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Section 4.1.1 Placing Awards

A change was implemented to the Masterpoint Manual in February this year that was intended to address an issue with the masterpoint awards for some sessions. The change resulted in some states believing that **all** related sessions needed to calculate the median grade of the players participating in the event. This was not the intention of the change as it has caused some clubs a significant overhead.

A further review has been conducted and as a result the following change to clause 4.1.1 Placing awards, is planned. The clause currently includes:

Where an event is for green masterpoints, club red, or congress red (Grades F to B4), not a Masters event (see 4.4.9 below), and the median is Bronze National or greater, then player masterpoint awards shall be increased as follows:

Grade	*Bronze National*	*Life*	*Grand*
Green points	*1.25*	*1.50*	*1.50*
Red (club or congress)	*1.125*	*1.25*	*1.50*

This will be changed to read:

Where an event is for green masterpoints, club red, or congress red (Grades F to B4), not a Masters event (see 4.4.9 below), and the median is Bronze National or greater, then player masterpoint awards may be increased as per the below. A Club Masterpoint secretary has the option to submit awards without the factoring. If they wish to apply the Grading Factor they will need to provide their State Masterpoint Secretary with evidence of median player level.

Grade	*Bronze National*	*Life*	*Grand*
Green points	*1.25*	*1.50*	*1.50*
Red (club or congress)	*1.125*	*1.25*	*1.50*

The intention is that clubs **MAY** take advantage of the increase to the awards **BUT** if that is too difficult for them to calculate then they **MAY** award masterpoints without the factoring increase.

Club Membership Total=31,965 (corresponding total last year: 31,853)

By State: ACT=1,049; NSW=11,545; VIC=5,382; QLD=6,527; SA=2,688; WA=3,830; TAS=821; NT=123