



Wellington Regional Bridge Committee

Club Championship Event Sunday 11 July 2020

This event will again be held at the Hutt Bridge Club, with a similar format to the event held in October 2018.

The Regional Committee invites an entry from your club in this event. We had eleven out of twelve clubs in 2018 and it would be good to see a full turnout this time.

The event will take place at Hutt Bridge Club, with play to start at 9.30am. Allowing a 30 minute lunchbreak, play should be completed within 8 hours of the start time.

Entry Fee: \$100 per club team, reduced to \$60 for teams from the Kapiti Coast or Wairarapa as a travel discount

Payment: The accompanying flyer provides details on payment. We are looking to clubs to make one payment on behalf of all their entered players.

Catering: the Regional Committee will provide a light morning tea and nibbles at the end of play. Please note that lunch will be BYO.

Hutt Bridge Club will have a cash bar operating at the end of play.

The Regional Committee will provide a trophy to the winning Club team and there will also be presentations made to the top performing Grade pairs.

Playing Format:

Matches will be played using the same format as in 2018. The length of matches will be confirmed when Club Team entries are finalised. (If 8 teams enter, matches will be of 8 boards duration, giving 56 boards to be played over the day. I.e. 7 Round-Robin matches by 8 boards = 56 boards. In the event of 10 teams being involved, there would be 9 R-R matches by 6 boards = 54 boards over the day. With 12 teams, we would run 7 Swiss style 8 board matches.)

A Round-Robin Draw will be published prior to the event, unless there are 12 teams entered. This will reduce delay between matches.

Each Club Team shall consist of ONE pair in each grade; - Open, Open Restricted, Intermediate and Junior. That is, each club will need 8 players in total. (Clubs may if they wish, have a second pair in one or more of the grades to replace or rotate pairs.)

The criteria for Open Restricted, are based on those for the local Interclub competition. Players should be National Master or below. For this event, the reference date is 1 January 2020. If a player moved out of National Master during this current year, they are still eligible for the Open Restricted grade in this Championship.

Each pair will play only other pairs in the same grade, and bidding systems used will be restricted to NZ Bridge regulations for each particular grade.

Cumulative VP scores by both overall Club Teams and individual Grades will be available shortly after each match.

If we get an odd number of teams, then to avoid an unsatisfactory BYE situation, the Regional Committee will form a composite team made up of 2 or more local clubs and call it the "Nomads".

This event provides a fun day for the players and enables them to mix with other players of equivalent ability from around the region. We hope the result will be greater enthusiasm for entering other regular and social type tournaments held by local clubs.

Paul Maxwell
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