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PREFACE

The Welsh Bridge Union (the "WBU") first issued Master Points at the Llandudno Congress in April 1957. These points were 'EBU' points, only issued at WBU Congresses and WBU National Events.

Wales introduced their own Master Point scheme in 1961, with Mrs Kirk as the Master Points Secretary. The scheme was soon extended to clubs and other organisations within Wales. Until 2011 the WBU operated a paper-slip system, with data held on a separate WBU computer database. Eventually the paper-slips were discontinued, with most data now being directly transferred electronically to the WBU database.

The scheme was originally accompanied by a simple handbook of rules, which over the years has become increasingly more complex, with the introduction of new types of events, an increasing number of events, and the necessity for the acceptable interchange of points with other Unions (reciprocity). This latest publication (the sixth), addresses some of the unnecessary complexities of the previous editions, and yet still maintains reciprocity with other Unions. This edition, administered by Steve Webb, the WBU Master Points Secretary, is effective from 1st August 2019. However, any tournaments already under way at that time continue to attract awards as per the previous edition of the handbook, until the events are completed.

In order to adhere to reciprocity agreements, in particular that with the EBU, the various rules and scales are comparable, and in many cases identical, to those of the EBU.

This document serves as the official definition of the rules of the scheme, together with general information that will be useful for players and officials alike. It is no longer published in paper form, but will be regularly updated and available for reference on the WBU website – www.welshbridgeunion.org

All events detailed here are undertaken within the jurisdiction of the WBU, thus providing protection within play for all those taking part. For any clarification of any aspects of the Master Points or Licensing scheme, please contact the WBU Master Points Secretary.

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INTRODUCTION

This key policy document of the Welsh Bridge Union is organised into five chapters. The overall concept is to simplify previous editions, whilst retaining all the necessary detail to provide Clubs, Areas, and the National body with a structured, and consistent approach to awarding Master Points. In the main, Welsh bridge events are running at reduced attendances since the previous edition was written, but the WBU still needs to provide a fair incentive to all players to improve their standings – this is what the scheme is about.

The document also now recognises that ‘Online Bridge’ plays an important role in bridge throughout Wales.

Since some of our players regularly compete in other Union’s events, we have a duty to take heed of their Master Points schemes. As in previous editions, the WBU recognises this in its approach to ‘reciprocity’, in particular with the EBU. Much of the detail in the awards is the same as that in the EBU, but some of it has been tailored to our smaller scale of operation, from both administrative and participation viewpoints.

This edition replaces the previous handbook (5th Edition 2003), and incorporates and supersedes the rules defined in the separate publication – ‘Congress Master Point Scales – 1998 (Revised 2010)’. Also the Master Points details in the WBU Competition Journal are now incorporated into this publication.

Chapter 1

This details the control of this document, of particular relevance to the scheme administrator.

Chapter 2

This gives an administrative overview of the scheme. It details the scope of the scheme, and how Master Points records are handled. It gives a generalisation of the type of points that the WBU issue and recognise, and the personal rankings attainable. It defines the responsibilities for the submission of points, which has now shifted from the player to the Director or Administrator, resulting in a more efficient procedure.

Chapter 3

This gives an overview of how Master Points relate to various organisations within Wales, and the statuses of awards in relation to these organisations. This includes reference to points awarded for ‘online’ bridge events.

Chapter 4

This is the central feature of the document, detailing how Local Points and Green Points should be awarded for different types of competition (‘real’ and ‘online’). In order to reduce complexity, it focuses on the current types of events within the WBU, and gives a common approach to awarding points for each type of competition. It introduces a new categorisation of Green Points, and the types of event to which they are applicable.

It also recognises the trend towards running National events on a multi-venue ‘simultaneous pairs’ basis, and the associated Green Points to be awarded.

Chapter 5

This details the organisations within Wales, and the relevant entitlement and restrictions on awarding Master Points. It also details the licensing requirements of these organisations.

Appendix 1

This identifies the events at Area and National level for which Master Points are awarded. As new events become licensed this will be updated.

Appendix 2

This details the common Local Point award scales for pairs, teams, and individual events. It also gives a tabular interpretation of the various formulae used in calculating Ranking points for Green Point events.

1. DOCUMENT CONTROL

- 1.1 This is the sixth Edition of the Master Points Handbook, and will be referred to as Edition 6.0

Minor updates (excluding typographical errors) will retain the same edition number, but with an incremented version suffix (e.g. 6.1, 6.2 etc.).

- 1.2 This edition will be posted on the WBU website, www.welshbridgeunion.org, (.pdf format), and will be replaced with new versions as they arise.

When a new version of the current edition is posted, or a new edition is released, there will be an accompanying document summarising the nature of any substantive changes ('Master Points Change Document'). In order to provide a historical audit trail, 'Master Points Change Documents' will be retained for as long as the current edition prevails, but will be deleted when a new edition is released. Any substantive changes to new versions should also be circulated (email) to Club, Area, and National representatives, outlining the changes of relevance to their organisation.

The immediate previous edition of the document will also be retained for historical reference.

- 1.3 Following appropriate approval, revised versions of this edition will be the responsibility of the Master Points Secretary.

2. MASTER POINTS SCHEME

2.1 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1.1 To stimulate interest in Duplicate Bridge in Wales.
- 2.1.2 To provide a means of measuring a player's performance and achievements.
- 2.1.3 To assist in the financing of the Welsh Bridge Union's affairs, and in the running of both Home and International tournaments.
- 2.1.4. To ensure that Master Points awarded are acceptable to other relevant Home Unions.

2.2 ADMINISTRATION

- 2.2.1 The day-to-day administration of the Master Points scheme is under the control of the Welsh Bridge Union's Master Points Secretary, to whom all communications relating to the scheme should be addressed.
- 2.2.2 The National Tournament Organiser, or the appropriate Area Tournament Organiser, is responsible for ensuring the Director/Scorer at any event being run under their auspices fully understands the Master Points requirements pertaining to the event.
- 2.2.3 The WBU Master Points Secretary acts under the direction of the WBU Council which exercises powers delegated to it by the WBU.
- 2.2.4 Substantive amendments to the scheme are subject to ratification by the WBU Council; minor amendments should still be referred to the Management Committee.

2.3 AREA OF OPERATION

- 2.3.1 The scheme operates in Wales. Similar schemes are operated by the Bridge Unions of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Ireland. A member of such body may keep a Master Points record in only one of these countries at any one time, but the Master Points Secretary will transfer award details between these relevant organisations if requested.
- 2.3.2 The scheme has been designed to recognise the need for reciprocity between the WBU and the other Home Unions specified above.
- 2.3.3 Master Points earned under any scheme other than the above are not generally recognised by the WBU.

2.4 PERSONAL RECORDS

- 2.4.1 Master Points listings are published periodically. Members may access their personal records via the WBU website www.welshbridgeunion.org or directly at <http://mpmlive.welshbridgeunion.info>

2.5 REGISTRATION

- 2.5.1 A new WBU Member registers into the scheme by submitting their title, name, full address, telephone number, and email address, to the Secretary of their home club, who will then request a new Member Number from the WBU Master Points Secretary (these details are protected by the WBU's GDPR policy).

The member will then be allocated a unique next-in-sequence 6-digit number (commencing with 90, 91, or 92). This number should be quoted on any communication relating to Master Points, and will also be required when competing at Club, Area, or National level, in order that Master Points can be issued.

Subsequent changes of names and/or addresses should be notified to the home club secretary who can then advise the WBU Master Points Secretary.

Members can also update their own personal details directly through the WBU website.

- 2.5.2 A lapsed member who subsequently re-joins the WBU may apply to the Master Points Secretary for previously earned points to be re-instated.

2.6 SUBMISSION OF POINTS

- 2.6.1 Master Points must be issued to all players entitled to them. This includes guests or members, even if they profess lack of interest in the scheme.
- 2.6.2 Clubs should ensure that they designate a person to be responsible for submitting points awarded at Club events; at Area or National level the submission of points is the responsibility of the event Director, and if he/she is unable to do so, he/she must advise the Area or National Tournament Organiser.
- 2.6.3 Clubs and Areas, are responsible for awarding points for competitions which are qualifying events organised by a higher organising body.
- 2.6.4 Full credit is given for Local (black) and National (green) points won in competitions organised by the Home Unions (EBU, WBU, NIBU, and the CBAI). Master Points are not awarded by the WBU for the Home International Series (Camrose/Lady Milne/Teltscher/Junior Camrose), but points issued by BGB for these events are fully recognised.
- 2.6.5 Most computer scoring software allows the direct electronic submission of Master Points for registered members. All participating members must be registered with the WBU (or other recognised body), in order that the submission is successful. Visitors, if not members of the WBU or one of the other Home Nations' NBOs, can be accommodated by the allocation of a temporary registration number (in a range specified by the Master Points Secretary, generally starting with 90, 91, or 92) issued by the organising body, but must be unique within that body. Alternatively if a visitor has a number from one of the other Home Unions this may be used, but should this number be rejected due to the person not having previously played in the WBU, the organising body should contact the Master Points Secretary who will issue a temporary Guest Number to allow successful submission, and onward forwarding of Master

Points awards to that player's Home NBO.

- 2.6.6 Clubs and Areas are automatically charged at the rate in force at the time, upon electronic submission of the awards for an event. For licenced National events, the Master Points charge may be based on the entry and is payable as part of the licence fee.
- 2.6.7 It is recognised that the initial results for an event may be uploaded to the relevant web-page without display of the associated Master Points awards. When these have been calculated, the event must be re-uploaded showing these awards. These awards must then be submitted to the WBU as soon as practically possible.
- 2.6.8 Any suspended member will not be eligible to earn Master Points during the period of their suspension.

2.7 TYPES OF POINTS

(For how these relate to specific events see (4))

- 2.7.1 **Local Points:** these are awarded in Club, Area, and National, competitions. 100 Local Points are equal to 1 **Black Point**, and 1 **Master Point** in the cumulative Total Points Holding for Rank calculation purposes.
- 2.7.2 **Green Points:** these are won in events of national standing and are necessary for the acquisition of certain senior ranks (see 2.8.3 below). 1 Green Point has a value of 1 Master Point in the cumulative Total Points Holding for Rank calculation purposes.
- 2.7.3 **Gold Points:** these are currently maintained by the WBU, and by other Unions. They are usually awarded for performance in a single event which merits an award of 5 Green Points or more. They are in addition to the Green Point award. Five Green Points are equal to one Gold Point. They devalue at the rate of 20% of their original value per annum (so, after 5 years, any Gold Point award has devalued down to zero).

Gold Points are irrelevant for the purpose of determining a player's Master Points rank; they exist alongside the main Master Points Scheme as an indicator of current form.
- 2.7.4 **Blue Points:** these are not currently awarded in Wales, but are issued by other Unions. Master Points ranks will allow up to 50 Green Points to be replaced by Blue Points in the ratio of 3 Blues = 1 Green.
- 2.7.5 For reference purposes, all awards in this handbook are quoted as Local Points, unless explicitly referred to as Master Points (Black) or Green Points.

2.8 MASTER POINTS RANKS

- 2.8.1 Where points are shown in the ranking table, this is the minimum number of Master Points that is required to attain the relevant rank.
- 2.8.2 A player's cumulative personal holding in the published lists will detail 'Blacks', 'Greens', and 'Blues' separately. The WBU published ranking lists will assume the conversion of Blue points to Green points (3 Blues = 1 Green), and the Rank listed will include all types of points in the Rank calculation. The Rank calculated in a player's online record in the Master Points database excludes Blue Points. Blue points in a player's personal record may be converted to Green Points, upon request to the Master Points Secretary only if required to reach a specific Rank, whereby the Master Points database Rank will then match the published Ranking list. This request can only be actioned once.
- 2.8.3 The ranks of Regional Master and above require a specified number of Green Points within the overall total.

The ranks and requirements are listed below in increasing order of seniority.

| RANK | MASTER POINTS |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Local | 1 |
| Club Master | 2 |
| Areal Master | 5 |
| District Master | 10 |
| County Master | 25 |
| Master | 50 |
| Advanced Master | 75 |
| *Master | 100 |
| **Master | 150 |
| ***Master | 200 |
| ****Master | 250 |
| *****Master | 300 |
| Tournament Master | 400 |
| Premier Master | 50 including 10 Green Points |
| Regional Master | 100 including 25 Green points |
| Premier Regional Master | 200 including 50 Green points |
| National Master | 300 including 75 Green points |
| Premier National Master | 400 including 100 Green points |
| Life Master | 600 including 150 Green points |
| Senior Life Master | 900 including 300 Green points |
| Grand Master | 1200 including 600 Green points |
| Premier Grand Master | 1500 Green points |

3. GENERAL PRINCIPLES RELATING TO AWARDS

3.1 STATUS OF EVENTS

3.1.1 The status of an event is related to the organisation sponsoring the event, the importance of the event, and also whether the event is being held in a 'real' or 'online' environment. The higher the status of the organising body (see 5), the higher the scale of awards to which it is entitled, as follows:

3.1.2 Taking *Club* status as being the norm, then:

'Real Environment'

Club = 1

Area = 2 x *Club*

National = 4 x *Club*

'Online' Environment

Club = 1

Area = 1 x *Club*

National = 1.5 x *Club*

In addition, in some situations, an 'Enhanced Status' may be awarded (only for 'real' events). This is obtained by multiplying the awards by 1.5, and is referred to as '*Club**' or '*Area**'.

(These Enhanced statuses replace the previous District (now '*Club**') and Regional (now '*Area**') statuses).

3.2 TABLE and BOARD REQUIREMENTS

3.2.1 Points can only be issued for events having:

- (a) 3 complete tables in a single-winner pairs event (i.e. Howell type)
- (b) 5 complete tables in a two-winner pairs event (i.e. Mitchell type)
- (c) 3 complete teams in a teams event
- (d) 2 complete tables in a single-winner individual event
- (e) 5 complete tables in a four-winner individual event (i.e. separate N, S, E, & W winners).

3.2.2 Master Points cannot be awarded for an event unless all competitors play at least 12 boards.

3.2.3 Master Points cannot be awarded for a pairs event unless all the competitors are scheduled to play at least 70% of the boards used in the movement. For example, when the intention is to play 21 boards in a session, no more than 30 boards should be in play. It is acceptable for those 21 boards to include a number scheduled to be sat-out by some pairs.

3.3 GENERAL ENTITLEMENT TO AWARDS

3.3.1 The rules of the Scheme are designed such that in a basic game, the proportion of competitors entitled to an award is approximately one-third. For events at which Green Points are awarded, this entitlement varies as to the type of event (see 4.2).

3.3.2 Points cannot be awarded twice for the same event by the same organising body. However if the event is a heat or a qualifier for a higher organising body, or is a heat of a national Simultaneous event, points may be issued as well as any issued by the higher body.

3.4 TIED POSITIONS

Tied positions are never broken in determining the number of Master Points. The points are shared equally amongst the tied positions, subject to a minimum award of 6 points for Local Points (on the basic scale), or the defined minimum for Green Points for the specific type of event.

3.5 MINIMUM and FRACTIONAL AWARDS

The minimum number of Local Points that can be awarded is 6 (10 for a two-winner pairs). For Green Points, the minimum Ranking points award is defined by the event type and category (see 4.2).

Where the number of award winning places results in a fraction, this is rounded up to the next place.

For Local Point awards, any fractional awards are always rounded to the next higher integer at the final stage of the calculation.

For Green Points, any awards are always rounded up to 0.01 at the final stage of calculation.

3.6 HANDICAP EVENTS

No Master Points can be issued for these events.

3.7 DERIVED SCORES (TEAMS EVENTS)

In teams events, no Master Points are awarded for any ranking of a derived pairs scores (x-imp, Butler).

3.8 CONCESSIONS

3.8.1 No award may be given for a match not played, except if the opponents have withdrawn or conceded at a time when in arrears.

3.8.2 For the purpose of establishing whether or not a player has played sufficient boards to merit an award, such player may be deemed to have played all the boards which have not been played as the result of a concession. This 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 on the boards so cancelled.

3.9 CONGRESSES

3.9.1 A congress is a two or more day event, or series of events, run by any organisation, which is open to any member of the WBU, EBU, SBU, NIBU, or CBA. (Members of other Unions should consult the Tournament Organiser).

3.9.2 For a non-green point event within a Congress, the provisions of 4.1 apply (Local Points awards). If Green Points are to be awarded, the provisions of 4.2 apply, and the event will require a Licence from the WBU, even if there is an automatic entitlement as defined in 5.2.

3.9.3 Unless otherwise stated in the WBU Competitions Publication, the appropriate Category for Green Points provisions will apply.

4. MASTER POINTS AWARDS and TYPES OF EVENT

(Match: – this is the smallest entity within an event between two opposing pairs or teams, for which a result can be obtained in terms of the final method of scoring).

In order to avoid unnecessary complexity, the following primarily relates to events currently run in Wales (see Appendix 1). Should at any time an event be run for which this document provides no adequate description of Master Points to be awarded, advice should be sought from the WBU Master Points Secretary. As part of the licensing of such an event, he will specify the appropriate Master Points (which may require an update to this document).

In many cases, the quoted scales are for reference purposes, since most of the propriety scoring software incorporates a Master Points calculation, based on the event type and status.

4.1 LOCAL POINTS:

4.1.1 GENERAL

4.1.1.1 Depending upon the number of boards played, and the number of winners (1,2, or 4), Local Points are awarded to:

12-17 boards – top $\frac{1}{4}$

18-35 boards – top $\frac{1}{3}$

36+ boards – top $\frac{1}{2}$

72+ boards – the status of the event is increased by 1

Depending upon the event status (see 3.1), the available points as shown are multiplied by the relevant status factor (e.g. to derive the basic points for an Area event, the points in Scale A are multiplied by 2)

All awards quoted are per player.

4.1.1.2 A normal pairs or individual event played in two or more sections can be treated as constituting a single field provided that the same boards are played in each section (this does not apply to a teams event).

4.1.1.3 For large events there is a theoretical maximum award limit. For an event of 18-35 boards, at *Club* status this is 100 LPTs; for 12-17 boards it is 75 LPTs; for 36+ boards it is 300 LPTs. (for other status events apply the relevant factor as defined in 3.1.2). Once this is reached (25 tables for a single winner pairs), the maximum is increased in accordance with the formula:

$$\text{actual maximum} = \text{theoretical maximum} \times \text{sqrt}(a/e)$$

where 'a' is the actual number of tables and 'e' is the number of full tables at which the maximum is reached.

The following table shows the result of this calculation for a single winner pairs at *Club* status:

| No. Tables | Revised Maximum Award |
|------------|-----------------------|
| 30 | 110 |
| 35 | 118 |
| 40 | 127 |
| 45 | 135 |
| 50 | 142 |
| 55 | 148 |
| 60 | 155 |
| 65 | 161 |

| No. Tables | Revised Maximum Award |
|------------|-----------------------|
| 70 | 168 |
| 75 | 173 |
| 80 | 179 |
| 85 | 184 |
| 90 | 190 |
| 95 | 195 |
| 100 | 200 |
| 105 | 205 |

4.1.2 PAIRS (Normal; Match-Point pairs)

For basic Ranking awards, use **Scale A**, and then apply the relevant status multiplier.

4.1.3 TEAMS (Multi, Swiss, Team-Of-Eight), PAIRS (Swiss), PAIRS (x-imp; Butler)

4.1.3.1 For basic Ranking awards, use **Scale A**, and then apply the relevant status multiplier.

4.1.3.2 For teams of more than four, for a player to receive a final Ranking award, he must have played at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of the boards within the event.

4.1.3.3 For Teams of Eight competitions (which may also include more than eight players), the Ranking awards are based upon the number of teams taking part rather than on the actual number of tables.

For events of 36+ boards, additional awards are awarded for each match won or drawn, as shown (matches may be spread over a number of sessions):

| Boards per Match | Club Status (Boards x 1½) | Area Status (Boards x 3) | National Status (Boards x 6) |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 2 | 3 | 6 | 12 |
| 3 | 5 | 9 | 18 |
| 4 | 6 | 12 | 24 |
| 5 | 8 | 15 | 30 |
| 6 | 9 | 18 | 36 |
| 7 | 11 | 21 | 42 |
| 8 | 12 | 24 | 48 |
| 9 | 14 | 27 | 54 |
| 10 | 15 | 30 | 60 |
| 11 | 17 | 33 | 66 |
| 12 | 18 | 36 | 72 |
| 13 | 20 | 39 | 78 |
| 14 | 21 | 42 | 84 |

Drawn matches (in terms of the final method of scoring) are awarded half the win award.

In all formats, for a player to receive a Match-win/draw award he/she must have played at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of the boards within the match.

For 'Club*' and 'Area*' events, the above awards are multiplied by the enhancement factor (x1.5)

4.1.4 TEAMS LEAGUES

4.1.4.1 Each division within the league, except the top division, must be of at least 5 teams (if less than 5, this division is discounted for establishing the number of divisions in the league).

4.1.4.2 The individual match awards for the various organisations are:

| CLUB STATUS | | | |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Number of Divisions | Division 1 | Division 2 | Division 3 |
| 1 | 27 | | |
| 2 | 41 | 27 | |
| 3 | 54 | 41 | 27 |
| AREA STATUS | | | |
| Number of Divisions | Division 1 | Division 2 | Division 3 |
| 1 | 54 | | |
| 2 | 68 | 54 | |
| 3 | 81 | 68 | 54 |

Awards are for matches of 18-35 boards.

For less than 18 boards, reduce pro-rata (e.g. Club - 14 boards: the original award of 27 is reduced to $(14/18 \times 27 = 21)$).

For 36+ board matches, these awards are increased by 50%.

4.1.4.3 In the final, the Ranking awards are:

Awards are given to top $\frac{1}{4}$ of division.

For those receiving Ranking awards, the bottom place receives the same award as the standard match-win award (i.e. not adjusted for number of boards per match).

Each successive higher award is calculated by adding the 'match-win' award to the preceding lower Ranking award.

Over the whole league programme, if the total number of boards in any division is less than 72, the final Ranking awards are reduced by $\frac{1}{3}$ for that division.

For a team containing more than four players, 4.1.3.2 applies.

4.1.5 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Four Winner - for basic awards, use **Scale A**, and then apply the relevant status multiplier.

One Winner - for basic awards, use **Scale B**, and then apply the relevant status multiplier.

4.1.6 LADDER COMPETITIONS

These are a series of events from which a final ranking is calculated. This ranking can be based on some measure of performance for each event (e.g. average percentage, master points won, position, etc.), as defined by the organising body.

As well as normal Master Points awards for each event, a bonus is awarded based on the final ranking and the size of the component events. The final ranking list can be an individual, pair, or team, and need not be the same format as the component events. The bonus Ranking awards (at 'Club' status):

| Average (Full) Tables | Individual | Pair | Team |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|----------|
| < 8 | 32,24,16,8 | 32,16 | 27 |
| 9-17 | 64,56,48,40, 32,24,16,8 | 64,48,32,16 | 54,27 |
| 18+ | 96,88,80,72, 64,56,48,40, 32,24,16,8 | 96,80,64, 48,32,16 | 81,54,27 |

If there is more than one criteria for determining the final ranking (e.g. above or below Regional Master), each field constitutes a separate ladder series. (The combined ladders count as a single ladder for the quota purposes).

There must be at least 6 results taken into account for the final ranking.

For a series of 18 or more events, awards are at the Enhanced level for the organising body.

These awards should be multiplied by the relevant status factor (including possible Enhancements).

4.1.7 SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS (Match Pointed Pairs Scoring)

Simultaneous pairs events should be scored through 'Ecats', who will automatically generate the appropriate awards.

For non-Green Pointed events, the awards at *Club* status are:

Ranking awards are given to top $\frac{1}{3}$ of the field.

Top award is calculated as: $10 \times \sqrt{(\text{Full Tables}/25)}$ (rounded).

Lowest award: 24 Local Points.

4.2 GREEN POINTS

*(T.O.E. – Total Original Entry. This may be in terms of **Pairs** or **Tables**).*

(N.B.F. – Number Of Boards Factor – see 4.2.1.8)

(Where reference is made to the ‘EBU Green Point Calculator’, this can be found directly from the EBU at <http://www.ebu.co.uk/masterpoints/green-point-calculator> or via the WBU at <https://masterpoints.welshbridgeunion.org/> Alternatively, this Calculator is incorporated into the EBUScore suite of programs).

4.2.1 GENERAL

4.2.1.1 There are five categories of Green Points:

Category ‘B’: (Factor 1) – the standard GP award; all awards shown are on this basis. This category includes most Area status events, Area Congresses, and some lesser National events.

Category ‘A’: (Factor 1.5) - applicable to most National events, and to some Area events of National status. All awards are multiplied by this factor.

Category ‘A*’: (Factor 2) – applicable to the major National Pairs (Fletcher Cup), National Teams (Webber, Premier League), National Swiss Pairs (Llandudno), National Swiss Teams (Llangollen), and Inter Area Open Event (Perry Shield). The events must be of at least 72+ boards. All awards are multiplied by this factor. (Should the event fall below 72 boards, it is then rated at Category ‘A’).

Category ‘C’: (Factor 0.5) - applicable to all Area AGMs. All awards are multiplied by this factor. Should the Green Points award be less than the equivalent Local Points award, any residual Local Points are retained.

Special Category – applicable to certain knock-out events (Welsh Cup, Cambria Cup) – see 4.2.4.

All Green Points awards in this document are based on Category ‘B’, unless otherwise stated. At the final stage of calculation, these awards must then be multiplied by the appropriate Category factor (this includes ‘Top Awards’, ‘Ranking Awards’, ‘Minimum Awards’, ‘Match-Win/Draw Awards’).

4.2.1.2 All Green Points quoted are per player.

4.2.1.3 Green Points are not applicable below Area level.

4.2.1.4 **Green Points can only be awarded for events of 36+ boards** (including any qualifying rounds).

4.2.1.5 Green Points are awarded instead of Local Points unless otherwise stated.

4.2.1.6 Tables corresponding to the top Ranking awards formulae are shown in Appendix 2: **Scale C – Pairs**, and **Scale D – Teams**.

4.2.1.7 In all formats, for a player to receive a Match-win/draw award he/she must have played at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of the boards within the match.

4.2.1.8 In the Ranking award formulae, the 'add-on' component should be multiplied by the 'Number Of Boards Factor' (N.B.F.) as follows:

| | | |
|-----------------|---------|----------------------|
| 36 – 71 boards | - x 1 | (i.e. 1 day event) |
| 72 – 143 boards | - x 1.5 | (i.e. 2,3 day event) |
| 144+ boards | - x 2.0 | (i.e. 3,4 day event) |

4.2.2 PAIRS (Normal; Match-Point Scoring) – SCALE C

(for a pairs event which is x-imp or Butler scored, see 4.2.3)

- a) If the event **is not** preceded by a qualifier, or if preceded by a qualifier sponsored by a lower-level organisation (e.g. Area qualifier for a National event), then:

Ranking awards are given to top $\frac{1}{2}$ of the field.

Top award is $(T.O.E.(Pairs)/20 + (N.B.F.) \times 2.5)$ (rounded up to nearest 0.25 GP).

Minimum award is 0.25 GP.

Awards for intermediate places should be calculated using the EBU Green Point Calculator.

- b) If the event **is** preceded by a qualifier sponsored by the same level organisation (e.g. a Congress) (with no carry forward), then awards will be given for both the qualifier and the final:

Qualifier:

Ranking awards are given to top $\frac{1}{2}$ of the field.

Top award is 1.00 GP.

Minimum award is 0.25 GPs.

Awards for intermediate places should be calculated using the EBU Green Point Calculator.

Final:

The final will be divided into sections based on the results of the qualifying session: 'A' final, 'B' final, 'Open Pairs/Teams'. The bottom section must always be an Open Pairs/Teams (so if only two sections, these are 'A' and 'Open Pairs', with no 'B' Final).

'A' Final:

Ranking awards are given to whole of the qualifying field.

Top award: $(T.O.E.(Pairs)/48 + 2.00)$ (rounded up to nearest 0.5 GP).

Minimum award is 1.00 GP.

Awards for intermediate places should be calculated using the EBU Green Point Calculator.

'B' Final (if applicable):

Awards are given to whole of the qualifying field.

Top award: half of 'A' Final award.

Minimum award is 0.50 GP.

Awards for intermediate places should be calculated using the EBU Green Point Calculator.

Open Pairs/Teams:
 No Green Points.
 Local Points at the appropriate scale.

c) If the event is run as a Simultaneous Pairs, playing at multi-venues, then:

Local Venues:

The awards are Local Points at the local level organiser's **enhanced status**.

Consolidated Event:

Ranking awards are given to top ½ of the field.

Top award: (T.O.E.(Pairs)/20 + 1.25) (rounded up to nearest 0.25GP).

Minimum award is 0.25 GP.

Awards for intermediate places should be calculated using the EBU Green Point Calculator.

4.2.3 MULTI-TEAMS (incl. Team-Of-Eight); SWISS PAIRS; SWISS TEAMS; PAIRS (x-imp; Butler)

(Note: since a Pairs event scored as x-imp or Butler is eligible for Match-win/draw awards, the subsequent Ranking awards are therefore less than if scored as a match-pointed pairs event).

In all these types of events, Green Points are awarded for both the final ranking, and for matches won/drawn.

The Match-win award is the number of boards per match divided by 29, rounded up to the nearest 0.01 - see table. For a drawn match, players share the award, rounded up to the nearest 0.01.

(A win in a 'short triangular match' requires a score of more than half the available VPs in the two mini-matches combined (normally 10 VPs out of 20), and a draw requires a score of exactly half the available VPs).

| No. Boards Per Round | Cat 'B' GP Win Award | Cat 'B' GP Draw Award |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 | 0.07 | 0.04 |
| 3 | 0.11 | 0.06 |
| 4 | 0.14 | 0.07 |
| 5 | 0.18 | 0.09 |
| 6 | 0.20 | 0.10 |
| 7 | 0.25 | 0.13 |
| 8 | 0.28 | 0.14 |
| 9 | 0.32 | 0.16 |
| 10 | 0.35 | 0.18 |
| 11 | 0.38 | 0.19 |
| 12 | 0.42 | 0.21 |
| 13 | 0.45 | 0.23 |
| 14 | 0.49 | 0.25 |

4.2.3.1 Ranking Points - Swiss Pairs - SCALE D:

Ranking awards are given to top ¼ of the field.

Top award: $(T.O.E.(\mathbf{Pairs})/48 + (N.B.F.) \times 1.0)$ (rounded up to nearest 0.5 GP).

Minimum award is 0.25 GP.

Awards for intermediate places should be calculated using the EBU Green Point Calculator.

4.2.3.2 Ranking Points - Swiss Teams - SCALE D:

Ranking awards are given to top ¼ of the field.

Top award: $(T.O.E.(\mathbf{Tables})/24 + (N.B.F.) \times 0.5)$ (rounded up to nearest 0.5 GP).

Minimum award is 0.25 GP.

Awards for intermediate places should be calculated using the EBU Green Point Calculator.

4.2.3.3 Ranking Points – Multi-Teams (incl. Team-Of-Eight); Pairs (x-imp; Butler)

For Teams of Eight competitions (which may include more than eight players), the Ranking awards are based upon the number of teams taking part rather than on the actual number of tables.

- a) If the event **is not** preceded by a qualifier, or if preceded by a qualifier sponsored by a lower-level organisation (e.g. Area qualifier for a National event) - **(SCALE D)**:

Ranking awards are given to top ½ of the field.

Top award: $(T.O.E.(\mathbf{Tables})/10 + (N.B.F.) \times 0.5)$ (rounded up to nearest 0.5 GP).

Minimum award is 0.25 GP.

Awards for intermediate places should be calculated using the EBU Green Point Calculator.

- b) If the event **is** preceded by a qualifier sponsored by the same level organisation (e.g. a Congress), then awards will be given for both the qualifier and the final:

Qualifier:

There are no Ranking awards for the qualifier, but teams are awarded their Match-win/draw GPs.

Final: - (SCALE D)

The final will be divided into sections based on the results of the qualifying session: 'A' final, 'B' final, 'Open Teams/Pairs'. The bottom section must always be an Open Teams (so if only two sections, these are 'A' and 'Open Teams/Pairs', with no 'B' Final).

'A' Final:

Ranking awards are given to top ½ of the field.

Top award: $(T.O.E.(\mathbf{Tables})/24 + 0.5)$ (rounded up to nearest 0.5 GP).

Minimum award is 0.25 GP.

Awards for intermediate places should be calculated using the EBU Green Point Calculator.

'B' Final (if applicable):

Ranking awards are given to top ½ of the field.

Top award: half of 'A' Final award.

Minimum award is 0.25 GP.

Awards for intermediate places should be calculated using the EBU Green Point Calculator.

Open Teams/Pairs:

No Green Points.

Local Points at the appropriate scale.

- c) If the event is run as a Simultaneous Pairs (x-imp, Butler), playing at multi-venues, then:

Local Venues:

The awards are Local Points at the local level organiser's **enhanced status**.

Consolidated Event - SCALE C:

Ranking awards are given to the top ½ of the field.

Top award: (T.O.E.(Pairs)/20 + 0.25) (rounded up to nearest 0.25 GP).

Minimum award is 0.25 GP.

Awards for intermediate places should be calculated using the EBU Green Point Calculator.

4.2.4 KNOCK-OUT TEAMS (WELSH CUP, CAMBRIA CUP)

(Stanza – period of play in a match, during which teams are not permitted to alter their line-up).

Prior to the semi-final these events may be regionalised.

The format of these events can be either a single elimination (team eliminated as soon as defeated), or a double elimination (team only eliminated when defeated twice).

In both formats, Green Points are awarded for Stanzas-won/drawn, and also the overall match win (or final ranking).

The Stanza-win/draw awards for both formats, and for all rounds, are as shown in table 4.2.3. **These are not further category enhanced.**

Stanza-win/draw awards also apply for any supplementary stanzas required in resolving a tie situation, or if otherwise permitted by the competition rules.

All rounds must be of at least 18 boards.

4.2.4.1 Single Elimination (and Silver Plate)

The Match-win awards are:

| | Rounds Prior To Quarter-Final – GPs | Quarter -Final - GPs | Semi-Final - GPs | Final - GPs |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| WELSH CUP | 0.5 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 7 |
| CAMBRIA CUP | 0.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 4.5 |

For rounds prior to the quarter finals, involving a triangular match, the above awards are reduced by 50% for each match involving the relevant teams.

For a ‘**Silver Plate**’ competition (solely for first round losers), the awards are 50% of the above (Match-win and Stanza-win/draw Green Points).

4.2.4.2 Double Elimination

- a) If the double elimination is such that there is still a semi-final then 4.2.4.1 applies.
- b) Otherwise, winning quarter-final teams participate in a multi-teams final, resulting in a winner with subsequent ranking places. There are no semi-finals.

For rounds prior to the final, the Match and Stanza-win/draw awards are the same as an equivalent Single Elimination event (Table in 4.2.4.1).

For the final, Ranking and Stanza-win/draw awards will be estimated by the Tournament Organiser after the exact format of the event is decided (number of actual quarter-final matches, number of one-time losers, etc.). The awards will be based upon the number of Green Points not potentially available due to the loss of a specific number of quarter-final matches, together with the loss of the semi-finals and final matches (including the loss of associated Stanza awards).

In the Final:

Stanza-win/draw awards will be enhanced - 1.5 times the basic awards. Having calculated these, the remaining estimated compensating balance will then be given as Ranking awards with the following provisions:

Welsh Cup:

Ranking awards to ½ the field.

Highest award calculated from above.

Lowest award is 3 GPs.

Awards for intermediate places should be calculated using the EBU Green Point Calculator.

Cambria Cup:

Ranking awards to ½ the field.

Highest award calculated from above.

Lowest award is 2 GPs.

Awards for intermediate places should be calculated using the EBU Green Point Calculator.

4.2.5 INTER AREA TEAMS (Perry Shield, Spickett Bowl, Presidents Cup)

The Ranking awards are as defined in 4.2.3.3(a) – **SCALE D**, multiplied by the appropriate Category factor.

The Match-win/draw awards are the same as a multi-teams (4.2.3) multiplied by the appropriate Category factor.

(In the competition's current format, this gives

Perry Shield: 0.7 Green Points for winning each 10-board match; 0.35 GPs for a draw.
Final ranking awards of 3, 0.5 Green Points.

Spickett Bowl: 0.53 Green Points for winning each 10-board match; 0.27 GPs for a draw.
Final ranking awards of 2.25, 0.38 Greens Points.

President's Cup: 0.35 Green Points for winning each 10-board match; 0.18 GPs for a draw.
Final ranking awards of 1.5, 0.25 Green Points.)

4.2.6 TEAMS LEAGUES (PREMIER LEAGUE)

Teams can play multiple matches against each other team on a 'home/away' basis.

Each match must be of at least 8 boards, and at least 144 boards must be played in total.

For each match, the Match-win/draw award is calculated using table (4.2.3).

For the final Ranking awards, the event is considered to be a multi-teams event, so the awards are as stated in 4.2.3.3(a) - **SCALE D:**

For teams of more than four, for a player to receive a final Ranking award, he must have played at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of the boards.

The above Match-win/draw and Ranking awards must be multiplied by the appropriate Category factor.

4.2.7 TRIALS

The Lady Milne and Senior's trials are treated as multi-teams events with the appropriate Category factor - see 4.2.3, 4.2.3.3(a), and Appendix 1 A5 – **SCALE D.** (Open teams trials are incorporated into the Premier League)

4.2.8 SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS (Match Pointed Pairs Scoring)

(This does not include WBU National events run at multi-venues, and then scored centrally).

Simultaneous pairs events should be scored through 'Ecats', who will automatically generate the appropriate Green Points awards.

Local Points are first calculated as in 4.1.7.

Green Points are then awarded to the top 10% of the field (rounded up). The Green Points are instead of Local Points, but any residual Local Points are also retained.

The Green Points awards are 1.0 GP; 0.75 GP; 0.5 GP; 0.25 GP in equal blocks throughout, for those eligible.

5. ENTITLEMENT TO AWARDS

(‘Per annum’, ‘Annually’ etc. relates to the period between an organisation’s AGMs.)

(‘Unrestricted’ – all players have an opportunity to win the event, so this would exclude men’s, ladies’, mixed pair’s, multi-league events. For Club, Area, and National Championships, players must still be members of the appropriate organisation).

5.1 AFFILIATED CLUBS

These are Clubs affiliated to the Welsh Bridge Union via the appropriate Area organisation. A Club may also exist as an online entity operating under the terms of a contract between the WBU and an online provider(s).

Clubs are entitled to run:

- 5.1.1 Regular points events – unlimited. Status: *Club*.
- 5.1.2 Two ladder events per annum.
- 5.1.3 One pairs ‘Major Championships’, and one teams ‘Major Championship’. 36+ boards, unrestricted. If these are run over more than one session, then the Club Organiser can choose either:
 - to award Local Points for each session at ‘*Club*’ status, but with no overall ranking awards, or
 - to award Local Points based on the overall rankings at ‘*Club**’ status, but with no awards for the component sessions..
- 5.1.4 Qualifying rounds for Area or National events. For any session, the awards are at ‘*Club**’ status.

5.2 AREAS

These are constituent members of the WBU. The four Areas of operation are defined within the WBU Constitution, but can be broadly defined as East Wales; Mid Wales; North Wales; and West Wales. An individual member will normally be a member of the Area to which their club is affiliated, but may be a member of more than one Area association.

5.2.1 Online Area Events

Local Points

- a) If the event is replacing an already established ‘real’ event, then the Local Points awards are the same as those awarded for the ‘real’ event (usually ‘Area’ status).
- b) If the event is a new event, then Local Points will be awarded at ‘Club’ status.

Green Points

- a) If the event is replacing an already established 'real' event, then the Green Points awards are the same as those awarded for the 'real' event.
- b) If the event is a new event, (for which a licence is required), then these will be awarded at GP Category 'B'.

Areas are entitled to (where there is a quota for a particular type of event, the constituent quotas can be run either in a 'real' or 'online' environment):

- 5.2.2 One pairs 'Major Championships', and one teams 'Major Championship'. They must be 36+ boards, unrestricted. These may be preceded by Club qualifiers (see 5.1.3). Areas are not required to apply for a licence for these events. **Green Points** are awarded at Category 'B'.
- 5.2.3. Up to five **Green Pointed** 'events'. Only one of these may be 'closed'. These can be stand-alone events, or congresses. Each different event format within a congress is considered as one event. A two-day event is considered to be two events for Green Point quota purposes. These will normally be run as Category 'B' events.
- 5.2.4 An Area may run one **Green Pointed** event as a 'joint venture' with another Area (this is considered as half an event for the Area's quota).
- 5.2.5 An Area may run a special **Green Pointed** event at its AGM. These points are awarded at Category 'C' (½ Scale). Any residue of Local Points is awarded as well as the Green Points award.

All the above events require a Licence from the WBU. An Area may apply for a licence in excess of those defined above, or for a relaxation of any associated conditions.

- 5.2.6 Other events (non-green pointed)
 - 5.2.6.1 'Real' events – up to five (the number of boards played is at the discretion of the organisers). These events may be restricted (e.g. Ladies Pairs; Above Regional master etc.). These may be preceded by Club qualifiers. Status: 'Area'.
 - 5.2.6.2 'Online' events – no restrictions. Status: 'Club'.
- 5.2.7 One No Fear event (Level 2 systems only) Status: 'Area' (additional events are at 'Club' status).
- 5.2.8 One Junior or Schools' event, open to non-members of the Area. Status: 'Area' (additional events are at 'Club' status)
- 5.2.9 One Simultaneous event. Enhanced Status: 'Club*'.
- 5.2.10 One event for invited/selected/qualified members of other Areas as well as the Area itself. Status: 'Area'.
- 5.2.11. Qualifying rounds for National competitions – Enhanced Status 'Area*'.

5.2.12 Simultaneous heats for National competitions – Enhanced Status ‘Area*’.

(See Appendix 1 for defined Area events as at 1st August.2019).

5.3 NATIONAL EVENTS

This is the Welsh Bridge Union itself, individual membership of which is obtained either by joining an affiliated club or by direct subscription. However, a direct member does not automatically receive the benefits of membership of a particular Area association, and may not represent an Area in a competition without joining that Area.

Under normal circumstances, only WBU members may compete in ‘real’ WBU events or in other events of National status. A limited number of WBU events may, however, be designated as being open to non-members (particularly if run in an ‘online’ environment).

Unless otherwise stated in the WBU Competitions Publication, Local Points awards will be calculated by reference to Scale A, and Green Points will usually be awarded at Category ‘A’ (or exceptionally at Category ‘A*’).

(See Appendix 1 for defined National events as at 1st August 2019).

5.3.1 Online National Events

Local Points are awarded at ‘Enhanced Club’ level (i.e. 1.5 x Club Status)

Green Points

- a) If the event is replacing an already established ‘real’ event, then the Green Points awards are identical to those awarded for the ‘real’ event.
- b) If the event is a new event, (for which a licence is required), then the appropriate Category will be defined by the Master Points Secretary in conjunction with the Management Committee.

5.4 HOLIDAY and TOUR COMPANIES

Recognised bone fide holiday companies may apply for a licence to hold competitions. Competitions are limited to two per day, each competition being of at least 12 boards.

Awards are made at ‘Club*’ status.

5.5 OTHER BODIES

Any other person or organisation may apply to the WBU for a licence to award Master Points. If the organisation is a charity, it must comply with the Charities Act. Should a licence be granted, the WBU Master Points Secretary will decide the appropriate award scale or category.

5.6 LICENSING

A Club must apply in writing to its Area Association for permission to run an event which is open to non-club members (excluding casual visitors).

An Area organisation intending to issue Green Points must request a Licence from the WBU, even if it is automatically entitled to hold such an event (as defined in 5.2.6). This does not apply to events on-going at the time of this publication.

Once an organisation has been granted a licence for an event, it is retained for as long the event is run with the same format. If the format is substantially changed, or the event is suspended for one year, a new application will be required.

A Licence application to the WBU should include the following details:

- (a) Full details of event (date, time, venue etc.)
- (b) Anticipated size of entry, including anticipated size of 'outside entry' and the geographical area from which that entry will be attracted.
- (c) Status of licence being sought.
- (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 (e.g. raffles or advertising activities which may be associated with the event).
- (h) Additional information will be required in the case of an event run in aid of a charity, or an event organised by a package tour operator. Further details are available on request.

From the above, the issuing of such a Licence will include a statement as to the nature of the points allowable (Local/Green; event Status/Category).

The WBU shall be entitled at its discretion to grant or refuse a licence and to charge or not to charge a fee for any licence it may grant. Appropriate fees will be established by the WBU Council.

The WBU Master Points Secretary will be responsible for retaining details of all Licences issued.

APPENDIX 1 – CURRENT WELSH EVENTS (1st August 2019)

A1. East Wales Bridge Association

| | |
|--|--|
| Championship Pairs (Stan Berger) | - Green Points ('B') |
| Championship Teams (Patrick Jourdain) | - Green Points ('B') |
| AGM (Arthur James/Beatus Cup) | - Green Points ('C') ; Status <i>Area</i> |
| Mixed Pairs | - Local Points; Status <i>Area</i> . |
| 2 x No-Fear Competitions | - Local Points; Status <i>Club</i> |
| Spring Congress (Swiss Pairs; Swiss Teams) | - Green Points ('B') |
| August Congress (2-days Swiss Teams) | - Green Points ('B') |
| (Joint Venture with WWBA) | - Green Points ('B') ; |
| East Wales Teams League | - Local Points; Status <i>Area</i> |
| (Cardiff League – organised by Cardiff BC) | - Local Points; Status <i>Club</i> |

A2. Mid Wales Bridge Association

| | |
|---|--|
| Championship Pairs (Evan Jones) | - Green Points ('B') |
| Championship Teams (McKinley Cup) | - Green Points ('B') |
| AGM - (Swiss Teams) | - Green Points ('C') ; Status <i>Area</i> |
| Mixed Pairs (Harrop Griffiths) | - Local Points; Status <i>Area</i> |
| Individual (JV Davies) | - Local Points; Status <i>Area</i> . |
| Flaye Cup (Ladies Pairs – Simultaneous Pairs) | - Local Points; Status <i>Area</i> . |
| Men's Pairs Cup (Simultaneous Pairs) | - Local Points; Status <i>Area</i> |
| Invitation Pairs/Founders Cup | - Local Points; Status <i>Area</i> |
| Mid Wales Congress (2-days) | - Green Points ('B') |
| (Swiss Pairs; Swiss Teams) | |

A3. North Wales Bridge Association

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Championship Pairs (Laszlo Cup) | - Green Points ('B') |
| Championship Teams (Harold Griffiths) | - Green Points ('B') |
| AGM - (Swiss Teams) | - Green Points ('C') ; Status <i>Area</i> |
| Mixed Pairs | - Local Points; Status <i>Area</i> |
| Individual (Valance Bowl) | - Local Points; Status <i>Area</i> |
| NWBA 1-Day Swiss Pairs | - Green Points ('B') |
| NWBA Spring Congress (2-days) | - Green Points ('B') |
| (Swiss Pairs; Swiss Teams) | |
| Winter Teams League | - Local Points; Status <i>Area</i> |

A4. West Wales Bridge Association

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Championship Pairs (Vince Bevan) | - Green Points ('B') |
| Championship Teams (Laidlaw Murray) | - Green Points ('B') |
| AGM - (Pairs - John Isaac) | - Green Points ('C') |
| AGM – (Pairs Novice – Ann Dolan) | - Local Points; Status <i>Area</i> |
| Mixed Pairs (Ossie Evans) | - Local Points; Status <i>Area</i> |
| Swiss Pairs | - Green Points ('B') |
| Celtic Congress (Fishguard) (2-days) | - Green Points ('B') ; Status <i>Area</i> * |
| (Swiss Pairs; Teams) | |
| Western Area Teams League | - Local Points; Status <i>Area</i> |

A5. National Events

| | |
|---|--|
| National Pairs (Fletcher Cup) | - Green Points ('A*') |
| Webber Cup (Multi-Teams) | - Green Points ('A*') |
| Welsh Cup - Knockout Teams | - Green Points ('Special') |
| Cambria Cup (Mixed Pivot Knock-Out Teams) | - Green Points ('Special') |
| Premier League | - Green Points ('A*') |
| Lady Mine Trials | - Green Points ('A') |
| Seniors Trials | - Green Points ('A') |
| Champion Of Champions | - Green Points ('A') |
| National Mixed Pairs | - Green Points ('B') |
| National Club Teams Of Eight | - Green Points ('A') |
| *Ladies Weekend (2 Days) | - Green Points ('B') |
| Inter Area: Perry Shield (Open) | - Green Points ('A*') |
| Spickett Bowl (Ladies) | - Green Points ('A') |
| Presidents Cup (Average Club Players) | - Green Points ('B') |
| Llangollen Swiss Teams | - Green Points ('A*') |
| Welsh Foursomes (Swiss Teams) | - Green Points ('A') |
| Graded Pairs – Section 1 (x-imp) | - Green Points ('A') |
| Graded Pairs – Lower Sections (x-imp) | - Green Points ('B') |
| Llandudno Swiss Pairs | - Green Points ('A*') |
| Porthcawl Congress (2-days) | - Green Points ('A'); Status <i>National</i> |
| (Red Dragon Pairs, Prince of Wales Teams) | |
| Baskerville Hall Congress | - Local Points; Status <i>National</i> |
| WBU Sims | - Green Points; Status: <i>Special</i> |
| Celtic Sims | - Green Points; Status: <i>Special</i> |
| Autumn Sims | - Green Points; Status: <i>Special</i> |

*Currently no master points awarded.

APPENDIX 2

SCALE A - LOCAL POINTS - PAIRS (One and Two-Winner); TEAMS; INDIVIDUAL (Four-Winner)

A1. Identify the number of FULL tables in the competition, and look-up this figure in the appropriate 'Number Of Boards' column.

A2. On the right-hand side, use the column relating to the appropriate movement type.

A3. Read across from the 'Number Of Tables' column into the appropriate award column.

If, on reading across, there is 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.

A4. Multiply the above figures by the event Status for each award.

| 12-17 BOARDS Awards to top $\frac{1}{4}$ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES | 18-35 BOARDS Awards to top $\frac{1}{3}$ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES | 36+ BOARDS Awards to top $\frac{1}{2}$ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES | Awards for 2-Winner Pairs, Teams, 4-Winner Individual | Awards for 1-Winner Pairs |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| | 29-30 | 20 | 100 | 120 |
| | 28 | 19 | | 114 |
| | 26-27 | 18 | 90 | 108 |
| | 25 | 17 | | 102 |
| | 23-24 | 16 | 80 | 96 |
| | 22 | 15 | | 90 |
| 27-28 | 20-21 | 14 | 70 | 84 |
| 25-26 | 19 | 13 | | 78 |
| 23-24 | 17-18 | 12 | 60 | 72 |
| 21-22 | 16 | 11 | | 66 |
| 19-20 | 14-15 | 10 | 50 | 60 |
| 17-18 | 13 | 9 | | 54 |
| 15-16 | 11-12 | 8 | 40 | 48 |
| 13-14 | 10 | 7 | | 42 |
| 11-12 | 8-9 | 6 | 30 | 36 |
| 9-10 | 7 | 5 | | 30 |
| 7-8 | 5-6 | 4 | 20 | 24 |
| 5-6 | 4 | 3 | | 18 |
| 3-4 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 12 |
| | | | | 6 |

The above awards are generally incorporated into most propriety scoring software.

SCALE B - LOCAL POINTS - INDIVIDUAL (One-Winner)

B1. Identify the number of FULL tables in the competition, and look-up this figure in the appropriate 'Number Of Boards' column.

B2. Read across from the 'Number Of Tables' column into the appropriate award column.

If, on reading across, there is a blank space, then take the next highest figure. Awards for lower places are obtained by reading down from this winning award. Awards quoted are those applicable to each of the four directions.

B3. Multiply the above figures by the event Status for each award.

| 12-17 BOARDS Awards to top $\frac{1}{4}$ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES | 18-35 BOARDS Awards to top $\frac{1}{3}$ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES | 36+ BOARDS Awards to top $\frac{1}{2}$ NUMBER OF FULL TABLES | Awards for 1-Winner Individual |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 15 | 10 | 60 |
| 19 | 14 | | 57 |
| 18 | 13 | 9 | 54 |
| 17 | | | 51 |
| 16 | 12 | 8 | 48 |
| 15 | 11 | | 45 |
| 14 | 10 | 7 | 42 |
| 13 | | | 39 |
| 12 | 9 | 6 | 36 |
| 11 | 8 | | 33 |
| 10 | 7 | 5 | 30 |
| 9 | | | 27 |
| 8 | 6 | 4 | 24 |
| 7 | 5 | | 21 |
| 6 | 4 | 3 | 18 |
| 5 | | | 15 |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 12 |
| 3 | 2 | | 9 |
| 2 | | | 6 |

The above awards are generally incorporated into most propriety scoring software.

SCALE C - GREEN POINT RANKING AWARDS – PAIRS (non-Swiss)

C1. Identify the number of **PAIRS** in the competition.

C2. Read across from the ‘Number Of Pairs’ column into the appropriate award column.

C3. **For the Top and Minimum award multiply by the Category factor.**

C4. Use the Top award, the Minimum award, and the EBU Calculator to determine intermediate awards

| Number Of PAIRS | Match Pointed Pairs | | | | Simultaneous Multi-Venue: x-imp, Butler |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| | 36-72 Boards | 73-144 Boards | Final Preceded By Qualifier | Simultaneous Multi-Venue | |
| 97-100 | 7.50 | 8.75 | 6.50 | 6.25 | 5.25 |
| 96 | 7.50 | 8.75 | 6.00 | 6.25 | 5.25 |
| 91-95 | 7.25 | 8.50 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 5.00 |
| 86-90 | 7.00 | 8.25 | 6.00 | 5.75 | 4.75 |
| 85 | 6.75 | 8.00 | 6.00 | 5.50 | 4.50 |
| 81-84 | 6.75 | 8.00 | 5.50 | 5.50 | 4.50 |
| 76-80 | 6.50 | 7.75 | 5.50 | 5.25 | 4.25 |
| 73-75 | 6.25 | 7.50 | 5.50 | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| 71-72 | 6.25 | 7.50 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| 66-70 | 6.00 | 7.25 | 5.00 | 4.75 | 3.75 |
| 61-65 | 5.75 | 7.00 | 5.00 | 4.50 | 3.50 |
| 56-60 | 5.50 | 6.75 | 4.50 | 4.25 | 3.25 |
| 51-55 | 5.25 | 6.50 | 4.50 | 4.00 | 3.00 |
| 49-50 | 5.00 | 6.25 | 4.50 | 3.75 | 2.75 |
| 46-48 | 5.00 | 6.25 | 4.00 | 3.75 | 2.75 |
| 41-45 | 4.75 | 6.00 | 4.00 | 3.50 | 2.50 |
| 37-40 | 4.50 | 5.75 | 4.00 | 3.25 | 2.25 |
| 36 | 4.50 | 5.75 | 3.50 | 3.25 | 2.25 |
| 32-35 | 4.25 | 5.50 | 3.50 | 3.00 | 2.00 |
| 31 | 4.25 | 5.50 | 3.50 | 3.00 | 2.00 |
| 26-30 | 4.00 | 5.25 | 3.50 | 2.75 | 1.75 |
| 21-25 | 3.75 | 5.00 | 3.50 | 2.50 | 1.50 |
| 20 | 3.50 | 4.75 | 3.50 | 2.25 | 1.25 |
| 16-19 | 3.50 | 4.75 | 3.00 | 2.25 | 1.25 |
| 13-15 | 3.25 | 4.50 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 |
| 11-12 | 3.25 | 4.50 | 2.50 | 2.00 | 1.00 |

| Minimum Award (Multiply by Category Factor) | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| All | 0.25 | 0.25 | 1.00 | 0.25 | 0.25 |

| Percentage Of Field Receiving Awards | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------|
| All | ½ 50.00% | ½ 50.00% | Whole 100% | ½ 50.00% | ½ 50% |

SCALE D - GREEN POINT RANKING AWARDS – TEAMS and SWISS PAIRS

D1. Identify the number of **TABLES** in the competition.

D2. Read across from the ‘Number Of Tables’ column into the appropriate award column.

D3. **For the Top and Minimum award multiply by the Category factor.**

D4. Use the Top award, the Minimum award, and the EBU Calculator to determine intermediate awards

| Number Of TABLES | Swiss Pairs | | Swiss Teams | | Multi – Teams | | |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| | 36–72 Boards | 73-144 Boards | 36–72 Boards | 73–144 Boards | 36–72 Boards | 73–144 Boards | Final Preceded By Qualifier |
| 49-50 | 3.50 | 4.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 5.50 | 6.00 | 3.00 |
| 48 | 3.00 | 3.50 | 2.50 | 3.00 | 5.50 | 6.00 | 2.50 |
| 46-47 | 3.00 | 3.50 | 2.50 | 3.00 | 5.50 | 5.50 | 2.50 |
| 43-45 | 3.00 | 3.50 | 2.50 | 3.00 | 5.00 | 5.50 | 2.50 |
| 41-42 | 3.00 | 3.50 | 2.50 | 2.50 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 2.50 |
| 38-40 | 3.00 | 3.50 | 2.50 | 2.50 | 4.50 | 5.00 | 2.50 |
| 37 | 3.00 | 3.50 | 2.50 | 2.50 | 4.50 | 4.50 | 2.50 |
| 36 | 2.50 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 2.50 | 4.50 | 4.50 | 2.00 |
| 33-35 | 2.50 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 2.50 | 4.00 | 4.50 | 2.00 |
| 31-32 | 2.50 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 2.50 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 2.00 |
| 28-30 | 2.50 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 3.50 | 4.00 | 2.00 |
| 26-27 | 2.50 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 3.50 | 3.50 | 2.00 |
| 25 | 2.50 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 3.00 | 3.50 | 2.00 |
| 23-24 | 2.00 | 2.50 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 3.00 | 3.50 | 1.50 |
| 21-22 | 2.00 | 2.50 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 1.50 |
| 19-20 | 2.00 | 2.50 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 2.50 | 3.00 | 1.50 |
| 18 | 2.00 | 2.50 | 1.50 | 1.50 | 2.50 | 3.00 | 1.50 |
| 16-17 | 2.00 | 2.50 | 1.50 | 1.50 | 2.50 | 2.50 | 1.50 |
| 13-15 | 2.00 | 2.50 | 1.50 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 2.50 | 1.50 |
| 11-12 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 |
| 8-10 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 1.00 |
| 7 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.00 |
| 6 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.00 |

| Minimum Award (Multiply by Category Factor) | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| All | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 |

| Percentage Of Field Receiving Awards | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| All | ¼ 25% | ¼ 25% | ¼ 25% | ¼ 25% | ½ 50% | ½ 50% | ½ 50% |