

BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA
HAND BOOK OF RATING AND MASTER POINT PLAN

P R E F A C E

This hand' book of Rating and Master Point plan lays down the rules, regulations and procedure for award of points for the success achieved by the participants in recognized tournament play.

This hand' book is designed to answer most of the queries in the field of award of Rating and Master Points. There would doubtless be additions and amendments in the text of the hand' book as we gain experience over the years and with changes in the game and with the advancement of technology. Any additions and/or amendments made to this hand' book will be duly circulated to all associations and individuals responsible for keeping it up to - date.

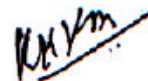
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BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA

RATING POINT PLAN

INTRODUCTION :

The master-point plan ranks every registered player of the Federation according to success achieved by him or her in tournament play during his or her entire playing career, and the current master-point total of each player provides an estimation of a player's skill. Neither of these offer an accurate ranking of the top player's tournament success or defeat in the top level national and international events. Since top players often tend to lose interest in master-points once they reach the highest plateau of Indian Grand Master, there is a need for a separate ranking method partly to retain the interest of the top players and partly to highlight personalities in the media which in turn is likely to bring publicity to the game. To achieve these dual purposes, the Rating Point Plan is formulated.

The participants of a sanctioned event at the national level and in official international events are credited with Rating Points subject to their achieving a specified rank in the event. These awards are made according to a pre-determined scale and are based on such factors as the rating of the event, size of the field, degree of difficulty etc. There is an annual deduction of 20% of the previous total to ensure that the scheme reflects the current performances more accurately while providing some credit for past performances. However, the top seeded contestants who achieved a rank may lose some Rating Points for taking part in an event offering Rating Points so that merely playing more events does not offer additional advantage without any compensatory risk.

OBJECTS :

This Plan is not intended to offer any special advantages to any player but are meant only for:

- a) Media publicity,
- b) Create interest among the players to see how the top players rank on the basis of performances in recognised National & International events,
- c) Help in seeding contestants for grouping into sections of more-or-less equal strength,
- d) When a team needs to add a player for or from the Selection Trials, to provide a ready reckoner of the top players.

ADMINISTRATION

- (a) The rating scheme is administered jointly by the Technical & Development Committee and the Master-Point Committee.
- (b) The Honorary Secretary (Master Points) shall be the Chief executive who shall conduct the administration with the assistance of Joint Secretary (Technical) and Joint Secretary (M.P.).
- (c) A National register shall be maintained for all registered players under this plan.

AREA OF OPERATION :

The scheme shall be operative in the jurisdiction of BFI but official international events held outside the country would also be taken into account for players who are eligible to represent India in official international competition.

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS :

- 1. The registration is open to any player of good standing residing in India.
- 2. A player who desires to be registered shall pay the prescribed registration fee to the federation annually.

RANKS :

- (a) There are five ranks which could be attained under the scheme by the registered players acquiring specified number of rating points viz.
 - 1. Grade A - A player who has 1000 or more rating points to his credit in the National Register.
 - 2. Grade B - A player who has 600 or more rating points to his credit in the National Register.
 - 3. Grade C - A player who has 400 or more rating points to his credit in the National Register.
 - 4. Grade D - A player who has 200 or more rating points to his credit in the National Register.
 - 5. Grade E - A player who has 100 or more rating points to his credit in the National Register.
- b) Whenever a player attains the rank for the first time or attains a new rank, an entry to that effect is made in the National register and a certificate of rank is issued to the player. The certificate shall be in the form.

CERTIFICATE OF RANK

The Bridge Federation of India is pleased to certify that
..... with
Registration No. has thisday of
.....attained the rank of

Seal :

Dated :

HONORARY SECRETARY

(Master Points)

THE BASIC SCHEME :

High finishes in all official international and national events are to be awarded RP (Rating Points) on a pre-determined basis. In official international events, whether India's participation is through single or multiple entries, the overall rank alone will be the criteria for award of rating points.

In events of National importance, the rating points will be awarded only for the final rankings at the conclusion of the event.

At the end of each year (including the Winter Nationals even if held in January of the following year), the RP of each player at the end of the previous year is reduced by 20% and the RP won and lost during the year is added to or deducted from the reduced total to arrive at the current total of the player's RP. Thus, past performance would be recognised but greater weight would be attached to recent performances.

In order that the scheme more-or-less accurately reflect the relative strength of Individual players, some checks have been build into the scheme. These are :

1. Weaker players cannot improve their ranking simply by virtue of being on a team filled with strong players. The rating points will be awarded to any player subject to the participant playing 50% of boards in the final stages of the event.
2. There are demerit (minus) awards for achieving a lower rank and it will attract every member of the team irrespective of percentage of boards played.

Pairs 8 6 4 3

Women's Team 6 4 (-)3 (-)4

World Championship events :

Bermuda Bowl 70 55 46 36 28 20 15 10 (-)10 (-)15 (-)20 (-)25

Open Olympiad 100 80 65 55 50 45 40 35 30 25 20 16 (-)16 (-)20
(-)25 (-)30

Venice Cup 40 30 22 16 12 10 8 6 (-)6 (-)8 (-)10 (-)12

Women Olympiad 50 40 32 28 24 20 16 12 (-)12 (-)16 (-)20 (-)24

Rosenblum KO 80 65 55 47 42 38 34 30 26 23 20 18 (-)18 (-)20
(-)23 (-)26

McConnell KO 40 34 30 26 23 20 18 16 14 12 10 8 (-)8 (-)10
(-)12 (-)24

Open Pairs 80 70 64 60 56 48 40 30 24 18 14 10 (-)10 (-)14
(-)18 (-)24

Mixed Pairs 40 30 24 20 18 16 14 12 11 10 9 8 (-)8 (-)9 (-)10
(-)11

Women's Pairs 40 34 30 27 24 22 20 18 18 15 15 12 (-)12 (-)15
(-)15 (-)18

MASTER POINT PLAN

INTRODUCTION :

The master-point plan is the machinery by which the federation ranks every registered player according to success achieved by him or her in tournament play. The winner of a sanctioned event is credited with master-points in proportion to the importance and size of the event. A proportionately smaller number of points are awarded to those who earn lesser placings.

Master-point awards in all federation events are made by precise formulae. The formulae balance all variable factors such as the rating of the event, size of field, degree of difficulty etc. The formulae insures as uniformity throughout the Federation tournaments to the maximum degree possible. However, in representative events at the National-level or Zonal-level or at an All India event, the Federation allots master-points on a predetermined scale without using any formula.

Essential to the success of the Master Point Scheme is the fact that master points are awarded under as nearly equal conditions as possible. Master Point formulae alone cannot insure the necessary degree of Master Point equality required by the Federation for an equitable rating of its members. To maintain this value standard, both the physical conditions and the technical operation of recognised tournaments also must be equalised.

OBJECTS :

The objects of the plan are :

- (a) To stimulate interest in organised Duplicate Bridge by providing players with some goals of achievement.
- (b) To provide the Federation and its affiliated units with a source of revenue to be used for the benefit of the game.
- (c) To provide a national system for measuring and recording achievements in organised Duplicate Bridge.

ADMINISTRATION :

- (a) The day-to-day administration of the scheme is conducted by the Federation's Honorary Secretary (Master-Points), to whom all communications relating to the scheme should be addressed.

- (b) The Honorary Secretary (Master-Points) act under the direction of the Master-Point Committee, which meets as often as necessary, and exercises powers delegated to it by the Executive Committee of the federation.
- (c) The Master Point Committee may appoint Zonal Master - Point Secretaries who shall maintain records of all master-points of players within their zone and liaise with the Honorary Secretary (Master - Points) as well as the master-point secretaries (see "d" below) of the member associations in that zone. The Zonal secretaries should try to ensure that all tournament results are transmitted to the Honorary Secretary (Master-Points) for recording all individual master-point awards with the Federation. A complete copy of the Federation records will be provided by the Honorary Secretary (Master-Points) to these Zonal Master-Point Secretaries so that the Federation records in these respects are maintained at several places.
- (d) The Master-Point Committee may approve anybody nominated by a member association as the master-point secretary of the association who shall also maintain master point records of the association and help the Honorary Secretary (Master-Points) and the Zonal Master Point Secretary in matters relating to his association.
- (e) The Master-Point Committee's decision on matters of principle are subject to ratification by the Executive Committee of the Federation.

AREA OF OPERATION

The scheme shall be operative in the jurisdiction of the Bridge Federation of India.

MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Only registered players of the Federation are entitled to master-points.
- (b) A player who desires to be a member under the master-point scheme must apply to the master-point secretary and pay the prescribed fee through the relative member association.
- (c) Master-point membership is compulsory for participation in any National championship or event, Zonal/Regional championship or Trial, all-India event or State championship or Trial.
- (d) On application for membership, the relative member association gives the newly registered player a temporary number in the form of "association/year/month/number", e.g. AP/01/Feb/07 and forward the application for membership to the Hon. Secretary (Master-Points).
- (e) On receipt of the application for membership along with the membership fee, the Honorary Secretary (Master-Points) will generally register the player and allot him a number. This number must be entered on all entry forms and on all tournament reports. The

Federation processes player records, and also some master-point awards, and the quality and speed of service are necessarily dependent upon the care in handling these player numbers.

- (f) Notwithstanding anything mentioned elsewhere membership is open only to any person of good standing, ordinarily resident in India. However, as special cases, foreign residents may be allowed to participate in a tournament without registration.
- (g) A registered player may be censured, suspended, expelled, or otherwise disciplined by the Federation or a member association or a district association affiliated thereto. The right of all registered players are fully protected. In all disciplinary matters, the procedures described in Hand book must be followed.

ISSUANCE OF MASTER POINTS :

The results of every sanctioned event are to be reported to Honorary Secretary (Master-Points). Master Points won in these events are processed as follows for entry in the National Register.

- (a) Master Points won by a player in club games organised by one franchisee are to be issued by the Director-in-Charge every three months (January to March, April to June, July to September, October to December) in one master-point list of award in a format prescribed by the Federation, preferably on a floppy diskette as well as on a hard copy, duly signed by the Director-in-Charge and by the franchisee.
- (b) Master Points won in an annual club championship or in a local tournament or district trial or district championship are to be issued by the Chief Tournament Director in a format prescribed by the Federation with points earned in each round of each event shown separately with ranks and section specified as well as with the number of contestants (total and represented) and the mode of conduction of the events specified.
- (c) Master Points won in higher-level events are to be issued by the Chief Tournament Director as per procedure set out in (b) above, taking care to specify the Federation level point separately.

RECORDING OF MASTER POINTS

- (a) A National Register shall be maintained by the Honorary Secretary (Master-Points) for recording the awards. Preferably the register shall be maintained on computer in a database form.
- (b) The databases should record the full name, address and the membership number of the player to whom it relates and contains details of all awards earned by the players.
- (c) The master-points that are earned by a registered player during the period he is a member under the scheme are only recorded in the

National Register provided that he mentions the registration number wherever required Master points won while a player was not a member under the scheme or while his registration was lapsed are not recorded on the National Register unless he subsequently clears his dues along with all possible details of such awards won together with a fee of Rs. 10/- for each such award claimed. However, master-points won prior to the previous year and not recorded due to non-registration or due to not mentioning registration number are irretrievably lost.

- (d) Lists of Master points totals and ranks of all registered players will be published and circulated by the Federation twice every year. Additional lists, as and when necessary, may be published at periodical intervals.
- (e) The details on one's own Master Point Card could be obtained by a registered player by payment of prescribed fee.
- (f) Once every three years, the record is closed and the Master Point awards of all registered players are declared. Any discrepancies should be brought to the notice of the Hon. Secretary (Master Points) within three months thereafter, which will be duly rectified and points carried over to the new record.

RANKS:

The purpose of the master-point plan of the Federation is to rate each registered player's accomplishments in tournament bridge relative to the accomplishments of every other registered player of Federation. The higher the total of master-points credited to a player's record, the more skillful and experienced he is assumed to be.

- (a) There are eight ranks which are attained under the scheme by the players acquiring specified number of Master Points, viz,

- i) Local Master**

- A player who has one hundred or more Master Points to his credit on the National Register.

- ii) Master**

- A player who has two hundred or more Master Points to his credit on the National Register.

- iii) Senior Master**

- A player who has three hundred or more Master Points to his credit on the National Register.

- iv) National Master**

- A player who has six hundred or more Master Points to his credit on the National Register of which three hundred or more must be of Federation Level.

v)Life Master

A player who has thousand or more Master Points to his credit on the National Register of which five hundred or more must be of Federation Level.

vi)Advanced Life Master

A player who has two thousand or more Master Points to his credit on the National Register of which thousand or more must be of Federation Level.

vii) Senior Life Master

A player who has three thousand five hundred or more Master Points to his credit on the National Register of which thousand five hundred or more must be of Federation Level.

viii) Grand Master

A player who has five thousand or more Master Points to his credit on the National Register of which two thousand five hundred or more must be of Federation Level and who has won at least one event in National Championships.

NOTE :

- (a) Any player who has achieved the rank of National Master or Life Master as per the previous stipulations upto 30th May 2002 will be eligible to participate in the respective level tournaments till 31st March, 2004.
- (b) Whenever a player attains rank for the first time or attains a new rank, an entry to that effect is made in the National Register and a Certificate of Rank is issued to the player. The Certificate shall be in the form :

CERTIFICATE OF RANK

The Bridge Federation of India is pleased to certify thatwith Registration No. has thisday of..... attained the rank of

Seal:

Dated:

HONORARY SECRETARY

(Master Points)

GENERAL RULES RELATING TO AWARDS:

- 1) Master Points shall be awarded under the plan for achievements in various tournaments provided they are open to all registered players of the area concerned or in case of events restricted to players of certain Master Point ranks to all registered players of such ranks of the area concerned. The Executive Committee may sanction awards to some restricted events also. The tournaments may also be open to other members.
- 2) Only approved tournaments which are conducted by an appropriate class of Director will be considered for the award of Master Points.
- 3) Tournaments are classified according to their importance which depends upon whether the tournament is conducted by the Federation, a State Association, a District Association or an affiliated Club. The status of the sponsor does not effect the level of the tournament.
- 4) The number of Master Points awarded depends on the classification of the event, the size and quality of the field. Federation tournaments rate higher than the State tournaments; the more the number of contestants higher the award subject to prescribed maximum limit. The event restricted to higher ranking players is given higher award than an open event.
- 5) Any player who competes in an event recognised for Master Points is entitled to receive Master Points for which his performance qualifies him under the scale of awards authorised for the event.
- 6) It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to issue a certificate in respect of every award to which a player has become entitled.
- 7) To qualify for master point awards available in any round of a progressive team of four event, a player must play at least 30% of the boards played by his team in that round.
- 8) To qualify for master point award in a team of four duplicate event, a player must play at least 33-1/3% of the boards played by his team.

In addition, a member of the winning team who fails to play at least 25% of the final, receives the master points awardable to the second team, provided that he has played at least 25% of the semi-final and 33-1/3% overall. A member of the second placed team, who fails to play 25% of the semi-final (or a player of the winning team who fails to play 25% of the final and also fails to play 25% of the semi-final)

receives the master points awardable to Joint third-fourth provided that he has played at least 33-1/3% overall.

In case of a super-league other than KO semi-final and final a player who fails to play 25% of the boards played by his team in the super-league but has played 33-1/3% overall will receive master points awardable to the last super-league position irrespective of his team's position.

- 9) If a member of a team is falling short of his qualification as per (vii) and (viii) above, and if the team concerned has been awarded a walk-over when the player was present and available for play, he should be given the benefit of that round, provided that he has played at least 25% of the boards actually played by his team overall.

For the determination of percentage requirements above or as per (vii) and (viii) above, if up to 5 boards were cancelled or not played by a team as per directions given by the director (as penalty or otherwise), such boards will be counted for the determination of boards played by the players who played that session.

- 10) For the purpose of awarding Master Points, ties are not broken; instead, if two contestants are tied for the same position they divide equally the Master Points allotted for that position and the next lower one. Similarly, if three or more contestants are tied, then they share equally all the Master Points awardable for the places they would occupy if the tie was broken. When the tie involves the lowest rank eligible for award all the tying contestants get the award notwithstanding the limit of one-fifth of the field.

- 11) No event in any type of tournament will be eligible for award unless the following minimum number of boards are played :

Team of Four duplicate (Full League, Knock-out) -10 boards for each match;

-- do -- (Swiss) - 8 boards for each match;

Team for Four Progressive - 18 boards;

Pairs Progressive (two winners) - 22 boards;

Pairs (Single Winner) - 18 boards;

Individual - 15 boards;

If the same number of boards is not played by all the contestants in an event (which may arise due to half table), the number of boards played in the event is deemed to be the number played by the contestants who play the fewest boards. The Executive Committee may reduce the minimum number of boards in special cases.

12) Any event to qualify for Master Point awards shall be played with a particular minimum number of contestants (details are specified under respective chart of awards). If fewer than the required number of participants register to play in a recognised tournament for Master Points, the Director must announce to all concerned that the recognition for awards has become invalidated. However, in special circumstances, the Hon. Secretary (M.P.) may qualify an event for award of Master Points.

13) In a qualifinal event, each qualifying stage must reduce the number of contestant with in the limits 30% to 65%. Master Points are awarded for performances in qualifinal rounds at 50% of the basic scale.

The word "Qualifinal" has been coined to describe events in which the final stage of the event is preceded by one or more qualifying stages.

In the final round of pairs and Team of Four Progressive, where curtailed movements are adopted preventing a pairs/teams meeting at least 65% of the field, Master Points shall be awarded at 50% of the basic scale.

14) In a Swiss league followed by a full league play off, whole event is to be considered as one single event and the awards will be given on the partial league formula. To give consideration to the rank achieved by a qualified team in the Swiss League, 20% of their score will be replaced by 20% of the score they could have attained with the rank in the Swiss league.

15) Any minor modifications in the conduct of any event should be ignored for the purpose of award.

16) Awards should be calculated for the number of contestants represented. The number of contestants represented is calculated by the formula.

Number of contestants = Number of contestants in that round X
Number of represented contestants in the preceding round/Surviving
number of Entrants;

All fractions are rounded off to the next higher number.

17) The maximum award for each type of event in all categories of tournaments is limited.

18) The recognition for awards would be deemed to have been withdrawn if the tournament is not conducted by an appropriate class of Director, unless otherwise permitted.

19) The award for the winner of any event (Top award) is calculated from the formula $M = E \times F$, where M is the award, E is the number of

contestants represented and F is a specially predetermined factor (basic scale) subject to maximum Limits prescribed.

- 20) In Federation level tournaments where the number of awards is not more than ten and in all tournaments up to and including zonal level, the successive reductions should be calculated by dividing the top award by the number of awards due to be made.

In Federation level tournaments where the number of awards are greater than ten, the awards barring the last nine positions shall be on the basis of progressive reduction of 10%. For last nine positions, the successive reductions shall be calculated by dividing the residuary award by nine.

- 21) Master Points shall be awarded only up to $1/5^{\text{th}}$ of the contestants represented. Any Fraction in division is rounded off to the nearest number.
- 22) An event run on a handicap basis also is eligible for Master Point awards.
- 23) If Master Points are awardable for a pairs or individual event, in which players' scores are adjusted on the basis of previous performance (e.g. Carry over points) all such adjustments must be ignored for the purpose of assessing the awards.
- 24) Where any event is of a type for which no scale is provided, the Federation may lay down a special scale. The Federation may also determine adhoc points for certain events.
- 25) Any player who competes in a sanctioned event and is authorised to do so, is entitled to receive master-points for which his performance qualifies him under the scale of awards authorised for the event and the rules relating to master-points. However, if he is an unregistered player, the award won't be recorded on the National Register (but record is to be maintained till such time the player can reclaim the award by paying the necessary fees).
- 26) It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to calculate the awards, make out a list and send copies in the Federation-specified format to the master-point secretary of the member association, if any, the Zonal Master-Point Secretary and the Hon. Secretary (Master-Points) of the federation.
- 27) The number of master-Points awardable depends on the classification and rating of the event and the size and quality of the field. The National-level event rate higher than Zonal which, in turn, rate higher than Regional Championship and so on. The greater the number of contestants represented, the higher the award, subject to a prescribed maximum limit. The events restricted to lower-ranking players are given lower awards than open events.

The Federation may specify master-Points to be awarded on a pre-determined scale for any all-India events or for any representative event in a National championship.

- 28) The fact that the tournament qualifies for award of Master Points should be conspicuously published in the prospectus or programme.

CURRENT MASTER POINTS:

The Master Point totals give an indication of a player's overall lifetime achievement in tournament bridge at all levels of play. Since different players have played over different spans of time, it does not always give a true picture of relative skill of various players at any given point of time. For this reason, an additional method of ranking players is required. This will be based on master-points earned earlier progressively reduced.

Thus at the end of a year (which will be deemed to be 30th September), the player's master-point total at the end of the previous year (i.e. as on 30th September of the previous year) will be reduced by 10% and the master-points earned by the player during the last one year (12 month period from October 1 to September 30) added to that total to arrive at his "Current master-point" total. At the beginning of the scheme, a player's previous year's total will be reduced as follows :

Upto 100 MPs	-	no reduction
100+ to 200 MPs	-	10% above 100
200+ to 400 MPs	-	10 MPs plus 15% above 200
400+ to 600 MPs	-	40 MPs plus 20% above 400
600+ to 1000 MPs	-	80 MPs plus 25% above 600
1000+ to 2000 MPs	-	180 MPs plus 30% above 1000
2000+ MPs	-	480 MPs plus 35% above 2000

Master-points of federation level also would be reduced in the same ratio as the ratio of reduction of total master-points for the player concerned.

The master-point category to which the player belongs according to his Current master-point standing would be known as the player's Current Master-Point status but would not alter his permanent Master-Point status for a period of six months. Thus, a player may be a Current Senior Master while being a Life Master for an extended period of six months only.

**THE BASIC SCALE, MINIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS AND
MAXIMUM LIMIT OF AWARDS FOR EACH OF THE EVENTS:**

a) Local club

Nature of the event	Minimum# of contestants	Basic Scale	Maximum limit of awards
a) Open Team of Four Duplicate (KO)4		0.30	30
b) Open Full league followed by KO or Super - League	6	0.30	30
c) Open Full League	8	0.25	25
d) Open repechage KO or group league followed by KO or Super - League10	10	0.20	25
e) Open Partial league followed by KO or Super - League	10	0.16	25
f) Open Partial league	12	0.12	15
g) Team of Four Progressive	7	0.10	15
h) Open pairs	12	0.06	10
i) Open pairs at Home & Par contest.12	12	0.02	5
j) Individual	12	0.01	5

Note: (i) Tournaments conducted separately restricting only to club members or for Juniors and consolation events will carry only 50% of the awards detailed above.

(ii) Qualifying rounds in progressive, pairs and Individual events also carry master point awards and they shall be calculated at 50% of the basic scale.

b) District Championships

The District championships are governed by the same regulations as those listed under local club tournaments except for the basic scale and maximum limit of Master Point award which is as under :

Nature of the event	Minimum # of contestants	Basic Scale	Maximum limit of awards
a) Open Team of Four Duplicate (KO)	4	0.50	50
b) Open Full league followed by KO or Super - League	6	0.50	50
c) Open Full League	8	0.40	40
d) Open repechage KO or group league followed by KO or Super - League	10	0.30	40
e) Open Partial league followed by KO or Super - League	10	0.25	40
f) Open Partial league	12	0.20	25
g) Team of Four Progressive	7	0.15	25
h) Open pairs	12	0.10	15
i) Open pairs at Home & Par contest.	12	0.04	8
j) Individual	12	0.02	8

c) State level event & tournaments

Each district association affiliated to a member State association is allowed to hold one State-level tournament and one another State level event per year without any sanction subject to the condition that such event/tournament must be ratified by the relative member State association.

In addition, each member State association may hold a certain number of State level tournaments and events as may be approved by the Federation.

Nature of the event	Minimum# of contestants	Basic Scale	Maximum limit of awards
a) Open Team of Four Duplicate (KO)	8	0.70	50
b) Open Full league followed by KO or Super - League	10	0.70	50
c) Open Full League	12	0.60	50
d) Open repechage KO or group league followed by KO or Super - League	16	0.50	50
e) Open Partial league followed by KO or Super - League	16	0.40	50
f) Open Partial league	20	0.30	30
g) Team of Four Progressive	16	0.20	30
h) Open pairs	20	0.15	20
i) Open pairs at Home & Par contest.	30	0.06	10
j) Individual	20	0.03	5

Note : (i) Tournaments conducted separately for juniors will carry only 50% of the awards detailed above. The age limit for Juniors will be below 25 years at the commencement of the tournament/event.

(ii) The consolation events in the State Championships will carry Master Points as if they are District Tournaments.

(iii) Qualifying rounds in Progressive and Pairs event also carry Master Point awards and they shall be calculated at 50% of the Basic Scale.

(iv) 20% of the award in State championships will be considered as Federation level. The total award shall remain the same.

(v) The Federation has powers to authorise award of Master Points for events which are considered to be of such outstanding importance

as to rank with State level events and in any further events which may be introduced by the State in future.

d) Zonal Championships

The Federation requirements at the Zonal championships are the same as that of State Championships. The awards in Zonal Championship are federation level.

The basic scale, minimum number of contestants and the maximum limit of awards for each of the events of Zonal Championship are listed below.

Nature of the event	Minimum# of contestants	Basic Scale	Maximum limit of awards
a) Open Team of Four Duplicate (KO)8		0.80	50
b) Open Full league followed by KO or Super - League	10	0.80	50
c) Open Full League	12	0.60	50
d) Open repechage KO or group league followed by KO or Super - League	16	0.50	50
e) Open Partial league followed by KO or Super - League	16	0.45	50
f) Open Partial league	20	0.30	30
g) Team of Four Progressive	16	0.20	30
h) Open pairs	20	0.15	20
i) Open pairs at Home & Par contest...	30	0.06	10
j) Individual	20	0.03	5

e) Inter-Unit Championships for Central Sports Controlling bodies

The Federation requirements and the basic scales are the same as that of Zonal championships. The awards are of Federation level.

f) Categorised Events

The Categorised events barring those at Federation (National) level shall be awarded Master Points based on the effective level of restriction imposed.

Players are required to give their current recorded Master Point holding when entering an event that carries a Master Point restriction. At the start of the event with a Master Point restriction, the director must clearly announce the exact restriction to all contestants. A player who illegally enters an event is subject to disciplinary action. The director shall also check the entries as far as possible to make sure that only qualified contestants have entered the event.

Any event which is described as being open to players who have attained a specified rank shall be open also to players who have attained a rank higher than the specified rank. This shall not apply to categorised pairs event at Nationals.

The rule is, however, subject to one important qualification. When two or more such events are played at the same time and the qualifications for the events are fixed at different levels a player is to be considered eligible to play only in the highest level events for which he is qualified.

In view of the fact that the right of entry is being confined to one rank only or two or more ranks, each rank is allotted a number as set-out below to determine the effective level of restriction imposed.

Local Master	3 ;
Life Master	12 ;
Master	6 ;
Advanced Life Master	15 ;
Senior Master	8 ;
Senior Life Master	19 ;
National Master	10 ;
Grand Master	24 ;

Master Points are awarded in such events on the appropriate Basic Scale multiplied by a figure which is determined by the effective level of the restriction imposed. To establish this figure it is necessary to add together all the numbers in the above table which are appropriate to the ranks of the players taking part; then to divide that total by four times the number of ranks represented in the event. For example:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Masters only :} & \quad 6 \text{ divided by } 4 = 1.5 \\ \text{Life Masters only :} & \quad 12 \text{ divided by } 4 = 3 ; \\ \text{Masters \& all) } & \quad 6+8+10+12+15+19+24 = 94 \text{ divided by } 28 = 3.36 \\ & \quad \text{higher ranks)} \end{aligned}$$

No rank number shall be included in the calculation unless that rank is represented in the event. This scale of additions is not intended to be permanent. As the number of players holding ranks higher than that of the Local Master increases, change in the scale may become necessary; and it will therefore be reviewed from time to time by the Master Point Committee.

g) All India Events

The Master Point awards for various All India events will be prescribed on adhoc basis from time to time.

h) Winter National Championships:

The basic scale and maximum limit of awards for each of the events are set out below.

Nature of the event	Basic Scale	Maximum limit of awards
a) Open Team of Four Duplicate (KO)	1.50	120
b) Open Full league followed by KO or Super - League	1.50	120
c) Open Full League	1.00	120
d) Open Repechage KO or group league followed by KO or Super – League	0.70	120
e) Open Partial league followed by KO or Super - League	0.60	120
f) Open Partial league	0.40	60
g) Team of Four Progressive	0.30	60
h) Open pairs	0.20	50
i) Others		

The Master Point awards for the following events will be prescribed on adhoc basis from time to time.

- 1) Inter-State & Inter-Association tournament in Summer Nationals.
- 2) Selected pairs event in Summer Nationals.
- 3) All events in Ladies National Championships.
- 4) National Open pairs at Home.
- 5) Events for which no basis scales are provided.

