



THE MASTER POINTS SCHEME

Any player can obtain points from success in duplicate bridge competition, on a scale which varies according to the success itself, the size of the competition and its status. About the top one-third of players in a competition will be entitled to a Master Points. The register of Master Points is kept at the offices of the English Bridge Union. Only members of the EBU may register their points and have their records maintained. A lapsed member may have valid Master Points registered on renewal of membership of the EBU.

Members may register their points and request a copy of their record at any time, they can also see their record via the EBU website. Submissions must include details of name, address and EBU number.

Lists of promotions between Master Point ranks are published in every issue of *English Bridge* and County ranking lists are sent annually to the secretaries of affiliated clubs. Rank and category prizes are awarded every year based upon the total number of Master Points earned during the competition year, which runs from 1 July to 30 June.

There are three types of point. Local and Green Points accumulate to establish a player's Master Point rank. Gold Points, which depreciate in value over a five-year period, provide a measure of form for more senior players.

Local Points: These are awarded to any duplicate session complying with the normal rules and regulations of the Master Points scheme.

Green Points: These are won in national events and are necessary for progress to the most senior ranks. The club heats of the National Pairs competition attract Green Points. They are awarded in whole numbers, or halves or quarters. The value of a Green Point is 100 Local Points (so 1½ Green Points = 150 Local Points).

Gold Points: Any performance in a single event which merits an award of five Green Points or more automatically receives Gold Points in addition to the Green Points award.

Master Points ranks: A player's accumulated holding Green and Local Points is expressed under the collective term of Master Points. The ranks of Premier Master and above require a specified number of the total points to have been converted from Green Points. For example, 7,500 Local Points and 25 Green Points qualify the holder as a Regional Master. The ranks and requirements are listed below in increasing order of seniority.

Rank	Master Points
Local Master	100
Club Master	200
Area Master	500
District Master	1,000
County Master	2,500
Master	5,000
Advanced Master	7,500
* Master	10,000
** Master	15,000
*** Master	20,000
**** Master	25,000
***** Master	30,000
Tournament Master	40,000
* Tournament Master	50,000
	(Further star for each extra 10,000)
Premier Master	5,000 including at least 10 Green Points
* Premier Master	10,000 including at least 10 Green Points
	(Further star for each extra 5,000)
Regional Master	10,000 including at least 25 Green Points
* Regional Master	20,000 including at least 25 Green Points
	(Further star for each extra 10,000)
Premier Regional Master	20,000 including at least 50 Green Points
* Premier Regional Master	30,000 including at least 50 Green Points
	(Further star for each extra 10,000)
National Master	30,000 including at least 75 Green Points
Premier National Master	40,000 including at least 100 Green Points
Life Master	60,000 including at least 150 Green Points
Premier Life Master	90,000 including at least 300 Green Points
Grand Master	120,000 including at least 600 Green Points
Premier Grand Master	Minimum of 1,500 Green Points