

## **Rules for Representatives at Waikato Bays Interclub Teams**

### **1 Problem**

There is an increasing trend for members of different clubs to form partnerships with members of different Clubs and the relative ease of becoming “associate” members of another club to permit play outside of Constitutional Limits on the number of times non members may play per year at the Club. This is now manifesting itself in the representation of teams at the Waikato and Bay of Plenty rounds of the InterClub competitions and the finals for the region. The following are suggested rules for the selection of teams for Clubs and the basis for substitutions should a pair be unable to play on, for example, at the finals.

### **2 Home Club**

Every player has a “home” club which pays the capitation fee to NZ Bridge of the players primarily registered at their Club. Any associate membership of another Club does not pay this fee. It is therefore suggested that the “home” Club has first call on the player to represent their Club at the InterClub Teams events. Should the Home Club not call on those players then their associated Club can call upon their services. The player would then represent their associate Club in the event.

### **3 Team Makeup**

It is suggested that Clubs make their team selections (2 Pairs play at the event) from a team of 6 with a reserve pair to cater for illness etc. A team that plays on the day SHALL have at least one pair from the Home Club, ideally three of the players on the day. If there are only 2 players they ideally will not play together. A replacement other than by a named substitute for the team can only be made with the permission of WB Region Committee. This will be considered taking into account the circumstances or reasons for the proposed substitution.

### **4 Substitutions**

Note that it is not the players on the day that win representation at the finals or whatever – the Club has won representation at the next event (in WB terms the Teams finals) where 2 teams in each category from each “area” compete for the trophies. As such the Club is to field a Team that is as close as possible in playing strength to the original Team, from their membership, Only in the most extreme conditions should players for other Clubs be called upon to “make up the numbers” to field a team of similar standard as the original from a Club.

### **5 Established Partnerships**

There are some instances of established partnerships within the Region. These would not be excluded from play by these rules. In most instances there will be an historical basis for one Club to be considered their Home Club. That historical precedent should prevail in defining the Home Club for the partnership.

New partnerships what have formed more recently should obtain agreement from their Home Clubs as to which Club they have as their “Home” Club for selection purposes.