

WAIKATO AREA PAIRS

The following are the rules for the Waikato Area Pairs:

This is a 5A point Tournament consisting of five rounds of two sessions each. The 5A points are awarded based on the overall results, ie total after five rounds. Each round is to be structured so that, subject to NZ Bridge Regulations, each session of each round has at least 2 pairs earn an A point (amended at 2013 AGM) the exception being where there are 11 tables in play. (amended at 2014 AGM)

1. for this competition Law 79C2 shall apply to each round and that "Tournament Organiser" shall mean "Waikato Area Pairs Manager." (Added at 2013 AGM)
2. two substitutes are permitted. (amended from one to two at 2001 AGM)
3. no double substitutes are allowed.
4. the final result will be calculated on the best four rounds, each pair being permitted to miss one round completely. If there were two substitutes, then one must be dropped, i.e. the best five rounds must be either three or four rounds with the same partner. (Clarified by NZCBA June 2001)
5. Only affiliated players from Waikato Clubs will be eligible to compete in the **overall** competition. (Amended at 2012 AGM).

Note: non-Waikato affiliated players are eligible for session A points and event winners' prizes.

6. Players may play five rounds or as few as one, but four rounds must be played to be counted in the final placings.
7. The different venues for each round are responsible for sending the session results to the NZCBA and for the A points awarded at each round (being one A point for each session winners NS and EW).
8. The Area Pairs Manager / Scorer are responsible for calculating the overall placings and sending the final overall results to the NZCBA.
9. The Area Pairs Manager is responsible for organising a non-playing Tournament Director for all rounds. Host clubs are asked to provide a scorer.
10. Table money will be \$15 per person. \$12 of this will be paid to the host club to cover event prizes and running costs. The other \$3 goes to the WAP Treasurer on behalf of the Area Pairs Committee. (amended 2023). This money is to cover final prizes and to reimburse clubs that find they have lost money on the event (see Rule 12).

11. Catering – this is a budget tournament, the venues are to supply tea & coffee and a minimum fuss morning tea.

12. Any club running the Area Pairs who find they have lost money should apply for reimbursement from the Area Pairs Committee.

13. The minimum prizes for each round are to be paid by the Host Club as follows: First place \$20 each Second place \$15 each Third place \$10 each (Amended at 2011 AGM). Best Non-Open \$10 each (Amended at 2015 AGM).

14. The minimum overall prize money awarded and paid from WAP account is as follows: First place \$40 each Second place \$30 each Third place \$20 each Best Open - Intermediate \$20 each Best Open – Junior \$20 each Best non-open \$20 each (Amended at 2015 AGM).