

## **Information for clubs hosting the Waikato Area Pairs**

Thank you for hosting a WAP event. We appreciate your help.

This is a 5A tournament consisting of 5 rounds of 2 sessions each. **Cost** per player is **\$15**, of which **\$12** is retained by the Host Club. **The Area Pairs Committee** receives the other \$3 per player paid to the WAP Treasurer (currently Kevin Whyte), or a nominated substitute.

**The host club pays the following costs** (from the \$12 received per player):

- Tournament Director - \$140 (inclusive of travel)
- Masterpoints etc
- Prizes - \$160 (plus \$100 from WAP sponsorship)

**Prizes:** Total = \$260 (\$100 Sponsor donation and \$160 from WAP entry fees)

1st place - \$30 each • 2nd place - \$25 each • 3rd place - \$20 each •

Best non open pair - \$20 each runner-up non-open pair - \$15 each.

Best Junior pair - \$20

A field of 12 tables will raise enough revenue to cover these costs. Any club running the Area Pairs who find they have lost money should apply for re-imbursement from the Area Pairs Committee. The host club may run a raffle to bolster funds.

Host clubs must ensure that, prior to play, a **duplicate** set of boards are dealt, there are enough bidding pads, pens etc on the tables, and that blank NZ Bridge System Cards are available for players to complete.

The host club should **provide a reserve pair** for the event to avoid a phantom.

Scoring is the responsibility of the Host Club but the WAP Manager can provide a scorer to non-Compass clubs to enable speedy production of the ladder post-heat. Clubs must ensure they comply with NZB requirements for electronic scoring tournament display which requires **either no display after a round or percentage only display**. This choice is at the WAP Manager's discretion. Results obtained at other tables on a board must **not** be displayed.

The **host club** for each round is responsible for sending the session results and master-point file to NZ Bridge. A .txt and XML file should be provided to the WAP Scorer - (currently Mike Neels). Results for each round as well as an overall progress result will be posted by the WAP Scorer as soon as possible on the Waikato Bays website.

The **Director** for each round will be appointed by the WAP Manager Richard Solomon. The Director should be in contact with the host club approximately two weeks before their round. All grades are welcome to play at the heats which are friendly and relaxed. Do bear in mind when promoting this open event that very junior players may find the field tough/discouraging. It is aimed at open, keen intermediates and **very** keen junior players.

This is a budget tournament, host clubs are asked supply tea & coffee throughout and a minimum fuss morning tea. Clubs are welcome to sell alcohol if their rules permit it.

Preferred movements for a WAP session:

- Up to 13 tables - one section
- 14 tables Bowman-Ewing - 12 rounds (still single section but will require two sets of boards)
- 15 or 16 tables - 8-table Mitchell + 7-table Hesitation (or 2 x Mitchell respectively)
- 17-18 tables - as above but one more table in each section
- 19-24 tables - 12 table Mitchell + the remainder in a Reduced Howell or whatever with 12 moving pairs.

In all cases with two sections, any with sitting or moving rights will start in the section with fewer tables (take this into account when deciding the table layout).

Some clubs systems don't have all of these options - it would pay to check prior to the event, in particular:

- 8-table Howell with 9 rounds
- 8-table Reduced Howell with 12 rounds
- 7-table Reduced Howell with 12 rounds

Please contact the WAP Manager prior to your event if you have any problems.