

Rules and Guidelines updated from September 2011

1. 4 Rounds, Whakatane, Tauranga, Mt Maunganui, Te Puke. (Rotorua hosts the Bay of Plenty Interclub Ib Thulin Shield).
2. All 4 rounds to count.
3. One Substitute is allowed.
4. Non BOP players can play in this event, but do not qualify for inclusion in the final overall result. A non BOP player disqualifies the pair from the final overall results.
5. Non BOP players can receive Masterpoints and Prizes for on the day results.
6. Non BOP players must belong to a NZ Bridge affiliated club, or an overseas club affiliated to that country's National Bridge Organisation. (NZ Bridge Rules).
7. An annual administration charge is levied on each of the 4 clubs. This covers the cost of engraving trophies, the prize money for the overall winners, and sundry running and stationery costs incurred by organiser. The current cost is \$85.00 (Updated 2024). Invoiced by organiser as needed.
8. Entry Fee is determined at the BOP Clubs annual meeting. (Was \$15.00 (2022)) Updated to \$20.00 in 2024 to cover increased masterpoints costs.
9. If too many pairs enter for an event, priority is given to pairs qualifying for the overall results.

### Prizes and Masterpoints

Each club sends the results to NZ Bridge for their round of the competition for masterpoints. The Region will send the overall results to NZ Bridge at the completion of the event.

On the day Prizes go from 1st to 6th place. No session prizes for top N/S or E/W.

Number of Prizes may be varied on number of entries as determined by the clubs.

Special Prize for a pair not containing an Open player, determined on the day by the club, depending on number of entries in Intermediate and Junior categories, not included in main prize list.

### Basic On the Day Prizes

First - \$25 each, \$50 per pair

Second - \$20 each, \$40 per pair

Third - \$15 each, \$30 per pair

Fourth to Sixth - \$10 each, \$20 per pair

Special prize for non open pair \$20 each, \$40 per pair. May be Junior or Intermediate, determined by Club.

**Overall Trophies** ( to be returned at the end of each year for representation) Engraved by the Organiser.

- **Overall** Winning Pair
- **Best Result by an Intermediate Player.** This is for the highest placed Intermediate player. They may have been playing with an Open ranked partner. The Intermediate player gets the Cup and the \$25 prize money. The open partner does not get anything. If the Best Intermediate result is by two Intermediates playing together, both names are engraved on the Cup, and each gets \$25 in Prize money.
- **Best Result by Junior Player.** This is for the highest placed Junior player. If they were playing with an Open or Intermediate ranked partner, the Junior player receives the Cup and the \$25 prize money. The Open player does not get anything, but obviously if the best pair is an Intermediate and Junior player playing together, the Intermediate gets the Intermediate Cup and the Junior gets the Junior Cup. They only get one cash prize of \$25 each.

## **Overall**

(Updated 2024)

### **Up to 12 Tables**                      Total Overall Prizemoney \$250.00

First - \$30 each, \$60 per pair

Second - \$25 each, \$50 per pair

Third - \$20 each, \$40 per pair

Overall Competition only, See notes on Overall Trophies

Top Intermediate player/pair - \$25 or \$25 each

Top Junior Player/Pair - \$25 or \$25 each

### **13-16 Tables**                      Total Overall Prizemoney \$290.00

First - \$30 each

Second - \$25 each

Third - \$20 each

Fourth - \$20

Overall Competition only, See notes on Overall Trophies

Top Intermediate player/pair - \$25 or \$25 each

Top Junior Player/Pair - \$25 or \$25 each

### **17 Plus Tables**                      Total Overall Prizemoney \$330.00

First - \$30 each

Second - \$25 each

Third - \$20 each

Fourth - \$20 each

Fifth - \$20 each

Overall Competition only, See notes on Overall Trophies

Top Intermediate player/pair - \$25 or \$25 each

Top Junior Player/Pair - \$25 or \$25 each

Update 2024 Christine Gibbons, Organiser BOP Pairs.