



New Zealand
Contract Bridge Association

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MANUALS

Most of you will by now know that there have been quite a few major changes to the Regulations in the **2006 NZCBA Bridge Manual**. These changes are itemised in the Introduction page of the Manual but in particular, all players and directors should familiarise themselves with:

- Systems Policy and System Classification on Pages D2 – D5
- Tournament Directors' Policy on Page D20 (all Clubs need to comply with this Policy when running a scheduled NZCBA tournament and sanctions may apply for failure to comply)
- Alerting Procedure on Page D27 – this is new and includes pre-alerts, self-alerting and delayed alerts.
- Written Bidding changes on Page D31 – it is no longer permissible to mark the bidding pad.

Julie Atkinson is in the process of writing an explanation for all the additions/changes and this will be circulated to Clubs and Centres as soon as available. **In the meantime, Clubs should ensure that their members, and especially their directors, are aware of the changes.**

There are not many changes in the **Masterpoint Manual** but a 10% penalty for late tournament result input has been imposed as well as deadlines for tournament schedules and an amendment in the process of awarding fractional A Points.

The changes to Regulations together with Julie's explanatory notes will appear on the Website just as soon as possible but please be patient as there is a large backlog of work for both NZCBA Administrative matters and masterpoints.

Additional copies of both the NZCBA Manual and the Masterpoint Manual are available from the NZCBA at a cost of \$10 and \$5 respectively.

NEW AFFILIATED CLUB

It is good to see a new club has affiliated to Auckland Centre. A warm welcome to Waiheke Bridge Club. The Club is situated on Waiheke Island – a perfect spot for a long weekend and some bridge – and the Secretary is Greg Davenport who can be contacted on 09 372 6756.

INTERNATIONAL

2006 Commonwealth Games

The official team to represent New Zealand at the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship (Paul Freeland, Dean Eidler, Margaret Perley, Murat Genc) will be off to Melbourne very shortly. The event is being held from 7 – 12 March 2006 in Melbourne, Australia and its official website can be found at:

<http://www.cnb.com.au/>

2006 TRIALS

The National Trials for the Open and Women Teams will be held at the Wellington Bridge Club, 17 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington from 12 – 17th April. I will definitely get some information regarding the trialists on to the website before then!!!

DIRECTOR EXAMS

Congratulations to those who passed their Directors Exam at the end of last year –

Tournament : Martin Oyston (Victoria), Rebecca Osborne (Motueka), Daniel Skipper (Christchurch).

Club: Theo Jordens (Oamaru), Neil Johnstone (Otago), Reg Keating (Waitemata), Heini Lux (Rotorua), Terry Martin (East Coast Bays) and Jan Spaans (Hamilton).

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The Skeleton 2007 Tournament Schedule will be sent out to Clubs shortly so please start thinking about your club requirements and contact your local Centre for approval. Please note that all Tournament Schedule matters are now handled by Kay Nicholas, who can be contacted on 03 688 3883 or kmnicholas@xtra.co.nz