

## Red Point (B4c) Sessions

### Background

From 2017 to March 2023 Red Point sessions at Maitland Bridge Club were considered Special Events.

Players who participate in Special Events must be a financial member of MBC and have played at Maitland Bridge Club in Non-Special events at least six (6) times in the six (6) months prior to the start of the event, unless exempted by the President of MBC due to illness, extended travel or substantiated isolation.

In March 2023 the Red Point (B4c) sessions were removed from the Special Event category for Maitland Bridge Club. For more information refer to Item 8.3 in the Minutes dated March 2023.

This change means that both members and guests are able to enter and play in MBC Red Point (B4c) sessions.

In 2023 and 2024 the Management Committee and Tournament Sub-committee has been working to ensure all events and masterpointing are conducted according the Bridge NSW and Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) guidelines.

*The ABF Masterpoint Scheme document dated 11 April 2024 states on page 12:*

#### *2.6 GRADE B4c - Red*

*This grade is for special club sessions/events. Grade B4c events which should ordinarily be conducted during the regular club sessions of play, and may only be advertised within the club.*

For more information click [this link](#) and refer to page 12.

Red Point (B4c) are allocated to each club according to the number of green points players win at normal club sessions. MBC currently runs 6 bridge session per week with good table numbers, so in 2024 MBC was allocated 13 Red Point (B4c) sessions.

With this background information in mind, the following two motions will be put forward at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 7 August 2024. Members attending the AGM will be asked to vote on each motion. A 50% majority of those attending is required for either motion to be passed.

#### **Red Point Session Motion 1:**

From 8 August 2024, Red Point (B4c) sessions at Maitland Bridge Club will only be available to financial members of Maitland Bridge Club. This will be documented on the calendar when events are scheduled to meet the ABF requirement of only advertising within the club, as visitors will not be able to enter these events.

#### **Red Point Session Motion 2:**

In addition to being a financial member of Maitland Bridge Club, players entering Red Point (B4c) sessions must have played at Maitland Bridge Club in Non-Special events at least six (6) times in the six (6) months prior to the start of the event, unless exempted by the President of MBC due to illness, extended travel or substantiated isolation.