

## **Hokowhitu Bridge Club**

### **Substitution Rules**

The following substitution rules were approved by the Board of the Hokowhitu Bridge Club in October 2012. The rules take effect from 1 January 2013, and remain in effect until further notice.

#### **Substitution Rules**

##### **Purpose**

The purpose of substitution is to allow for exceptional circumstances affecting members of a partnership to be managed, while at the same time preserving the identity of the partnership.

##### **General**

1. A substitute should be from the same grade as the player for whom the substitution is made.
2. Wherever possible, substitutes who are members of the Hokowhitu Bridge Club are preferred to substitutes who are not Club members.
3. All substitutions must be recorded on the table slip with the name and NZCBA number of the substitute and the player for whom the substitution is made.

##### **Pairs Competitions (Played over four weeks or five weeks)**

4. A maximum of one substitution per player is permitted, and hence a maximum of two substitutions for the partnership.
5. The substitutions may not be simultaneous; if both members of a partnership are absent from the same session, then the partnership is no longer eligible to win the monthly competition.
6. A pair made up of members of two other pairs may substitute for both partnerships.
7. A maximum of one substitution by a person who is not a current member of the Hokowhitu Bridge Club is permitted per partnership.
8. A pair containing a substitute who is not a current financial member of a bridge club affiliated with New Zealand Contract Bridge Association is not eligible for the award of C points, although the score obtained will contribute to the monthly competition.
9. The primary responsibility for arranging a substitute rests with the player who is unable to attend. Assistance from the session host/hostess may be sought when individual efforts are unsuccessful, or when the requirement for a substitute occurs at short notice. All substitutions should be notified in advance to the session host/hostess.

##### **Club Championships (Played over 6 weeks, best 5 scores to contribute to overall rank)**

10. If at least one member of the partnership is present at all six sessions, then a maximum of one substitution per player is permitted across the six sessions. If a partnership has two

substitutions, then the lower of the scores achieved with a substitute must be dropped from the calculation of overall rank.

11. If both members of a partnership are absent from the same session, then a maximum of one substitution for the partnership is permitted over the remaining five sessions, and all scores will contribute to the calculation of overall rank.
12. All substitutes must be current members of the Hokowhitu Bridge Club, although the session host/hostess is authorised to approve exceptions where warranted.
13. Responsibility for arranging substitutes within the Club Championships resides with the session host/hostess, who should be advised of substitution requirements as far in advance as possible.

### **Teams Competitions**

14. The maximum number of substitutions for a teams competition will be determined in advance of the competition/s and notified to members.
15. The eligibility for substitutions in a teams competition will be determined in advance of the competition/s and notified to members.
16. Responsibility for arranging substitutes within a teams competition resides with the session host/hostess, who should be advised as far in advance as possible of substitution requirements.