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HOKOWHITU  
BRIDGE CLUB



## **Hokowhitu Bridge Club 2017 Club Championships**

The Board is pleased to advise the rules under which the 2017 Hokowhitu Bridge Club Championships will be played.

The 2017 Club Championships will be played over six weeks beginning on 23 August and concluding on 27 September. Members are encouraged to commit themselves to playing the full six weeks of the Club Championships.

The Club Championships will be played in two grades, “Tournament” and “Progressive”. The winners in each grade will have their names engraved on an appropriate plaque, which will be presented to them at the Club’s annual prizegiving in December.

### **Eligibility**

Participation in the club championships is open to all members of the Hokowhitu Bridge Club who have paid the 2017 subscription.

### **Assignment to Tournament and Progressive Grades**

Assignment to Tournament or Progressive grade will be based on two characteristics of the partnership:

1. Past Progressive Grade winner – If either member of the partnership has previously won the Progressive Grade competition, the pair will play in the Tournament grade
2. Partnership Rating Points – If the combined NZ Bridge Rating Points of the partnership is 25 or more, the pair will play in the Tournament grade.

*Please note that the Board reserves the right to make minor adjustments to Tournament/Progressive grade assignment to ensure suitable pair numbers in each grade.*

You can find out your current NZ Bridge Rating Points by looking yourself (or anybody else) up on the NZ Bridge website. Go to [www.nzbridge.co.nz](http://www.nzbridge.co.nz) and search by your NZ bridge number or by surname. We also have the list of 2017 Rating Points on display in the bridge cupboard at the Bowling Club.

### **Determination of Winners**

Determination of the winners in each grade will be based on the best five scores obtained by a partnership. Subject to the substitution rule below, each partnership may drop their worst score from the calculation of rank. If a partnership is absent from one night of the competition, then all their remaining five scores will contribute. If a partnership is absent for two or more nights, they will no longer be eligible to win in the Club Championships.

### **Substitution Rule**

A partnership is permitted a maximum of two substitutions during the six weeks of competition. If two substitutions occur, then it is mandatory to discard the score from one of the sessions containing a substitute.

Substitutes should be at a level (as measured by rating points) that is similar to or lower than the person for whom they are substituting.

All substitutions for the Club Championships will be arranged by the Wednesday evening hostess – which will be Gayle Leader for the first three weeks, then Jill Hart for the remaining three weeks. Substitutes must also be current financial members of Hokowhitu Bridge Club, other than in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the hostess.

### **Visitors**

Visiting pairs may take part in one or more sessions of the club championships. Any visiting pair will be treated as a “phantom” for scoring purposes.

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