

Picton Bridge Club – Policies

As approved by the committee 9 July 2026

Topic	Subject	Policy	Comments
Policies	Confirmation	At its November meeting each year, the committee will confirm the policies for the following year. The PBC Policies will be published on the PBC Website www.pictonbridgeclub.org .	Updated 28 May 2026
President, Secretary & Treasurer	Term of office	Each of these positions can only be held by the same person for two concurrent years.	
Club events	Qualifying	Only paid-up members qualify for club events.	
Visiting players	Playing on club nights	Visitors are welcome to play up to three times in each calendar year – but after that they must pay the membership fee to join the club to continue to play. Any pair with a non-paid-up person is ineligible for a prize.	
Club Competitions		All PBC series are conducted with scratch (raw score) and handicap divisions run in parallel. All results will be published as both scratch and handicapped. President's Pairs (scratch competition) and Secretary's Pairs (handicap competition) are played concurrently, monthly across ten sessions. The winning pair is the one with the highest average score, best 7 out of 10 nights. All other series are generally run across three consecutive club nights. Any pair may win up to two series (plus President's Pairs or Secretary's Pairs) in any one year. If the pair wins more than two series, they will be awarded for their first two wins, and the second and third placegetters in the subsequently won series will be elevated to first place and runners-up respectively.	Updated 29 May 2026

		Integration of New Learners to Club play: To encourage incoming learners, members should not use penalty doubles or sacrifice bids in the first series that incoming Learners group play with the full club.	
Substitutions		Approval and Notification: Any substitute player must be advised to the scorers before the start of play All substitutions require Director approval Restrictions: A player may not substitute for someone already playing in the same session No substitute scores will be counted in overall results for Presidents Pairs or Secretary's Pairs For all other series, one substitute may count in each series	Updated 29 May 2026
Annual awards	Eligibility	Only PBC financial members are eligible for awards. The Doreen Crawford Cup is our only trophy and is awarded to our most improved player who has less than five years' experience. The Endeavour Individual Champion (raw score) and the Queen Charlotte Individual (handicap score) awards are for members who achieve the highest average scores for all club sessions they have played during the year. They must have played: with at least six different partners, and at least 20 club sessions.	
Membership	New members	Applicants must apply to join in writing on the form provided, including: • name • consent to join the club • NZB computer number • email address • phone number – cell and/or land • street address	

Fees	Membership 2025	The annual fee is \$60 reduced to \$30 for anyone whose NZ Bridge levy is paid by another club. Life members are exempt from annual fees.	
Table Money	Thursday and Monday 2025	Thursday: \$7 or \$60 for 10 tickets. Director free. Monday \$5 cash.	
Tournaments	Prize money	Prize money to be 30% of entry fees.	
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Tournaments	Grades	In general, the club doesn't host open grade tournaments. However, for 2025, we have agreed to host a 20A in June.	
Club Handicaps	Setting and administration of club handicaps	Handicappers The PBC Committee will appoint two handicappers to jointly administer Club Handicaps. Annual Calculation of Handicaps Club Handicaps will be re-set annually at the end of the year and apply to PBC club competitions only. Upon conclusion of the year's competition calendar, the handicappers will set handicaps for the following year as follows: 1. Calculate base handicaps using the Bridge Scorer programme with settings ZERO = 53% and Compression = 1.0. <i>(This process averages each player's raw percentage scores from all Duplicate Pairs sessions they have played during the year and sets a handicap in relation to the zero score.)</i> 2. Make the following adjustments to the base handicaps: 2.1. For Grand Master players overwrite the calculated handicap with a standard handicap of -10.00	Updated 29 May 2026

