

Gore Contract Bridge Club (Inc)

Competition Rules and Policy Document 2016

- The Match Committee will have the final decision making power in any dispute.
- If a session(s) is/are cancelled this will reduce the number of sessions required to qualify as determined by the committee and members will be notified as soon as is practicable.
- Open prize winners may not be placed in the handicap section of any single competition.
- No substitutes are allowed for any Monday night competition nor for Friday competitions excepting the Peggy Cockerill series.
- Results as produced by the current scoring programme shall be used in all calculations (not as published in any other source e.g. the website) unless agreed by the committee.
- There will be a prize committee comprised of the president, scorer and at least 1 other person nominated by the committee annually.

Monday Night Competitions

Championship Pairs

- Are played over 12 sessions (three blocks of four weeks).
- A pair must play 9 sessions to qualify.
- A pair will be ranked according to the NZBA ranking published before the first four week block commences and a pair will be ranked according to the highest ranking member of the pair.
- Average scores for all qualifying partnerships will be calculated over all results of that partnership in championship pairs open play and handicap results separately.
- The Committee reserve the right to run the final 8 sessions in two sections.
- Prizes competed for are:
 - 1. *Open Championship Pair First & Second***
Awarded to the qualifying pairs with the highest and second highest average in the open competition.
 - 2. *Handicap Pairs First & Second Place*** as above but based on the handicap results of the competition.
 - 3. *The Ross Beccard Trophy First & Second Place***
Awarded to the top junior qualifying pair (as per the NZBA rankings at the commencement of the championship pairs) with the highest average score and the second highest average score in the open competition.

4. The Doug Horne Memorial Trophy First & Second Place

Awarded to the top intermediate qualifying pairs (as per the NZBA rankings at the commencement of the championship pairs) with the highest average score and the second highest average score in the open competition.

- Should an intermediate pair win the Championship Pairs Open division they will be awarded the Open Championship Pair and the second placed Intermediate pair will be awarded the Doug Horne Memorial Trophy and the third placed pair promoted to second.

McNab Pairs

- A pair must have a **total handicap of zero** or more as per the handicaps published by the committee at the beginning of the playing calendar to be eligible for the competition prize.
- A pair must play 3 sessions to qualify.
- Average scores for all qualifying partnerships will be calculated over all results of that partnership in McNab pairs open play and handicap play separately.
- Prizes competed for are:
 - 1. McNab Pairs Open**
Awarded to the qualifying pairs with the highest average in the open competition.
 - 2. McNab Pairs Handicap**
Awarded to the qualifying pairs with the highest average in the handicap results for the competition.

Other Four Night Monday Competitions

Croydon, Longford, McNab, Tukurau, Waikaka, Pukerau, Mataura and Riversdale

- Each competition has four sessions with three being played by the same partnership to qualify.
- A partnership qualifies for the first competition that they play three sessions in and any partnership that qualifies is ineligible to win any subsequent four night competition that they enter together. Note that if a partnership play Tukurau pairs and another four night series they will qualify for whichever they play three nights of first and be disqualified from the other competition
- Average scores for all qualifying partnerships will be calculated over all results of that partnership in open play and handicap play separately.
- Prizes competed for are:
 - 1. First Prize in each competition in Open results.**
Awarded to the qualifying pair with the highest average in the open competition.
 - 2. First prize in each competition in Handicap results**
Awarded to the qualifying pair with the highest average in the handicap results for the competition.

3. The Lyall Barron Trophy

Awarded for the best average **handicap** score from **all 8** of the four night competitions with a **different** partner for each competition. A Minimum of twenty contributing scores are required with qualifying partners (i.e. only scores from a series that you have qualified for count).

4. Life Member's Trophy

Awarded for the best average **open** score from **all 8** of the four night competitions with a different partner for each competition. A Minimum of twenty contributing scores are required with qualifying partners (i.e. only scores from a series that you have qualified for count).

- You cannot win both the Lyall Barron Trophy and the Life Members' Trophy

Friday Afternoon Competitions

- Average scores for all qualifying partnerships will be calculated over all results of that partnership in open play and handicap play separately.

Otama Pairs , Hokonui Pairs and Mandeville Pairs

- Are played over 7 sessions.
- A partnership must play at least 5 sessions to qualify
- Prizes competed for are:
 - 1. First Prize in Open results**
Awarded to the qualifying pair with the highest average in the open competition.
 - 2. First prize in Handicap results**
Awarded to the qualifying pair with the highest average in the handicap results for the competition.

Peggy Cockerill Trophy Pairs

- Are played over 20 Sessions.
- To qualify a player must play at least 15 sessions with at least four different partners.
- Prizes competed for are:
 1. First to fourth place in the open competition based on average score of all sessions played by qualifying players. (First place being awarded the trophy)
 2. First to fourth place in the handicap competition based on the average score of all sessions

Other Competitions

Teams Competition

- Will be run subject to interest and under a format decided by the committee
- Only 1 substitution per team will be allowed.
- The first team combination that plays shall be the named team on the honours board.