

Information for clubs hosting the Waikato Area Pairs

This is a 5A tournament consisting of 6 rounds of 2 sessions each. **Cost** per player is **\$10**, of which **\$8** is retained by the Host Club. **The Area Pairs committee** receives the other \$2 per player paid to the WAP Treasurer (currently Kevin Whyte), or a nominated substitute.

The host club pays the following costs (from the \$8 received per player):

- Tournament Director - \$120
- Scorer
- Masterpoints etc

Prizes:

- 1st place - \$20 each
- 2nd place - \$15 each
- 3rd place - \$10 each
- best non open pair - \$10 each

These are the **minimum** amounts - clubs are able to increase the amounts if the table numbers justify a larger prize pool or additional prizes. 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. Lunch for the Director would be appreciated.

Scoring is the responsibility of the Host Club but the WAP Manager may 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. All XML files for the day should be made accessible, preferably in dropbox, to the WAP Scorer - (currently Mike Neels - email: quidge15@gmail.com). 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 (currently Ella Gray). The Director should be in contact with the host club approximately two weeks before their round.

All 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.

As this is a budget tournament the venues are to supply tea & coffee for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. The supply of food/biscuits is the club's choice. 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.