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Supplementary Tournament Regulations for the Under-100 Masterpoints Championship (UHMP)

Overview of the event

These Championships are run in four divisions, based on the masterpoint holding of each player immediately following the 1 September 2026 Masterpoint Centre update. The divisions are:

Masterpoint range	Percentage of registered active NSW players
0-9.99 MP	32%
10-24.99 MP	14%
25-49.99 MP	12%
50-99.99 MP	12%

Information about masterpoint standings at that date is available on the ABF Masterpoint Centre website <https://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/myawards.asp>.

If players in different masterpoint divisions play as a pair, they are assigned into the division of the player with the greater number of masterpoints.

The UHMP Championships will have two independent stages.

- Early rounds (club sessions) will be played in affiliated clubs and scored locally.
- Local Finals are played over a single session in the week of 23-29 November, hopefully at about 15 different centres scattered around NSW.

Clubs are invited to form small groups comprising 2-6 clubs, with one club in the group designated to conduct the Local Final. The intention is that there will be minimal travel times for players and no necessity for overnight accommodation. Results from all the Local Finals are matchpointed across the entire state. A handicap is then applied to each pair's score and the results published by the Tournament Organiser.

Eligibility

Both members of the partnership must have earned fewer than 100 masterpoints immediately following the 1 September 2026 ABF Masterpoint Centre update.

Every participating pair will be automatically entered into the appropriate division (that of the player with the greater number of masterpoints).

There is no limit to the number of club sessions a player may enter.

Players do not need to be club members.

There is no requirement to have played in a club session before entering a Local Final. No substitutes are allowed at any stage of the competition.

Club qualifying events

These are to be held between 1 September and 22 November, 2026. Each club may hold a maximum of six UHMP club sessions.

Sessions may be held face-to-face or online.

Registration

Club sessions: Enter via the online form at

www.australianbridge.com/UHMP/2026UHMP_entryform_heat.php

Local Final: Apply to host a Local Final by completing the online form at

www.australianbridge.com/UHMP/2026UHMP_entryform_final.php

Format of club sessions

All club sessions are to be single sessions using standard matchpoint scoring and Mitchell or Howell movements. Note that masterpoint awards will be reduced if fewer than 24 boards are played.

Club sessions are integrated or stratified; i.e. participating pairs in all four masterpoint divisions and non-contending pairs are all mixed in together. Players may attempt to maximise the number of red B4s masterpoints earned by playing in multiple club sessions. The \$5.00 per pair entry fee is payable for each such session contested.

Directors should be qualified at Club level or above.

Masterpointing of club sessions

Score and masterpoint each club session as you normally do for a single session club duplicate. UHMP competitors and non-competitors are treated identically at the club level. Clubs will be invoiced by the Masterpoint Centre in the usual way for green masterpoints issued by clubs for their club sessions.

We will be responsible for calculating and issuing the red masterpoints to players who are competing in the UHMP. Each competing pair is assigned to the relevant MP division as part of this process. Names and ABF numbers will be checked and then the results will be returned as PDF printouts.

Submitting your results

Your result file will be a .CSV or .XML file, and it is the same file that you upload to your website when you are putting your session results on the internet.

Locate the result file on your computer, and email it to swp@australianbridge.com

In the body of the email, please advise which pairs are competing in the event, and which pairs are non-competing. The non-competing pairs will not be included in the results for the event.

Local finals

Any player with fewer than 100 masterpoints is eligible to play in a Local Final.

Full details on conducting Local Finals and submitting the results will be sent to relevant Clubs and Organisers in mid-November.

All Local Finals will play between 24 and 36 boards, playing hands supplied by the UHMP Organiser. All Local Finals must be held as face-to-face sessions; online sessions including those played on RealBridge are not permitted due to hand security concerns.

Club officials should contact officials of neighbouring affiliated clubs and discuss which clubs will host Local Finals and set its venue, date and start time. This information should be sent to the Tournament Organiser during September, so that it can be posted on the UHMP website.

No masterpoints are to be awarded by clubs for Local Finals. The event will be scored across the state and B4s masterpoints awarded based on the state-wide results.

Charges

Club Qualifying Events: \$2.50 per player per session (i.e. \$5.00 per pair). This entry fee is to be collected by the clubs and then paid to Bridge NSW. Clubs would be expected to charge normal table money as well. An invoice will be sent sometime in December. Please don't pay anything until you receive the invoice. Instructions for payment will be included with the invoice.

Local Finals: \$4.00 per player per day (i.e. \$8.00 per pair). This should be incorporated into the Local Final entry fee. An invoice will be sent in December to each club hosting a Local Final. Please don't pay anything until you receive the invoice. Instructions for payment will be included with the invoice.

Masterpoints

Bridge NSW will pay for all the B4s masterpoints issued. All red masterpoints awarded (i.e. for both club sessions and local finals) will be processed by the ABF Masterpoint Centre in the December update.

Administration

The Tournament Organiser of this event, on behalf of Bridge NSW, is Brad Coles. All correspondence and queries should be sent to swp@australianbridge.com, or if the matter is urgent you can ring Brad on 0412 335 840, preferably after midday.