

CONGRESSES AND OTHER EVENTS **JANUARY 2021**

Name of Event	Code	Club	Points	Mth/Yr
NSW Open Teams Country Division	2CT	2-001	Red	Jun/20
GNOT City Final	6GC	6-751	Gold	Jan/21
ABF Online Nationwide Pairs (9 events)	940	9-927	Red	Jan/21
Devonport Sunday Pairs	DVU	7-809	Red	Jan/21
Finesse New Year Holiday	FEN	2-067	Red	Jan/21
Festival Congress Pairs	IIQ	5-701	Red	Jan/21
Festival Congress Teams	IIS	5-701	Red	Jan/21
Festival Congress Board A Match	IIV	5-701	Red	Jan/21
Gardenvale Festival	KVC	3-320	Red	Dec/20
Launceston Summer Pairs	LBD	7-824	Red	Jan/21
Masterbridge January Swiss Pairs	M0J	2-139	Red	Jan/21
Mandurah Congress	M1C	6-778	Red	Jan/21
North Shore Australia Day Swiss Pairs	NDA	2-120	Red	Jan/21
Nedlands Birthday Congress	NEB	6-785	Red	Jan/21
GNOT QCBC Heat	RQH	4-555	Gold	Jan/21
Townsville Australia Day Congress	TNA	4-690	Red	Jan/21
Trumps Festival	TSF	2-259	Red	Jan/21
BFACT Interclub Teams	UUI	1-801	Red	Jan/21
NSWBA Summer Swiss Pairs	YYA	2-001	Red	Jan/21
NSWBA Matchpoint Swiss Pairs	YYB	2-001	Red	Jan/21
NSWBA New Year Teams	YYY	2-001	Red	Jan/21

TOTAL: 21 Club Membership Total=34,639 (corresponding total last year: 36,783)
 By State: ACT=921; NSW=13224; VIC=5307; QLD=7498; SA=2346; WA=4252; TAS=938; NT=153



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ANNUAL CANCELLATIONS

Your Home Membership Cancellations forms were emailed to you in mid-January. If you have lost the form, you can download another copy from the website, using the option **Show Club Documents**, or simply do your cancellations directly online.

members for cancellation. These players are simply marked for cancellation. They will remain as active home club members of your club until the annual cancellations are actioned in the March 31st update, when these home club members will then be cancelled, which will make them inactive players.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM

If you want, you can print the report and use it to aid you in managing your annual cancellations, but do not return it to the Centre.

If between now and then, any of these flagged players renew their membership with you, then simply logon to the website again, and then un-flag these players, which means they will then not be cancelled in the March update.

2021 FEES & CHARGES

Once you have completed the form, simply logon to the website and enter your cancellations directly. The only reason you should mail the form back to the Centre, is if you are one of the two clubs across Australia that do not have internet access.

As mentioned last month, there will be no change to the masterpoint fees, whilst the annual capitation fees will have a once of reduction this year to \$10, effective as at April 1st 2021.

The new fees and charges, including GST, will be:

Note: Any paper forms mailed back will only be actioned if from one of the two clubs with no internet access. Forms from other clubs will not be actioned.

Masterpoint levies:	New	Current
Grades C, D, E, F	\$1.87	\$1.87
Grades B4c, B4s, B5i	\$1.50	\$1.50
Grades B3, B4, B5	\$1.98	\$1.98
Grades A, A2, B	\$1.28	\$1.28

The Player Cancellations link was enabled at the start of January, and will remain active until the March 31st update is run.

Capitation fees per home club member:		
April—September	\$10.00	\$16.10*
October—December	\$5.00	\$8.05*
January—March	Nil	Nil

At the end of January, we have had clubs already flag 621 (522 last year)

*Clubs registering NEW players during these periods will receive a \$1 commission per player, in the form of a reduced fee.

ONLINE EVENTS

Your State/Territory Associations would all have received notification about the following:

The ABF Management Committee received separate requests from the NSW-BA & the Masterpoint Unit regarding the possibility of allocating Gold Points for online events such as the GNOT heats and other events which have traditionally been awarded Gold Points when held F2F.

The ABF Management Committee has agreed that the allocation of gold points for these events will be permitted in 2021 under the following conditions:

- a) *the online platform used must have both video and audio capability*
- b) *only players who were eligible to play in the face-to-face events will be permitted to enter*
- c) *an online recorder must be appointed by the event organiser*

*This policy change will be reviewed at the end of 2021.
[ABF Secretary]*

This change also applies to any State events or Super Congresses. The State events are normally held as either B grade (W=5.0) for Open events or B3 (W=3.75) for Women's, Seniors, Youth etc. Whilst Super Congresses are run at B3 (W=3.75).

All these events can only be granted the full masterpoint weighting, be they red or gold, if they are held on an online platform that has both audio and visual capabilities.

Of course you can hold these events on an online platform without audio visual capabilities, but then any GNOT events can only receive RED masterpoints at grade B4 with W=2.5 instead of GOLD points at grade A2 with W=5.0 if held F2F or online using an audio visual platform.

Similarly for any State or Super Congress events. If you run them either F2F or online using audio visual capabilities you can award the full masterpoints at either grade B (W=5.0) or B3 (W=3.75). If you run them online without audio visual capabilities, then you can only award those events at grade B4 with W=2.5

If you have any questions about this matter best to contact your State/Territory Association or the ABF Management Committee.

My ABF

The ABF Technology Unit has launched their latest ABF website: My ABF (www.myabf.com.au).

The My ABF website will support bridge across Australia for the ABF, your State/Territory Associations, your local club and of course all your members.

My ABF will be increasingly rolled out across the country and allows any club to list a congress and accept online entries and payments. It also gives players a personalised login for your bridge activities from where you can:

- Manage your personal details
- View your masterpoints

- View, enter, and pay for bridge events
- See announcements from the ABF, your State and your Club.
- Participate in bridge discussion forums
- Run a "Bridge Credits" account with the ABF which you can put money into to pay for your bridge entries

To enter a My ABF congress you need to sign up to My ABF which takes about 30 seconds!

As this is the way of the future, I strongly urge you encourage your members to create an account on My ABF as soon as possible.

The site is very easy to navigate around, and towards the bottom left hand side is the Support tab. Under this tab is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) section with plenty of explanations and a whole lot of useful information.

The whole site is not yet fully functional, so if your members jump on and explore they may have some suggestions for improvements or enhancements. If so, simply contact the Technology Unit with your members ideas and suggestions.

Have fun exploring this great new service.