

For October 2024, we look at how points translate into player rankings:

Last month, we defined the colorful points that players earn when they do well at the bridge table. This month, we address the points needed to reach different recognition levels within the duplicate bridge world.

There are 18 ranks, from Junior Master (5 Masterpoints) to Grand Life Master (10,000 Masterpoints plus a victory in a North American Bridge Championship). The ranks are:

ROOKIE – fewer than 5 points.

JUNIOR MASTER – 5 points.

CLUB MASTER – 20 points; 5 must be black.

SECTIONAL MASTER – 50 points; 10 must be black and 5 must be silver.

REGIONAL MASTER – 100 points; 15 must be black, 15 must be silver and 5 must be red or gold.

NABC MASTER – 200 points; 20 must be black, 20 must be silver, 20 must be red or gold with at least 5 gold.

ADVANCED NABC MASTER – 300 points; 50 must be black, 50 silver, 25 red or gold/platinum, 25 gold/platinum, no more than 100 from online play.

GOLDEN AGE MASTER – a member who is age 70 or older and has at least 300 masterpoints of any color, or a member who is at least 80 years old and has at least 100 masterpoints of any color.

LIFE MASTER – 500 points; 75 must be black, 75 silver, 50 red or gold/platinum, 50 gold/platinum, no more than 165 from online play.

BRONZE LIFE MASTER – 750 points; same color requirements as Life Master

SILVER LIFE MASTER – 1,000 points; a combination of 200 silver, red, gold, or platinum points.

RUBY LIFE MASTER – 1,500 points; a combination of 300 silver, red, gold or platinum points.

GOLD LIFE MASTER – 2,500 points; a combination of 500 silver, red, gold, or platinum points.

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER – 3,500 points; a combination of 700 silver, red, gold or platinum points, with at least 350 gold and platinum.

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER – 5,000 points; 250 gold or platinum points and a combination of 1000 silver, red, gold or platinum points.

EMERALD LIFE MASTER – 7,500 points; a combination of 500 gold or platinum points and a combination of 1,500 silver, red, gold or platinum points.

PLATINUM LIFE MASTER – 10,000 points; 100 platinum points, a combination of 750 gold or platinum points, and a combination of 2,000 silver, red, gold or platinum points.

GRAND LIFE MASTER – Win a North American Bridge Championship with no upper masterpoint restriction or a United States Open or Women’s Bridge Championship or a Canadian Open or Women’s National Championship or any of the following WBF events: Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Rosenblum Cup, McConnell Cup, Open Pairs, Women’s Pairs, Olympiad, Women’s Team Olympiad, WBF Mixed Pairs, WBF Senior Pairs, WBF World Swiss Teams, WBF World Mixed Teams or WBF Senior Teams.

(The point scale above is for players who joined ACBL after 2010. That year points required for each level were adjusted up at the same time changes made it easier for players to obtain points.)