

For 8+ divisions: Division 1, 81 points.

Lowest Division, 41 points.

Intermediate awards between these limits.

All awards assume 18 to 35 board matches and total overall programme of 72 + boards.

4.8.7 For a County status organisation

No. of divisions	Div.1						
1	54	Div.2					
2	68	54	Div.3				
3	81	68	54	Div.4			
4	95	81	68	54	Div.5		
5	108	91	81	68	54	Div.6	
6	108	98	87	76	65	54	Div.7
7	108	99	90	81	72	63	54

For 8+ divisions: Division 1, 108 points.

Lowest Division, 54 points.

Intermediate awards between these limits.

All awards assume 18 to 35 board matches and total overall programme of 72 + boards.

4.8.8 Important Note: each division, except for Division 1, must be of at least 5 teams (see section 4.9.2).

4.8.9 One or more divisions may be sub-divided into two or more sections; for example, 3 divisions could be Division 1 and Divisions 2A and 2B (A and B on a geographical basis). This would count as a league of 2 divisions, with awards in 2A and 2B being identical.

There may be a play-off between the Division 2A and 2B winners at the end of the season. 4.7.9 (knock-out events) would apply in such a case, ie all the teams in Divisions 2A and 2B together would be treated as though they had attempted to qualify for a knock-out final. The status level would be the same as the Division 2 level.

Note that special awards for annual play-offs are authorised in this case only. For example, a play-off between Division 1 and Division 2 winners does not attract a special award. Similarly, a multiple teams event between all (or some) division winners does not attract a special award. Awards are based solely upon the actual entry in the event at the basic level appropriate to the organising body. Hence, there must be a minimum entry of 3 teams to attract a points award of any description (see also 4.10).

4.9 EVENTS DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS OF DIFFERING STATUS

4.9.1 Any event may be divided into two or more sections of differing status. Eligibility to compete in an appropriate section can be based on factors such as selection, previous performance or Master Point rank (see also 4.10).

4.9.2 All sections except for the top section must be of at least 5 full tables. Any section which is too small is discounted for the purpose of establishing the number of sections in the event as a whole. Awards for a section so discounted are as per the next higher proper section.

4.9.3 Each section must compete purely amongst itself for this purpose. The various sections need not meet at the same time/venue, provided that it is impossible for any one player to compete in more than one section.

4.9.4 The status of each section is dependent upon the number of sections in the event as a whole and upon the status of the organising body itself.

4.9.5 For a Club organisation

No. of sections	Section 1		
1	Club awards	Section 2	
2	Club awards	½ of District awards	Section 3
3	District awards	Club awards plus 1/8	½ of District awards

4.9.6 For a District status organisation

No. of sections	Section 1			
1	District awards	Section 2		
2	County awards	District awards	Section 3	
3	2 ½ x Club awards	County awards	District awards	Section 4
4	Regional Awards	2 ½ x Club awards	County awards	District awards

4.9.7 For a County organisation

No. of sections	Section 1				
1	County	Section 2			
2	2 ½ x Club	County	Section 3		
3	Regional	2 ½ x Club	County	Section 4	
4	3 ½ x Club	Regional	2 ½ x Club	County	Section 5
5	National	3 ½ x Club	Regional	2 ½ x Club	County

4.9.8 If there are more sections than the above, awards for the top and bottom sections are as stated. Special intermediate scales need to be calculated for intermediate sections, using the principle of constant reductions between these two limits.

4.9.9 For divisions sub-divided on a geographical basis, see 4.8.9.

4.10 RESTRICTED/INVITATION EVENTS

4.10.1 Events divided into two or more sections/divisions of differing status are covered in 4.8 and 4.9.

4.10.2 No special provisions are normally made for events played in a single section, where entry is restricted to either the “top” or “bottom” players; for example, based upon selection, Master Point ranking or any qualifying method not specifically catered for in the Handbook. An event such as this is treated as a basic event/minor championship event of the organising body in question.

4.10.3 Similarly, no special provisions normally apply for events where the champions of various organisations are invited to “play off” in an event organised by a higher-rated organisation (see 3.3). Such an event is also treated as a basic event/minor championship event of the organising body in question. Awards are based solely upon the entry participating in the event. No account may be taken of any earlier qualifying stages held by some other organisation.

Note: Events of this type may require special application to the SCBA technical Sub-committee

4.11 LADDER EVENTS

4.11.1 These are a series of regular games, attracting an award of Master Points at the end of each game. An additional award may be made to the leading overall places at the end of a series. Organisers may run two ladder events per annum.

4.11.2 Places on the ladder may be determined by average percentage over the series, total Master Points earned or some form of points for position system in each game. Provision may be made for certain scores not to count in the final ranking.

- 4.11.3 A series of regular pairs games may be used to determine either a winning individual or pair; a series of regular teams games may be used to determine a winning individual, pair or team; a series of regular individual games may be used to determine an overall winning individual.
- 4.11.4 There must be at least 6 results taken into account in determining the overall ranking list.
- 4.11.5 The awards themselves vary with the status of the organising body, the number of games available for play in the series and the approximate average number of full tables playing each such game.
- 4.11.6 The awards at Club status are as follows:

Average no. of tables	TEAMS	PAIRS	INDIVIDUAL
Up to 8 full tables	1 award at 27	2 awards at 16	4 awards at 8
9 - 17 full tables	2 awards at 27	4 awards at 16	8 awards at 8
18+ full tables	3 awards at 27	6 awards at 16	12 awards at 8

Example: 4 awards at 16 means 1st 64, 2nd 48, 3rd 32, 4th 16.

- 4.11.7 The above awards should be multiplied by the usual factor in the case of organisations of a higher than Club status, viz. District x 1, County x 2, Regional x 3, National x 4.
- 4.11.8 If at least 18 games are available for play in the series, the status of the event is increased by one level.
- 4.11.9 The result of the ladder may be used to determine qualification into a final. In such a case, the above awards are withheld, pending the result of the final. Furthermore, the status is increased by one level.

Example: a pairs game of fewer than 18 sessions averages 10 tables. The basic Club awards are 64, 48, 32 and 16 for 1st to 4th places. Alternatively, if there is a final, the 4 awards become 96, 72, 48 and 24, irrespective of the size of the final.

Note (a): both 4.11.8 and 4.11.9 might apply to add on 2 status levels.

Note (b): The entitlement to hold such a final does not come out of the organisation's entitlement to hold regular games/minor championships, as the case may be. The final is treated as being part of the ladder competition.

Note (c): If an event is divided into two or more sections of different status as described in 4.9, a separate ladder may operate for each such section. The combined ladders count as a single ladder for the quota purposes described in 3.2.

Note (d): A ladder event may not be a major championship. Separate Master Points are awarded at the end of each regular game and at the end of the series of games to the leading places.

5 NON-LOCAL POINT AWARDS

5.1 NON-LOCAL POINT EVENTS

5.1.1 In general, these are National level championship events organised by SCBA in capacity as NCBO. Congresses attracting substantial international participation may also be awarded NLP event status. These events should in principle be open to all SCBA members and members of corporate members.

5.1.2 **Non-Local points** shall be awarded for the **final rankings / final stages** of the following events:

- 1) Singapore Open Teams Championships
- 2) Singapore Open Pairs Championships
- 3) Easter Congress Open Teams
- 4) Easter Congress Open Pairs
- 5) Pesta Sukan Open Teams
- 6) Pesta Sukan Open Pairs
- 7) Trials for PABF championships (Open, Ladies and Youth) (subject to at least 3 participating teams as per Masterpoint rules)
- 8) Singapore IMP Pairs (CS Wu Memorial)
- 9) Singapore Matchpoint Teams
- 10) 1st Division of Interclub Bridge League (final ranking awards only)
- 11) National Youth Teams
- 12) National Youth Pairs
- 13) Singapore Mixed Pairs
- 14) HS Ho Challenge (only if it becomes open to all SCBA members and members of corporate members)

Local Points are awarded for **match awards** and in respect of any stage of the event that does not attract NLP awards.

5.1.3 SCBA's master point scheme does not operate for overseas events played under the jurisdiction of another NCBO. However, SCBA may grant the privilege of earning master points to Singapore players at certain overseas events in support of its policy objectives (e.g. to encourage overseas exposure, to "support" certain events, or to reward and recognise our National players).

5.1.4 In recognition of our National Teams and to support SCBA's policy to put up the best possible National Team, Non-Local points shall be awarded as per the Singapore master point scheme for **matches won** by **Singapore representative teams** at the following events **and** for **final rankings** (as a rule, finishing in the top ½ will earn MPs, and players must play 1/3 of boards to earn **any** MPs):

- 1) Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, World Youth Team Championships
(6 x club scale – supra-national status)
- 2) World Teams Olympiad
 - a. Open and Ladies series (4 x club scale – National status)
 - b. Youth series (3 x club scale – Regional status)
- 3) Pacific Asia Bridge Championships (non-congress years only)
 - a. Open Team: (4 x club scale – National status)
 - b. Ladies Team: (3 x club scale – Regional status)
 - c. Youth Team: (2 x club scale – County status)

5.1.5 To encourage overseas exposure and to support the ASEAN bridge club championships in particular, Non-Local points shall be awarded for the **final rankings** to **non-trans-national** Singapore teams who **qualify for the subsequent or final stages** (if there are no final stages, overall ranking points will be awarded based on the final position attained for teams finishing in the top ¼) of the following overseas **open team** events:

- 1) NEC Cup, Yeh Brothers Cup, Commonwealth Championships or equivalent (guideline: with > 2 teams from outside Asia + Australia consisting of past or present national players): **4 x club scale – National scale**
- 2) Hong Kong Inter-city, ASEAN, Pacific Asia Bridge Congress or equivalent (guideline: with multiple teams from 3 or more PABF members other than Singapore): **3 x club scale – Regional scale**

There will be no NLPs awarded for match awards

For some events, SCBA may at its discretion, award **Local Points** for **match awards** on the same scale. These will primarily be events at which SCBA wishes to promote participation by Singapore teams, for policy reasons. This decision should be made before the event concerned, either on SCBA's own initiative or upon application by a member or member of a corporate member.

5.1.6 For open pairs championships at overseas events, Non-Local Points will be awarded for a top 10 placing (or placing in the top 25%, whichever is less) at a scale 1 level lower than the corresponding open team event.

5.2 NON-LOCAL POINT SCALES

Non-Local points shall be awarded as per the Singapore master point scheme scales for local points.

QUICK GUIDE TO SINGAPORE EVENTS

1. Weekly games are considered as club level, refer to scale A (club scale)
2. Christmas pairs, Ang Pow Pairs, SCBA's holiday special pairs and other club's yearly major pair events, refer to Scale B (District scale).

3. Singapore Open Pairs

- a. 20 entries or less

All-play-through 4-session event

Upgrade 1 Level for National Level Major Championship

Upgrade 1 level for >72 boards played

Hence, currently use Regional Scale (Scale D)

MP to top ½ of field (36+ boards)

e.g. Winner of 10 table event gets 180 NLP

- b. More than 20 entries: 2 session qualifying followed by 2 session final

Qualifying:

Upgrade 1 Level for National Level Major Championship

Hence, currently use County Scale (Scale C)

MP to top ½ of field (36+ boards)

Finals:

Upgrade 1 Level for National Level Major Championship

Upgrade 1 level over qualifying stage (36+ board finals)

Hence currently use Regional Scale (Scale QD)

MP to top ¼ of **original** field

e.g. Winner of 11 table event gets 198 NLP

Winner of 24 table event gets 396 NLP

Consolations:

Treat as fresh NCBO event (District scale)

MP to top ½ of field (36+ boards)

4. Easter Congress and Pesta Sukan open pairs

These are 2-session all-play-through pair events scored across the field using match points. For MP purposes, to be treated as a single field.

Designated as National Level Major championship event, hence increase status by 1 level (currently use county status scale (refer to Scale C)

Top half to receive MP awards (36+ boards played)

e.g. Winner of 10 table event gets 120 NLP

Winner of 24 table event gets 288 NLP

5. Singapore Open teams

4-session qualifying round robin

Each section to be treated separately for MP purposes

Upgrade 1 Level for National Level Major Championship

Hence, currently use County Status

Award per match = number of boards played x 3 (up to 18 boards); 54 per match for 18-35 boards

Overall ranking awards to top ¼ of field (use Scale QC), inflate by 50% as >72 boards played overall

KO finals

Semi-finals and Finals 48-board knock out

Treat as knock-out from original field.

For 5-7 team field, Finals = Round 2 awards

For 8-15 team field, Semis = Round 2 awards, Finals = Round 3 awards

For 16-31 team field, Semis = Round 3 awards, Finals = Round 4 awards

Upgrade 1 Level for National Level Major Championship

Upgrade 1 Level for 36+ board match

Hence currently use Regional status

For 8-15 team field:

Semi-final winners: $38 \times 3 = 114$

Final winners: $54 \times 3 = 162$

3rd place match: treat as consolation KO = $0.5 \times 54 \times 3 = 81$

No further award for overall ranking!

(With use of regional status for finals and downgrade 1 level for consolation, there should be no problem with consolation event getting more masterpoints. In any case, consolation only awards LPs)

Hence MP awards: 276, 114, 81, 0 NLP

MP awards for 16-31 team field: $162 + 228 = 390$, 162, 114, 0 NLP

Consolation

Treat as fresh basic NCBO event (**Downgrade** 1 level to club status for consolation event)

Award per match: Number of boards x 1.5 rounded upwards (up to 18 boards)

Overall ranking awards to top ¼ of field (use Scale QA), inflate by 50% as >72 boards played overall

Assume 96 boards played, then potentially 144 LPs for match awards available, and for 9-12 teams, 1st gets 81 LPs

6. Easter congress and Pesta Sukan open teams

Qualifying round robin

Each section to be treated separately for MP purposes

Upgrade 1 Level for National Level Major Championship

Hence, currently use County Status

Award per match = number of boards played x 3 (up to 18 boards); 54 per match for 18-35 boards

Overall ranking awards to top ¼ of field (use Scale QC), inflate by 50% if >72 boards played overall

Finals

a) <36 boards played in finals

Upgrade 1 Level for National Level Major Championship

Hence currently use County Scale (Scale QC)

MP to top ¼ of **original** field

e.g. Winner of 16 team event gets 144 NLP
Winner of 24 team event gets 216 NLP

b) 36+ boards played in finals

Upgrade 1 Level for National Level Major Championship

Hence currently use County Status

Award per match: Number of boards x 3 (up to 18 boards)

X 1.5 if > ¼ to ½ of field qualified for finals

X 2 if > 1/8 to ¼ of field qualified for finals

X 3 if > 1/16 to 1/8 of field qualified for finals

Overall ranking: Refer Scale QF

MP to top 1/8 of **original** field

e.g. Winner of 16 team event gets 160 NLP + LP for match awards
Winner of 24 team event gets 240 NLP + LP for match awards

Consolation

Treat as fresh NCBO event (Currently District status)

If 36+ boards played:

Award per match: Number of boards x 2.25 rounded upwards (up to 18 boards)

Overall ranking awards to top ¼ of field (use Scale QB)

If <36 boards played:

Refer to scale B

7. **Singapore IMP pairs C'ships**

A 2-session all-play-through pair event scored across the field using IMPs. For MP purposes, to be treated as a single field.

Designated as National Level Major championship event, hence increase status by 1 level (currently use county status scale (refer to Scale C)

Top half to receive MP awards (36+ boards played)

e.g. Winner of 10 table event gets 120 NLP
Winner of 24 table event gets 288 NLP

8. **Singapore Mixed pairs**

A 2-session all-play-through pair event scored across the field using match points. For MP purposes, to be treated as a single field.

Designated as National Level minor championship event (currently use district status scale (refer to Scale B)

Top half to receive MP awards (36+ boards played)

e.g. Winner of 10 table event gets 90 NLP
Winner of 24 table event gets 216 NLP

9. **Singapore Matchpoint Teams**

A 2-session all-play-through teams event. For MP purposes, to be treated as a single field.

Designated as National Level Major championship event, hence increase status by 1 level (currently use County status)

To award based on matches won plus final ranking (36+ boards played) (refer scale QC for overall ranking)

e.g. Winner of 10 team event gets 108 NLP + LP for match awards
Winner of 24 team event gets 216 NLP + LP for match awards

10. **PABF Trials**

Designated as National Level Major championship event, hence increase status by 1 level (currently use county status)

Minimum 3 teams or 6 pairs to award Masterpoints

To award based on matches won plus final ranking (36+ boards played) plus other upgrades

NLP for overall ranking, LP for match awards

11. **National Youth pairs**

Designated as National Level minor championship event (currently use district status scale (refer to Scale B)

Top half to receive MP awards (36+ boards played)

e.g. Winner of 10 table event gets 90 NLP
Winner of 24 table event gets 216 NLP

12. **National Youth teams**

Designated as National Level Minor championship event
(currently use district status)

Minimum 3 teams to award Masterpoints

To award based on matches won plus final ranking (36+ boards played) plus other upgrades

NLP for overall ranking, LP for match awards

13. Easter Congress, Pasta Sukan **mixed pairs and mixed teams:**

Normal NCBO event (District status)
Refer to scale B.
Award LP only

14. For handicap events, no Master points given.

15. PABF match 18-35 board per round

Open team each win 108 NLP (National scale),
Ladies each win 81 NLP (Regional Scale)
Youth each win 54 NLP (County Scale)

16. **HS Ho Team Challenge**

Consider as Club level, major Championship
No NLP awarded due to entry restrictions

District scale for prelim round

KO scales for finals (District status)

HS Ho team can be considered as another type of knock out event.

The same thing is that after each match, 1 team eliminated, and the total number of matches is also exactly the same, so we can use scale for Single elimination teams.

For a 5-8 team event (including the defending champ), all rounds are considered “prelim” until 4 teams remain. The next 2 rounds are considered “Round 1” matches for KO MP. The grand final is considered as R2

For a 9-16 team event (including the defending champ), all rounds are considered “prelim” until 8 teams remain. The next 4 rounds are considered “Round 1” matches for KO MP. Then the next 2 rounds are considered “Round 2” matches. The grand final is considered as R3

Board per match is 56, (36+) so increase status by 1 level → county level

Number of Teams	M1	M2	M 3	M 4	M 5	M 6	M 7	M8
7	54	54	54	54	54	76		
8	54	54	54	54	54	54	76	
9	54	54	54	54	54	76	76	108

17. Interclub league

31 teams 3 division, 9x24-28 board matches

District status (inter-club level)

Award per match won are

Div1: 68

Div2: 54

Div3: 41

Overall ranking points (must play 33% of boards): Scale QB (Top 25% which is 3 team if total 10-12 teams).

Div1: 204, 136, 68 (**Award NLP**)

Div2: 162, 108, 54

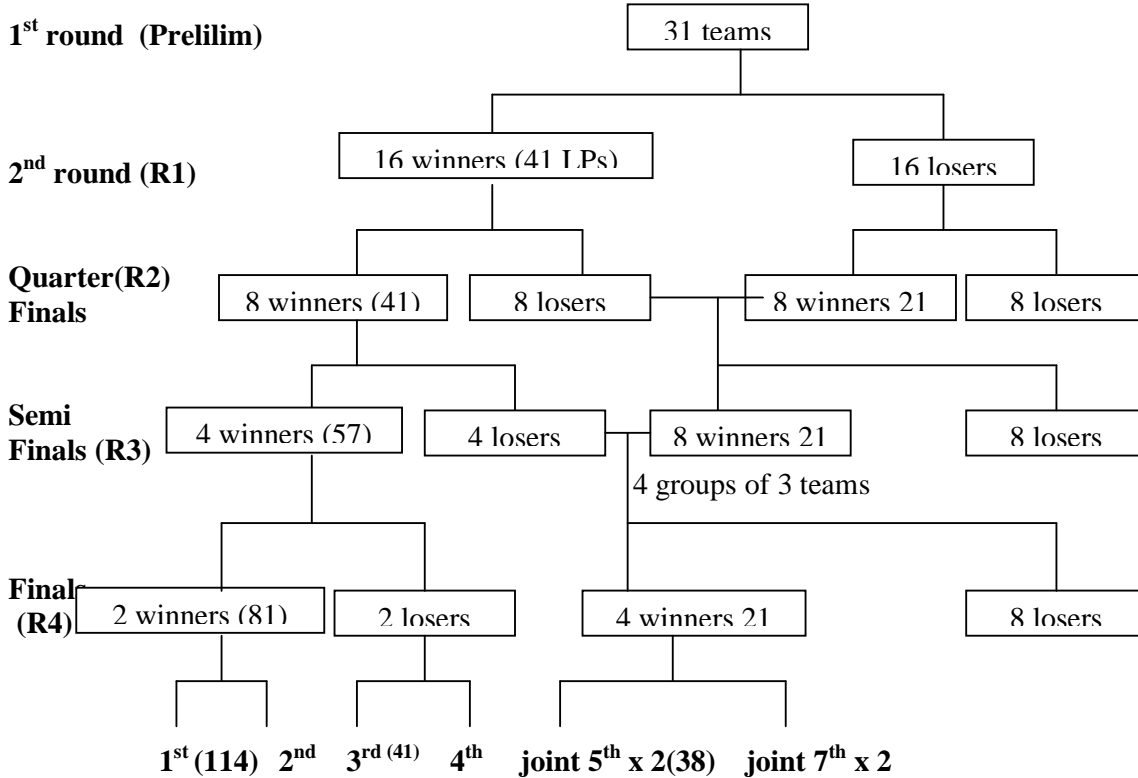
Div3: 123, 82, 41

For league cup:

Treat as Single KO and Consolation KO

31 teams, 5 rounds X 24 boards.

The draw for the 5 rounds are as follow:



So for main KO, awards are:

1st 41+41+57+81+114 = 334

2nd 41+41+57+81 = 220

3rd 41+41+57+57 = 196

4th 41+41+57 = 139

Losing Quarter finalists: 41+41 = 82

1st round winners (then lost): 41

So for loser's pool, awards are:

Win Losers Pool R1 match = 21

Win Losers Pool R2 match = 21

Win Losers Pool Triangle matches = 15 per triangle match

Win Losers Pool 5-8th play-offs match = 41

SCALE A BASIC CLUB SCALE

For use in Basic single-session events and in all play through events of 36+ boards duration

Note: for events of 12 to 17 boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 75 pts.
 for events of 18 to 35 boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 100 pts.
 for events of 36+ boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 300 pts. (180 pts. if a qualifying stage).
 for events of 72+ boards duration, the status of the event is increased by 1 level, eg Club → District.

12-17 BOARDS Awards to top ¼ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES	18-35 BOARDS Awards to top ⅓ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES	36+ BOARDS Awards to top ½ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES
	29-30	20
	28	19
	26-27	18
	25	17
	23-24	16
	22	15
27-28	20-21	14
25-26	19	13
23-24	17-18	12
21-22	16	11
19-20	14-15	10
17-18	13	9
15-16	11-12	8
13-14	10	7
11-12	8-9	6
9-10	7	5
7-8	5-6	4
5-6	4	3
3-4	3	2

Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs (Mitchell type)	Awards for 1-winner Pairs Howell Scrambled- Mitchell type
100	120
	114
90	108
	102
80	96
	90
70	84
	78
60	72
	66
50	60
	54
40	48
	42
30	36
	30
20	24
	18
10	12
	6

Individual events: for a single-winner individual event, see Scale F
 for a four-winner individual event (ie N S E & W) use the teams scale above –
 equal awards in all directions involved.

BASIC CLUB SCALE -continued

SCALE A

In an event of 12-35 boards duration, the theoretical maximum limit is reached by having 30 tables of teams/2-winner pairs or 25 tables of single winner pairs.

In an event of 36+ boards duration, the theoretical maximum limit is reached by having 60 tables of teams/2-winner pairs (36 tables if only a qualifying stage) or 50 tables of single winner pairs (30 tables if only a qualifying stage).

36+ BOARDS 21 to 40 full tables	Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs	Awards for 1-winner Pairs	36+ BOARDS 41 to 60 full tables	Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs	Awards for 1-winner Pairs
40	200	240	60	300	
39		234	59		
38	190	228	58	290	
37		222	57		
36	180	216	56	280	
35		210	55		
34	170	204	54	270	
33		198	53		
32	160	192	52	260	
31		186	51		
30	150	180	50	250	300
29		174	49		294
28	140	168	48	240	288
27		162	47		282
26	130	156	46	230	276
25		150	45		270
24	120	144	44	220	264
23		138	43		258
22	110	132	42	210	252
21		126	41		246

Minimum number of tables = 3 for a single-winner pairs or team event; 5 for a two-winner pairs event or four-winner individual.
 Minimum award = 6 pts.

SCALE B BASIC DISTRICT SCALE

For use in Basic single-session events and in all play through events of 36+ boards duration

Note: for events of 12 to 17 boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 113 pts.
 for events of 18 to 35 boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 150 pts.
 for events of 36+ boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 450 pts. (270 pts. if a qualifying stage).
 for events of 72+ boards duration, the status of the event is increased by 1 level, eg District → County

12-17 BOARDS Awards to top ¼ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES	18-35 BOARDS Awards to top ⅓ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES	36+ BOARDS Awards to top ½ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES
	29-30	20
	28	19
	26-27	18
	25	17
	23-24	16
	22	15
27-28	20-21	14
25-26	19	13
23-24	17-18	12
21-22	16	11
19-20	14-15	10
17-18	13	9
15-16	11-12	8
13-14	10	7
11-12	8-9	6
9-10	7	5
7-8	5-6	4
5-6	4	3
3-4	3	2

Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs (Mitchell type)	Awards for 1-winner Pairs Howell Scrambled- Mitchell type
150	180
	171
135	162
	153
120	144
	135
105	126
	117
90	108
	99
75	90
	81
60	72
	63
45	54
	45
30	36
	27
15	18
	9

Individual events: for a single-winner individual event, see Scale F
 for a four-winner individual event (ie N S E & W) use the teams scale above – equal awards in all directions involved.

BASIC DISTRICT SCALE -continued

SCALE B

In an event of 12-35 boards duration, the theoretical maximum limit is reached by having 30 tables of teams/2-winner pairs or 25 tables of single winner pairs.

In an event of 36+ boards duration, the theoretical maximum limit is reached by having 60 tables of teams/2-winner pairs (36 tables if only a qualifying stage) or 50 tables of single winner pairs (30 tables if only a qualifying stage).

36+ BOARDS 21 to 40 full tables	Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs	Awards for 1-winner Pairs	36+ BOARDS 41 to 60 full tables	Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs	Awards for 1-winner Pairs
40	300	360	60	450	
39		351	59		
38	285	342	58	435	
37		333	57		
36	270	324	56	420	
35		315	55		
34	255	306	54	405	
33		297	53		
32	240	288	52	390	
31		279	51		
30	225	270	50	375	450
29		261	49		441
28	210	252	48	360	432
27		243	47		423
26	195	234	46	245	414
25		225	45		405
24	180	216	44	330	396
23		207	43		387
22	165	198	42	315	378
21		189	41		369

Minimum number of tables = 3 for a single-winner pairs or team event; 5 for a two-winner pairs event or four-winner individual.
 Minimum award = 9 pts.

SCALE C BASIC COUNTY SCALE

For use in Basic single-session events and in all play through events of 36+ boards duration

Note: for events of 12 to 17 boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 150 pts.
 for events of 18 to 35 boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 200 pts.
 for events of 36+ boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 600 pts. (360 pts. if a qualifying stage).
 for events of 72+ boards duration, the status of the event is increased by 1 level, eg County → Regional.

12-17 BOARDS Awards to top ¼ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES	18-35 BOARDS Awards to top ⅓ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES	36+ BOARDS Awards to top ½ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES
	29-30	20
	28	19
	26-27	18
	25	17
	23-24	16
	22	15
27-28	20-21	14
25-26	19	13
23-24	17-18	12
21-22	16	11
19-20	14-15	10
17-18	13	9
15-16	11-12	8
13-14	10	7
11-12	8-9	6
9-10	7	5
7-8	5-6	4
5-6	4	3
3-4	3	2

Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs (Mitchell type)	Awards for 1-winner Pairs Howell Scrambled- Mitchell type
200	240
	228
180	216
	204
160	192
	180
140	168
	156
120	144
	132
100	120
	108
80	96
	84
60	72
	60
40	48
	36
20	24
	12

Individual events: for a single-winner individual event, see Scale F
 for a four-winner individual event (ie N S E & W) use the teams scale above – equal awards in all directions involved.

BASIC COUNTY SCALE -continued

SCALE C

In an event of 12-35 boards duration, the theoretical maximum limit is reached by having 30 tables of teams/2-winner pairs or 25 tables of single winner pairs.

In an event of 36+ boards duration, the theoretical maximum limit is reached by having 60 tables of teams/2-winner pairs (36 tables if only a qualifying stage) or 50 tables of single winner pairs (30 tables if only a qualifying stage).

36+ BOARDS 21 to 40 full tables	Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs	Awards for 1-winner Pairs	36+ BOARDS 41 to 60 full tables	Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs	Awards for 1-winner Pairs
40	400	480	60	600	
39		468	59		
38	380	456	58	580	
37		444	57		
36	360	432	56	560	
35		420	55		
34	340	408	54	540	
33		396	53		
32	320	384	52	520	
31		372	51		
30	300	360	50	500	600
29		348	49		588
28	280	336	48	480	576
27		324	47		564
26	260	312	46	460	552
25		300	45		540
24	240	288	44	440	528
23		276	43		516
22	220	264	42	420	504
21		252	41		492

Minimum number of tables = 3 for a single-winner pairs or team event; 5 for a two-winner pairs event or four-winner individual.

Minimum award = 12 pts.

SCALE D BASIC REGIONAL SCALE

For use in Basic single-session events and in all play through events of 36+ boards duration

Note: for events of 12 to 17 boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 225 pts.
 for events of 18 to 35 boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 300 pts.
 for events of 36+ boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 900 pts. (540 pts. if a qualifying stage).
 for events of 72+ boards duration, the status of the event is increased by 1 level, eg Regional → National.

12-17 BOARDS Awards to top ¼ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES	18-35 BOARDS Awards to top ⅓ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES	36+ BOARDS Awards to top ½ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES
	29-30	20
	28	19
	26-27	18
	25	17
	23-24	16
	22	15
27-28	20-21	14
25-26	19	13
23-24	17-18	12
21-22	16	11
19-20	14-15	10
17-18	13	9
15-16	11-12	8
13-14	10	7
11-12	8-9	6
9-10	7	5
7-8	5-6	4
5-6	4	3
3-4	3	2

Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs (Mitchell type)	Awards for 1-winner Pairs Howell Scrambled- Mitchell type
300	360
	342
270	324
	306
240	288
	270
210	252
	234
180	216
	198
150	180
	162
120	144
	126
90	108
	90
60	72
	54
30	36
	18

Individual events: for a single-winner individual event, see Scale F
 for a four-winner individual event (ie N S E & W) use the teams scale above – equal awards in all directions involved.

BASIC REGIONAL SCALE -continued**SCALE D**

In an event of 12-35 boards duration, the theoretical maximum limit is reached by having 30 tables of teams/2-winner pairs or 25 tables of single winner pairs.

In an event of 36+ boards duration, the theoretical maximum limit is reached by having 60 tables of teams/2-winner pairs (36 tables if only a qualifying stage) or 50 tables of single winner pairs (30 tables if only a qualifying stage).

36+ BOARDS 21 to 40 full tables	Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs	Awards for 1-winner Pairs	36+ BOARDS 41 to 60 full tables	Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs	Awards for 1-winner Pairs
40	600	720	60	900	
39		702	59		
38	570	684	58	870	
37		666	57		
36	540	648	56	840	
35		630	55		
34	510	612	54	810	
33		594	53		
32	480	576	52	780	
31		558	51		
30	450	540	50	750	900
29		522	49		882
28	420	504	48	720	864
27		486	47		846
26	390	468	46	690	828
25		450	45		810
24	360	432	44	660	792
23		414	43		774
22	330	396	42	630	756
21		378	41		738

Minimum number of tables = 3 for a single-winner pairs or team event; 5 for a two-winner pairs event or four-winner individual.

Minimum award = 18 pts.

SCALE E BASIC NATIONAL SCALE

For use in Basic single-session events and in all play through events of 36+ boards duration

Note: for events of 12 to 17 boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 300 pts.
 for events of 18 to 35 boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 400 pts.
 for events of 36+ boards duration, there is a theoretical maximum award of 1200 pts. (720 pts. if a qualifying stage).
 for events of 72+ boards duration, the status of the event is increased by 1 level, eg National (2 x Regional).

12-17 BOARDS Awards to top ¼ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES	18-35 BOARDS Awards to top ⅓ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES	36+ BOARDS Awards to top ½ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES
	29-30	20
	28	19
	26-27	18
	25	17
	23-24	16
	22	15
27-28	20-21	14
25-26	19	13
23-24	17-18	12
21-22	16	11
19-20	14-15	10
17-18	13	9
15-16	11-12	8
13-14	10	7
11-12	8-9	6
9-10	7	5
7-8	5-6	4
5-6	4	3
3-4	3	2

Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs (Mitchell type)	Awards for 1-winner Pairs Howell Scrambled- Mitchell type
400	480
	456
360	432
	408
320	384
	360
280	336
	312
240	288
	264
200	240
	216
160	192
	168
120	144
	120
80	96
	72
40	48
	24

Individual events: for a single-winner individual event, see Scale F
 for a four-winner individual event (ie N S E & W) use the teams scale above – equal awards in all directions involved.

BASIC NATIONAL SCALE -continued

SCALE E

In an event of 12-35 boards duration, the theoretical maximum limit is reached by having 30 tables of teams/2-winner pairs or 25 tables of single winner pairs.

In an event of 36+ boards duration, the theoretical maximum limit is reached by having 60 tables of teams/2-winner pairs (36 tables if only a qualifying stage) or 50 tables of single winner pairs (30 tables if only a qualifying stage).

36+ BOARDS 21 to 40 full tables	Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs	Awards for 1-winner Pairs	36+ BOARDS 41 to 60 full tables	Awards for Teams and 2-winner Pairs	Awards for 1-winner Pairs
40	800	960	60	1200	
39		936	59		
38	760	912	58	1160	
37		888	57		
36	720	864	56	1120	
35		840	55		
34	680	816	54	1080	
33		792	53		
32	640	768	52	1040	
31		744	51		
30	600	720	50	1000	1200
29		696	49		1176
28	560	672	48	960	1152
27		648	47		1128
26	520	624	46	920	1104
25		600	45		1080
24	480	576	44	880	1056
23		552	43		1032
22	440	528	42	840	1008
21		504	41		984

Minimum number of tables = 3 for a single-winner pairs or team event; 5 for a two-winner pairs event or four-winner individual.

Minimum award = 24 pts.

SCALE F BASIC SINGLE WINNER INDIVIDUAL EVENT

For use in Basic single-session events and in “all play through” events of 36+ boards duration

- Notes:**
- i) use the basic teams scale for 4-winner individual events (ie a N S E & W winner, where the competitors have occupied the same compass position throughout the event).
 - ii) the basic maximum and minimum awards apply. At Club status, the theoretical maximum award is 75 pts. (12-17 boards), 100 pts. (18-35 boards) or 300 pts. (36+ boards); the minimum award is 6 pts. These figures are multiplied by the usual factor for events of a higher status.
 - iii) the theoretical maximum limit is reached by having 25 tables (12-35 boards) or 50 tables (36+ boards).
 - iv) the scales below should be extended if required, subject to the above mentioned maximum limits.
 - v) for events of 72+ boards duration, the status of the event is increased by 1 level.

12-17 BOARDS Awards top ¼ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES	18-35 BOARDS Awards top ⅓ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES	36+ BOARDS Awards top ½ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES	A Club	B District	C County	D Regional	E National
	20		81	122	162	243	324
	19	13	78	117	156	234	312
25			75	113	150	225	300
24	18	12	72	108	144	216	288
23	17		69	104	138	207	276
22	16		66	99	132	198	264
21			63	95	126	189	252
20	15	10	60	90	120	180	240
19	14		57	86	114	171	228
18	13	9	54	81	108	162	216
17			51	77	102	153	204
16	12	8	48	72	96	144	192
15	11		45	68	90	135	180
14	10	7	42	63	84	126	168
13			39	59	78	117	156
12	9	6	36	54	72	108	144
11	8		33	50	66	99	132
10	7	5	30	45	60	90	120
9			27	41	54	81	108
8	6	4	24	36	48	72	96
7	5		21	32	42	63	84
6	4	3	18	27	36	54	72
5			15	23	30	45	60
4	3	2	12	18	24	36	48
3	2		9	14	18	27	36
2			6	9	12	18	24
			6*	9*	12*	18*	24*

*minimum permissible award.
Minimum number of tables = 2

SCALE QA CLUB QUALI-FINAL SCALE

**For use in a final or second/subsequent qualifying stage
and in an event attracting an award per match won**

Awards to $\frac{1}{4}$ of original entry

Theoretical maximum award = 300 (180 if not the final)

Original number of full tables	Teams Scale	Pairs Scale single winner	Individual Scale single winner	Original number of full tables	Teams Scale	Pairs Scale single winner	Individual Scale single winner
32	144	176	176	64	288		
31			171	63			
30		165	165	62			
29			160	61			
28	126	154	154	60	270		
27			149	59			
26		143	143	58			
25			138	57			
24	108	132	132	56	252		
23			127	55			
22		121	121	54		297	297
21			116	53			292
20	90	110	110	52	234	286	286
19			105	51			281
18		99	99	50		275	275
17			94	49			270
16	72	88	88	48	216	264	264
15			83	47			259
14		77	77	46		253	253
13			72	45			248
12	54	66	66	44	198	242	242
11			61	43			237
10		55	55	42		231	231
9			50	41			226
8	36	44	44	40	180	220	220
7			39	39			215
6		33	33	38		209	209
5			28	37			204
4	18	22	22	36	162	198	198
3			17	35			193
		11	11	34		187	187
				33			182

Notes:

- (1) For a 2-winners pairs or 4-winner individual, use the teams scale (equal awards in all directions).
- (2) For a basic final (or subsequent stage) of 36+ boards, increase the status by 1 level.
- (3) For a basic final (or subsequent stage) of 12 to 17 boards, decrease the status by 1 level (one lower than Club status is $\frac{1}{2}$ of District status).
- (4) For an event attracting an award per match won, add 50% if at least 72 boards are played.
- (5) The theoretical maximum award is reached by having 65 original tables of teams or 55 original tables of single winner pairs/individuals. If this is not the final, then by having 40 tables or 33 tables respectively.
- (6) Minimum award = 6 pts.

SCALE QB DISTRICT QUALI-FINAL SCALE

**For use in a final or second/subsequent qualifying stage
and in an event attracting an award per match won**

Awards to $\frac{1}{4}$ of original entry

Theoretical maximum award = 450 (270 if not the final)

Original number of full tables	Teams Scale	Pairs Scale single winner	Individual Scale single winner	Original number of full tables	Teams Scale	Pairs Scale single winner	Individual Scale single winner
32	216	264	264	64	432		
31			256	63			
30		248	248	62			
29			240	61			
28	189	231	231	60	405		
27			223	59			
26		215	215	58			
25			207	57			
24	162	198	198	56	378		
23			190	55			
22		182	182	54		446	446
21			174	53			438
20	135	165	165	52	351	429	429
19			157	51			421
18		149	149	50		413	413
17			141	49			405
16	108	132	132	48	324	396	396
15			124	47			388
14		116	116	46		380	380
13			108	45			372
12	81	99	99	44	297	363	363
11			91	43			355
10		83	83	42		347	347
9			75	41			339
8	54	66	66	40	270	330	330
7			58	39			322
6		50	50	38		314	314
5			42	37			306
4	27	33	33	36	243	297	297
3			25	35			289
		17	17	34		281	281
			9*	33			273

Notes:

- (1) For a 2-winners pairs or 4-winner individual, use the teams scale (equal awards in all directions).
- (2) For a basic final (or subsequent stage) of 36+ boards, increase the status by 1 level.
- (3) For a basic final (or subsequent stage) of 12 to 17 boards, decrease the status by 1 level
- (4) For an event attracting an award per match won, add 50% if at least 72 boards are played.
- (5) The theoretical maximum award is reached by having 65 original tables of teams or 55 original tables of single winner pairs/individuals. If this is not the final, then by having 40 tables or 33 tables respectively.
- (6) Minimum award = 9 pts.

SCALE QC COUNTY QUALI-FINAL SCALE

**For use in a final or second/subsequent qualifying stage
and in an event attracting an award per match won**

Awards to $\frac{1}{4}$ of original entry

Theoretical maximum award = 600 (360 if not the final)

Original number of full tables	Teams Scale	Pairs Scale single winner	Individual Scale single winner	Original number of full tables	Teams Scale	Pairs Scale single winner	Individual Scale single winner
32	288	352	352	64	576		
31			341	63			
30		330	330	62			
29			319	61			
28	252	308	308	60	540		
27			297	59			
26		286	286	58			
25			275	57			
24	216	264	264	56	504		
23			253	55			
22		242	242	54		594	594
21			231	53			583
20	180	220	220	52	468	572	572
19			209	51			561
18		198	198	50		550	550
17			187	49			539
16	144	176	176	48	432	528	528
15			165	47			517
14		154	154	46		506	506
13			143	45			495
12	108	132	132	44	396	484	484
11			121	43			473
10		110	110	42		462	462
9			99	41			451
8	72	88	88	40	360	440	440
7			77	39			429
6		66	66	38		418	418
5			55	37			407
4	36	44	44	36	324	396	396
3			33	35			385
		22	22	34		374	374
			12*	33			363

Notes:

- (1) For a 2-winners pairs or 4-winner individual, use the teams scale (equal awards in all directions).
- (2) For a basic final (or subsequent stage) of 36+ boards, increase the status by 1 level.
- (3) For a basic final (or subsequent stage) of 12 to 17 boards, decrease the status by 1 level
- (4) For an event attracting an award per match won, add 50% if at least 72 boards are played.
- (5) The theoretical maximum award is reached by having 65 original tables of teams or 55 original tables of single winner pairs/individuals. If this is not the final, then by having 40 tables or 33 tables respectively.
- (6) Minimum award = 12 pts.

SCALE QD REGIONAL QUALI-FINAL SCALE

**For use in a final or second/subsequent qualifying stage
and in an event attracting an award per match won**

Awards to $\frac{1}{4}$ of original entry

Theoretical maximum award = 900 (540 if not the final)

Original number of full tables	Teams Scale	Pairs Scale single winner	Individual Scale single winner	Original number of full tables	Teams Scale	Pairs Scale single winner	Individual Scale single winner
32	432	528	528	64	864		
31			512	63			
30		495	495	62			
29			479	61			
28	378	462	462	60	810		
27			446	59			
26		429	429	58			
25			413	57			
24	324	396	396	56	756		
23			380	55			
22		363	363	54		891	891
21			347	53			875
20	270	330	330	52	702	858	858
19			314	51			842
18		297	297	50		825	825
17			281	49			809
16	216	264	264	48	648	792	792
15			248	47			776
14		231	231	46		759	759
13			215	45			743
12	162	198	198	44	594	726	726
11			183	43			710
10		165	165	42		693	693
9			149	41			677
8	108	132	132	40	540	660	660
7			116	39			644
6		99	99	38		627	627
5			87	37			611
4	54	66	66	36	486	594	594
3			50	35			578
		33	33	34		561	561
			18*	33			545

Notes:

- (1) For a 2-winners pairs or 4-winner individual, use the teams scale (equal awards in all directions).
- (2) For a basic final (or subsequent stage) of 36+ boards, increase the status by 1 level.
- (3) For a basic final (or subsequent stage) of 12 to 17 boards, decrease the status by 1 level
- (4) For an event attracting an award per match won, add 50% if at least 72 boards are played.
- (5) The theoretical maximum award is reached by having 65 original tables of teams or 55 original tables of single winner pairs/individuals. If this is not the final, then by having 40 tables or 33 tables respectively.
- (6) Minimum award = 18 pts.

SCALE QE NATIONAL QUALI-FINAL SCALE

**For use in a final or second/subsequent qualifying stage
and in an event attracting an award per match won**

Awards to $\frac{1}{4}$ of original entry

Theoretical maximum award = 1200 (720 if not the final)

Original number of full tables	Teams Scale	Pairs Scale single winner	Individual Scale single winner	Original number of full tables	Teams Scale	Pairs Scale single winner	Individual Scale single winner
32	576	704	704	64	1152		
31			682	63			
30		660	660	62			
29			638	61			
28	504	616	616	60	1080		
27			594	59			
26		572	572	58			
25			550	57			
24	432	528	528	56	1008		
23			506	55			
22		484	484	54		1188	1188
21			462	53			1166
20	360	440	440	52	936	1144	1144
19			418	51			1122
18		396	396	50		1100	1100
17			374	49			1078
16	288	352	352	48	864	1056	1056
15			330	47			1034
14		308	308	46		1012	1012
13			286	45			990
12	216	264	264	44	792	968	968
11			242	43			946
10		220	220	42		924	924
9			198	41			902
8	144	176	176	40	720	880	880
7			154	39			858
6		132	132	38		836	836
5			110	37			814
4	72	88	88	36	648	792	792
3			66	35			770
		44	44	34		748	748
			24*	33			726

Notes:

- (1) For a 2-winners pairs or 4-winner individual, use the teams scale (equal awards in all directions).
- (2) For a basic final (or subsequent stage) of 36+ boards, increase the status by 1 level.
- (3) For a basic final (or subsequent stage) of 12 to 17 boards, decrease the status by 1 level
- (4) For an event attracting an award per match won, add 50% if at least 72 boards are played.
- (5) The theoretical maximum award is reached by having 65 original tables of teams or 55 original tables of single winner pairs/individuals. If this is not the final, then by having 40 tables or 33 tables respectively.
- (6) Minimum award = 24ps.

SCALE QF SPECIAL QUALI-FINAL SCALE

For use in finals of events attracting an award per match won

Awards to 1/8 of the original entry

Original number of full tables	CLUB SCALE (Theoretical maximum = 300)			DISTRICT SCALE (Theoretical maximum = 450)		
	Teams and 2-winner Pairs	1-winner Pairs	1-winner Individual	Teams and 2-winner Pairs	1-winner Pairs	1-winner Individual
55-56	280			420		
53-54						
51-52						
49-50			300			450
47-48	240	288	288	360	432	432
45-46			276			414
43-44		264	264		396	396
41-42			252			378
39-41	200	240	240	300	360	360
37-38			228			342
35-36		216	216		324	324
33-34			204			306
31-32	160	192	192	240	288	288
29-30			180			270
27-28		168	168		252	252
25-26			156			234
23-24	120	144	144	180	216	216
21-22			132			198
19-20		120	120		180	180
17-18			108			162
15-16	80	96	96	120	144	144
13-14			84			126
11-12		72	72		108	108
9-10			60			90
7-8	40	48	48	60	72	72
5-6			36			54
		24	24		36	36
			12			18

For County Scale, use Club x 2
 For Regional Scale, use District x 2
 For National Scale, use Club x 4

For a 4-winner Individual or a 2-winner Pairs, use the Teams Scale equal award in all directions.

Notes:

- (1) If the final is of 72+ boards total duration, add 50% to the above figures (including the theoretical maximum).
- (2) If this is merely a second qualifying stage (rather than the final proper), the theoretical maximum awards are 3/5 of those stated above, viz. 180 at basic Club status 270 at District status.
- (3) The theoretical maximum award is reached by having 60 tables of teams/2-winner pairs or 50 tables of single winner pairs/individuals. If this is not the final, then by having 36 tables or 30 tables respectively.

SCALE X BASIC 18-35 BOARD SCALE

(repeated for convenience)

For use in regular games or initial qualifying stages (18 to 35 boards) only

TEAMS & 2-WINNER PAIRS SCALE (Awards to top 1/3)

FULL TABLES	A Club	B District	C County	D Regional	E National
28-30	100	150	200	300	400
25-27	90	135	180	270	360
22-24	80	120	160	240	320
19-21	70	105	140	210	280
16-18	60	90	120	180	240
13-15	50	75	100	150	200
10-12	40	60	80	120	160
7-9	30	45	60	90	120
4-6	20	30	40	60	80
3	10	15	20	30	40

For 2-winner Pairs,
equal awards in both
the NS & EW directions.

For a 2-winner Pairs,
minimum number
of tables = 5

1-WINNER PAIRS SCALE (Awards to top 1/3)

FULL TABLES	A Club	B District	C County	D Regional	E National
23-24	96	144	192	288	384
22	90	135	180	270	360
20-21	84	126	168	252	336
19	78	117	156	234	312
17-18	72	108	144	216	288
16	66	99	132	198	264
14-15	60	90	120	180	240
13	54	81	108	162	216
11-12	48	72	96	144	192
10	42	63	84	126	168
8-9	36	54	72	108	144
7	30	45	60	90	120
5-6	24	36	48	72	96
4	18	27	36	54	72
3	12	18	24	36	48
	6	9	12	18	24

Example: 11-table Mitchell (Club status) attracts awards of 40, 30, 20 & 10 in both directions.
11-table arrow-switched Mitchell attracts awards of 48, 42, 36, 30, 24, 18, 12 & 6.

The theoretical maximum limit is reached by having 30 tables of teams/2-winner pairs, or 25 tables of single winner pairs.