

AUCKLAND NORTHLAND INTERCLUB TEAMS ONLINE

Entries
Close 5pm
28th February
2023

ABOUT THIS EVENT

1. To be played online over 9 Friday evenings through 2023 via RealBridge, and managed by Auckland Bridge Club
2. Standard Teams C Point Masterpoints awarded
3. There will be 4 groups based on players' Grade at the start of 2023, namely Junior, Intermediate, Open and Super Open. Players may play in a higher level than their current ranking. Clubs are welcome to enter more than one team in a grade. There is no requirement on a club to enter all four grades.
4. There are no fixed partnership or team compositions. We encourage as many participants as possible to enjoy this competition. In other words, through the year a "team of four" may well include many more players.
5. Systems must be consistent with NZB guidelines at each level. System cards are not required but pre-alerts, announcing and alerting of partner's bids are expected. It is good practice to enter a short description of your system at the start of a match as chat, for example "1NT=12-14, 1C=4+, 4CM, high encourage".
6. Table money of \$8 per session (to cover running costs, Masterpoint costs to NZB, RealBridge levies and the Directors. This charge will be deducted from players via the AKBC HelloClub Account.
7. Youth players can pre-register their eligibility to pay \$1 table money per session - see [here](#) and choose the "Youth Player" option
8. Subject to a minimum of 30 entries from all clubs to proceed.
9. Late withdrawals and/or defaults create significant problems on RealBridge. We ask clubs to do their best to avoid such a scenario. If it requires an ineligible player to be a substitute then we can award an adjusted score.

PRACTICE SESSION

A practice session for those who have not played on RealBridge before will be held on Friday March 17th at 7.15pm. The link will be posted on AKBC's Realbridge page. If you cannot attend that practice session, or you want extra practice, you can undertake a RealBridge "Taster" session by booking a NZ time zone slot on the RealBridge website [here](#)

The staff at RealBridge are excellent and will assist you to feel comfortable playing online, but please note that there are only limited time slots available. It is also suggested that players read all the notes on the RealBridge page and try the camera and microphone tests.

CONTACT
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09 524-5562
WWW.AKBC.CO.NZ

DATES

March 24, April 28, May 19, June 9, July 7, August 11, September 8, October 27, November 17.

FORMAT

Entry numbers will decide the exact format.

1. Matches have IMP scoring. NZB Masterpoints will be awarded for each successful match.
2. There will be two twelve board matches per evening with a short break between.
3. The aim is for all four groups to play the same boards to enable future discussion within your club.
RealBridge allows all players to review hands at their leisure.
4. Players should be seated by 7 pm. A link will be sent to all clubs and will be on the AKBC site.
The page [here](#) is the only pathway to access each evening, and the links change each month.
5. It is important that players use the same name and number to log into each session
6. Playing dates (Friday evenings 7:15 pm start, be seated by 7pm):

NEW SUPER OPEN GRADE

In recognising the disparity of experience in last year's open team competition we are splitting this grade to create two closer competitions. This ultimately relies on sufficient entries in each grade.

The Open Grade is limited to clubs in our region and ideally allows for teams with limited open experience or mixed grades combinations due to insufficient open grade players.

(Intermediate/Open combinations are most welcome - any player can play up in grade)

The Super Open League will allow club entries from beyond our region. It aims at high level bridge with experienced players and partnerships who seek strong practice opportunities against similar ability teams. There may be an element of selection to make numbers work.

AUCKLAND BRIDGE CLUB SUPPORT NOTES

The links for each Interclub evening will be posted on Auckland Bridge Club's Realbridge page [here](#). Players need to scroll down to where all the purple links appear and select the appropriate link for the Interclub grade they are playing in. The links will open at 6.45pm and we would appreciate players logging in early so that we can work out if there are any missing players. Once logged on, people do not need to sit in front of their computer for the whole time until it starts - we just need to see that they have logged on.

Players need to sit at the table of the same number as their team number, opposite their partner, when they log onto RealBridge. They will be moved on from there when play starts.

The charge will be \$8 per evening, or \$1 for Youth (*to qualify for the youth category, the player must have been born in 1998 or later*). The fees will be processed through Auckland Bridge Club's HelloClub system, which recognises each player by their NZB number and charges them the appropriate amount automatically.

For those players who do not have an Auckland Bridge Club HelloClub account, they will need to set one up - go to the www.akbc.co.nz website, click on the Visitors tab, and then click on "Join as Casual Player (online play only)".

Youth players click on the button "Join as Youth player (online play only)" instead.

Should you need assistance with setting up an account, either email or call the club on 09 524-5562.

The office is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Players can check their transactions at any time by logging into their HelloClub account and going to the Finance section. Once your account balance goes down to zero, an automated reminder to top up is emailed to you.



Trophies
awarded to the
top team in
each grade