

BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA

MASTER POINT PLAN

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The master-point plan is the mechanism by which the federation ranks every registered player according to success achieved by him or her in their entire playing career. The winner of a sanctioned event is credited with master-points in proportion to the importance and size of the event. A proportionately smaller number of points are awarded to those who earn lesser rankings.

Master-point awards in all federation events are calculated by a precise formula. The formula balances all variable factors such as the rating of the event, size of field, degree of difficulty, format of the tournament etc. The formula insures uniformity throughout the federation tournaments to the maximum degree possible. However, in representative events at the national-level or Zonal-level or at an All India event, the federation allots master-points on a predetermined scale without using formula.

The category of the tournament is designated by the Bridge Federation of India based on the application received and the respective capitation fees charged for such tournament. The following are the approved tournament details:

Type of Tournament	Level of Tournament	Conducted by	Capitation Fees	Eligible for Ranking Points
Federation National Tournaments	Level 1 (High Priority)	BFI through Affiliated body	Not applicable	Yes
National Level Tournaments	Level 1 (Priority)	State Associations/ Corporate / Private Organizers	100000	Yes
Zonal Recognized Tournaments	Level 1	State Associations	10000	Yes
All India / Club Invitational / State Invitational Tournaments	Level 2	State Associations	10000	No
State Championships	Level 2	State Associations	Nil	No
Club / District Level Events	Level 3	District Associations / Clubs	Nil	No

The primary objective of the Master Point Scheme is to award the master points as per the parameters defined in the plan. It is important to note that Master Points accumulated by any player alone cannot insure the necessary degree of skill/caliber of any player and is only an indicative yard stick for equating rating of the players.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

The plan objectives are:

- To stimulate interest in organized Duplicate Bridge tournaments by providing players with some goals of achievement and to evaluate the domestic and national performance based on their current performances.
- To provide a national system for measuring and recording achievements in organized Duplicate Bridge tournaments as well to maintain a national database for submission to WBF yearly for its annual membership.

3.0 ADMINISTRATION

- The day-to-day administration of the scheme is to be taken care by the Federation's **Master Point Secretariat**, which will be fully empowered to take the necessary steps, as needed from time to time and to whom all communications relating to the scheme should be addressed. The Committee will be headed by Honorary Secretary, BFI and will be comprised of the following members.
 - a) Joint Secretary (Technical), BFI
 - b) BFI Director's Panel – Head TD Operations
 - c) Communications Manager, BFI
 - d) Master Point Manager, BFI.

The Master Point Manager, BFI will be reimbursed a suitable monetary compensation package for the services rendered from time to time as decided by the Executive Committee.

- The **Master Point Secretariat** will consider recommendations of Technical Development Committee, and exercise powers delegated to it by the Executive Committee of the Federation.
- The **Master Point Secretariat is the centralized body of the federation to administer, manage data, records and awards of the master points.**
- The decision of **Master Point Secretariat** is final in all subject matters related to the jurisdiction of allocation and recording of master points. However, players will be given an opportunity to file any grievance to the Communications Manager for any redress.

4.0 AREA OF OPERATION

The scheme shall be operative in the jurisdiction of the Bridge Federation of India.

5.0 MEMBERSHIP

- Only registered players of the Federation are entitled to Master-Points.
- Registration for Master Point Scheme is to be made by desired player through the federation website www.bfi.net.in in the "Master Points Registration Page". Players should register themselves under their State Association, where they currently reside or are employed. All registrations from 1st November, 2020 will be validated through this centralized process only..
- State Associations have to direct the new players to register online. On the successful registration and payment of prescribed fees, the Master Point Secretariat will issue a unique Master Point ID to the player. All communications will be preferred via email address.
- Master point membership fee of Rs. 500 is to be paid to the federation as one-time registration fee. The annual renewal fees will be Rs. 200 per person per year to be paid to state association of the domicile of the player.
- Master-Point membership is compulsory for participation in any National championship, All India open events, Selection Trials of Indian Teams, Zonal / Regional championship or their Trials, and State championship or their Trials.
- On receipt of the application for membership along with the membership fee, the Master point Secretariat will generally register the player and allot him an unique six digit number called "Player ID", which will be a combination of the player's representative state and the new master point number in that respective roll list. The player Id must be entered on all entry forms and on all tournament reports. The Federation processes player records and master-point awards, and these "Player Ids" help in accessing the data with quality and speed.

- Notwithstanding anything mentioned elsewhere, Master point membership is open only to persons of good standing, ordinarily resident in India. However, as special cases, foreign residents may be allowed to participate in a national tournament without registration to a limit of maximum three tournaments.
- It is mandatory for all players participating in national tournaments to have a valid master point ID except for exceptions given in above clause for foreign nationals. Spot Online registrations facility will be available for new players.
- New players who wish to participate in any tournaments are requested to send their application for master point number at least 15 days before the scheduled start of such tournaments.
- A registered player may be censured, suspended, expelled, or otherwise disciplined by the Federation or a member association or a district association affiliated thereto. The right of all registered players is fully protected. In all disciplinary matters, the procedures described in BFI hand book must be followed.

6.0 ISSUANCE OF MASTER POINTS

The results of every sanctioned event are to be reported to **Master Point Secretariat**. Master Points won in these events are processed as follows for entry in the BFI Online Master point Portal

- (a) Results of the club games organized by a franchisee of State association are to be sent to **respective State Secretary of each active member state** every three months (January to March, April to June, July to September, and October to December). It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to prepare the final results of that tournament with master point IDs of the players and send it to the State Secretary, who shall forward it to the Master-point manager or Master-point secretariat after ascertaining that the club is affiliated to the state association (usually State associations get a fixed affiliation fee from each club). This will be the only official source of communication for recording of master points. State associations can also direct the Master point manager to pick up results from the clubs own web site on bridgewebs.com.
- (b) Results of an annual club championship or a local tournament or district trial or district / State championship along with master point IDs of the players are to be sent by the Tournament Director to the Master Point Manager through their respective State Secretary. Master point manager will give the master points based on the results received.
- (c) Results of higher-level events (***applicable for BFI recognized tournaments – Level 1 & 2***) along with master point IDs of the players are to be sent by the Chief Tournament Director to the Master Point manager. The CTD should be a recognized BFI Director preferably above the Regional Rank level as announced each year.

6.0 RECORDING OF MASTER POINTS

- (a) All BFI Master Points will be processed centrally on the BFI Master Point Portal. Half yearly reports will be issued to state associations on requests. The BFI Online Master point Portal shall be maintained by the Master Point Secretariat for recording the awards.
- (b) The databases should record the full name, photo, mobile number and email address along the membership number of the player to whom it related and contains details of all awards earned by the players.
- (c) The master-points that are earned by a registered player during the period he/she is a member under the scheme are only recorded in the BFI Online Master point Portal provided that he/she mentions the registration number wherever required. Master points won while a player was not a member

under the scheme or while his registration was lapsed are not recorded on the BFI Online Master point Portal. Recording of Master points for Level 1 and Level 2 tournaments will be activated from the date of registration.

However, the Master Point Secretariat may consider plea of any player for genuine reasons for not registering under the Master point scheme on a written request giving suitable grounds with a penalty fee of Rs. 1000/- as penalty charge for past maximum three tournaments. However, master-points won prior to the previous year and not recorded due to non-registration or due to not mentioning registration number are irretrievably lost.

- (d) Lists of Master point totals and ranks of all registered players will be published online regularly on the website. Additional lists related to the new applicants' state wise will be sent on half yearly basis to all state associations along with reports.
- (e) Players can login on the BFI website using their Master point ID. To search for a player id, visit the link <http://bfi.net.in/member-services/masterpoints/> and find your player ID.
- (f) **Players can login using the ID from the above process and use the default password “bridge” to enter the master point database where they can check their individual records as well the master points recorded.**
- (g) Any discrepancies should be brought to the notice of the Master Point manager or Master Point Secretariat within three months of the completion of the tournament held, which will be duly rectified and points carried over to the new record.

7.0 RANKS

The purpose of the master-point plan of the Federation is to rate each registered player's accomplishments in tournament bridge relative to the accomplishments of every other registered player of federation. The higher the total master-points credited to a player's record, the more experienced he is assumed to be.

There are eight ranks which are attained under the scheme by the players acquiring specified he is assumed to be.

i) New Entrant

A player having up to 100 Master Points to his credit on the BFI Online Master point Portal.

ii) Club Master

A player having minimum of 101 and up to 300 Master Points to his credit on the BFI Online Master point Portal.

iii) Master

A player having **301 - 499** Master Points to his credit on the BFI Online Master point Portal.

iv) Senior Master

A player having **500 or more Master Points** to his credit on the BFI Online Master point Portal out of which **federation points are less than 500.**

v) National Master

A player with six hundred or more Master Points to his credit on the BFI Online Master point Portal out of which five hundred or more must be of Federation Level.

vi) Life Master

A player with ***Fifteen hundred or more Master Points*** to his credit on the BFI Online Master point Portal out of which **one thousand or more** must be Federation Level.

vii) Advanced Life Master

A player with ***Two thousand five hundred*** or more Master Points to his credit on the BFI Online Master point Portal out of which thousand five hundred or more must be Federation Level.

viii) Senior Life Master

A player with three thousand five hundred or more Master Points to his credit on the BFI Online Master point Portal out of which ***two thousand or more*** must be Federation Level.

ix) Grand Master

A player with five thousand or more Master Points to his credit on the BFI Online Master point Portal out of which two thousand five hundred or more must be of Federation Level.

8.0 GENERAL RULES RELATING TO AWARDS

- (i) Master Points shall be awarded under the plan for achievements in various tournaments provided they are open to all registered players of the area concerned or in case of events restricted to players of certain Master Point ranks to all registered players of such ranks of the area concerned.
- (ii) These tournaments have to be recognized by the district/state bridge associations (applicable to those associations recognized by their state) or by their state association. The Executive Committee may sanction awards to some restricted events also. The tournaments may also be open to other members.
- (iii) Level 1 and Level 2 tournaments conducted by only an appropriate class of Director will be considered for the award of Master Points. The federation requests all state associations to constitute a panel of directors accredited with BFI and urge them to take an official training program from the BFI Directors Courses conducted Regularly
- (iv) Tournaments are classified according to their importance which depends upon whether the tournament is conducted by the Federation, a State Association, District Association cum affiliated Club. The status of the sponsor does not affect the level of the tournament.
- (v) The number of Master Points awarded depends on the classification of the event, the size and quality of the field. Federation tournaments rate higher than the State tournaments; the more the number of contestants higher the award subject to prescribed maximum limit. The event restricted to higher ranking players is given higher award than an open event.
- (vi) Any player who competes in an event recognized for Master Points is entitled to receive Master Points for which his performance qualifies him under the scale of awards authorized for the event.

Minimum eligibility requirement /Participation of Player in Level 1 and 2 Events:

Unless otherwise specified by the Supplemental Conditions of Contest for that respective event, master points will be awarded to each player of that team subject to confirmation that each player of such team has played a minimum percentage of required rounds as specified below:

Level 1 and 2 Tournaments: (Team Events)

To qualify for master point award in a team of four duplicate event or of similar type of team event, a player must play at least 25% of the boards to be played at every stage of the tournament.

In addition, any member of a team which fails to comply with the above requirement at any stage will lose the allocated master points for that stage and will only achieve the master points for the previous stage for which he has complied with the participation criteria. This criterion is applicable for all stages of the tournament.

Other Events:

Supplemental Conditions of Contest for that respective event will specify the conditions to be abided for.

- (vii) If a member of a team is falling short of his qualification criteria, and if the team concerned has been awarded a walk-over when the player was present and available for play, he should be given the benefit of that round, provided that he has played at least 25% of the boards till then.

For the determination of percentage requirements above, if up to 5 boards were cancelled or not played by a team as per directions given by the director (as penalty or otherwise), such boards will be counted for the determination of boards played by the players who played that session.

- (viii) For the purpose of awarding Master Points, ties are not broken; instead, if two contestants are tied for the same position they divide equally the master points allotted for that position and the next lower one. Similarly, if three or more contestants are tied, then they share equally all the Master Points awardable for the places they would occupy if the tie was broken. When the tie involves the lowest rank eligible for award all the tying contestants get the award notwithstanding the limit of one-fifth of the field.
- (ix) No event in any type of tournament will be eligible for award unless the following minimum number of boards are played:

Team of Four duplicate (Full League, Knock-out)	Min 32 boards in total
---do--- (Swiss League)	Min 40 boards in total
Team of Four progressive	Min 32 boards in total;
Pairs Progressive (two winners)	Min 22 boards;
Pairs (Single Winner)	Min 18 boards;
Individual	Min 15 boards;

If the same number of boards is not played by all the contestants in an event (which may arise due to half table), the number of boards played in the event is deemed to be the number played by the contestants who play the fewer boards.

- (x) Awards should be calculated for the number of contestants represented. The number of contestants represented is calculated by the formula as given in the master point scale section below
- (xi) The maximum award for each type of event in all categories of tournaments is limited for federation events. In other national ranking events (Level 1 and 2), master points are awarded based on the entries received.
- (xii) The award for the winner of any event (Top Award) is calculated from the formula $M = E \times F$, where M is the award, E is the number of contestants represented and F is a specially predetermined factor (basic scale) subject to maximum Limits prescribed.
- (xiii) Master Points shall be awarded only to the top $1/5^{\text{th}}$ (nearest integer) of the total contestants.
- (xiv) For all Federation level and other tournaments the master points for all the positions shall be calculated by a pro-rata reduction of 0.9 factor. So if 1st position gets 100, 2nd gets 90, 3rd gets 81, fourth 72.9 and so on till the last position equivalent to $1/5^{\text{th}}$ of the total contestants.
- (xv) An event run on a handicap basis also is eligible for Master Point awards.

- (xvi) If Master Points are awardable for a pairs or individual event, in which players' scores are adjusted on the basis of previous performance (e.g. Carry over points) all such adjustments is not to be ignored for the purpose of assessing the awards.
- (xvii) Where any event is of type for which no scale is provided, the Federation may lay down a special scale. The Federation may also determine ad-hoc points for certain events.
- (xviii) The number of master-points awardable depends on the classification and rating of the event and the size and quality of the field. The National-level event rate higher than Zonal which, in turn, rate higher than Regional Championship and so on. The greater the number of contestants represented, the higher the award, subject to a prescribed maximum limit. The events restricted to lower-ranking players are given lower awards than open events.
- The Federation may specify master-points to be awarded on a pre-determined scale for any all-India events or for any representative event in a National championship.
- (xix) The fact that the tournament qualifies for award of Master Points should be conspicuously published in the prospectus or program.

9.0 YEARLY DEPRECIATION IN MASTER POINTS

The Master Point totals give an indication of the player's overall lifetime achievement in Tournament Bridge at all levels of play. Since different players have played over different spans of time, it does not always give a true picture of relative skill of various players at any given point of time. For this reason, an additional method of yearly depreciation of master points is required. This will be based on master-points earned earlier being progressively reduced. **The depreciation in Master Points will be done only for players who have attained Life Master Rank or above.**

Thus at the end of a year (which will be deemed to be 31st December), the player's master point total at the end of the previous year (i.e. as on 31st December of the previous year) will be reduced by a certain margin as per the table given below and the master points earned by the player during the last one year (12 month period from January 1 to December 31) added to that total to arrive at his "Current master-point" total.

A player should have achieved the status of Life Master or above rank during the previous year end as per the BFI Master point scheme. Any Players who achieves a level of Life Master during a current year will be subject to depreciation scheme from the next succeeding year onwards.

Applicable for Federation Master-points only: (Life Masters and above Ranks)

Upto 1000 MPs	no reduction
1000+ to 2500 MPs (Life Masters, Advance Life Master and Senior Life Master)	10% of the (Fed. Master Points as on 31 st Dec of the previous year – 1000 (base) with a maximum limit of 50 MPs each year
2500 and above (Grand Master)	10% of the (Fed. Master Points as on 31 st Dec of the previous year – 1000 (base)) with a maximum limit of 100 MPs each year

- Local Master-points would not be reduced at any level in any of the above cases
- Ranks of the players may alter based on the net calculations made each year. However, Yearly Depreciation scheme will protect the minimum status of Life Master for recognition under the BFI Master Point Scheme for all players.

- There will be no further depreciation of Master Points, if a player is deemed to have retired from active participation from Tournament Bridge, which can fetch the player any Federation Master Points. The Master Point Secretariat can ascertain this from their records and ask the State Bridge Association to confirm this. However, in case it is found that the player has re-emerged from retirement, the depreciation for all the previous years will be reduced from his Master Points.
- There will be no further depreciation of Master Points, in case a player has expired. His last Rank will be his final rank as far as BFI Master Point records are concerned.

Calculation Model:

Players Master Point Balance at each Year end: **(Life Masters and above Ranks)**

Opening Balance of the current year as on 1 st Jan:	OB
(Less): Yearly Depreciation as per rank of player as given above: (max deduction of 50 Fed Points for Life Master till Senior Life Master rank) & (max deduction of 100 Fed Points for Grand Master rank)	(D)
Add: Federation Master point earned in the current year	AM
Closing Balance as on 31st December of the current year: (a – b + c)	OB + AM - D

10.0 THE BASIC SCALE, MINIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS AND MAXIMUM LIMIT OF AWARDS FOR EACH OF THE EVENTS

General Rules:

- Master-points for Team events will be awarded as per the scales given below. In case of Gold and Silver sections, master-points for Gold Teams will be calculated based on total number of entries received (Gold and Silver) for determining the number of places to be awarded.
- In any tournaments, the Open Pairs event will be considered as the highest category for that event for calculation of master-points and as per the scale given below; master-points will be awarded. For any side pairs event (Mixed Pairs/Women Pairs/ Junior Pairs/ Consolation Events (or any similar event) will be scaled at 50% of the ratio as awarded to the Main Pairs event

a) Local club/District Level (Level 3 event)

	Nature of the event	Minimum Number of contestants	Basic Scale	Maximum limit of awards
a)	Open Team of Four Duplicate (KO)	4	0.30	20
b)	Open pairs	10	0.15	15
c)	Individual	12	0.01	5

Note:

- Tournaments conducted separately restricting only to club members or for juniors and consolation events will carry only 50% of the awards detailed above.
- Qualifying rounds in progressive, pairs and Individual events also carry master point awards and they shall be calculated at 50% of the basic scale.

b) State/Zonal level event tournaments (Level 3 event) – restricted to state members

Each member State association is allowed to hold one annual State-level tournament as per the guidelines given by Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs in the National Sports Code Scheme 2011

In addition, each member State association may hold a certain number of State level tournaments and one Zonal event each year. Any tournament which needs the recognition of the federation will attract a capitation fee to be paid in advance to the Hon. Treasurer, BFI. The federation will grant the recognition subject to the availability of dates and the status of the tournament. Such recognized tournaments will be eligible for federation points also.

	Nature of the event	Minimum Number of contestants	Basic Scale	Maximum limit of awards
a)	Open Team of Four Duplicate (KO)	8	0.50	30
b)	Open pairs	10	0.15	20
c)	Individual	20	0.03	8

Note:

(i) Tournaments conducted separately for juniors will carry only 50% of the awards detailed above the age limit for juniors will be below 26 years at the commencement of the tournament/event.

(ii) The consolation events in the State/Zonal Championships will carry Master Points as if they are State level Tournaments.

(iii) Qualifying rounds in Progressive and Pairs event also carry Master Point awards and they shall be calculated at 50% of the Basic Scale.

(iv) No Federation Points will be awarded for any state level tournament.

BFI Zonal Events: Level 1

The Federation has identified certain major events in each Zone for award of National Ranking Points for selection policy. These events are considered to be Level 1 events and higher scale of master-points will be awarded to those meritorious participants. Such events are recognized with the federation on payment of capitation fees.

The basic scale, minimum number of contestants and the maximum limit of awards of each of the events of Zonal Championships are listed below.

	Nature of the event	Minimum Number of contestants	Basic Scale	Maximum limit of awards
a)	Open Team of Four Duplicate (KO)	20	0.60	40
b)	Open pairs	50	0.30	30

c) Inter-Unit Championship for Central Sports Controlling bodies

Official record should be sent by the authorized person of the recognized affiliate in the prescribed form issued by BFI directly to the Master Point Secretariat. Only Local master points will be awarded for such events.

d) Categorized Events

The categorized events barring those at Federation (National) level shall be awarded Master Points based on the effective level of restriction imposed.

Players are required to give their current recorded Master Points holding when entering an event that carries a Master Point restriction. At the start of the event with a Master Point restriction, the director must clearly announce the exact restrictions to all the contestants. A player who illegally enters an event is subject to disciplinary action. The director shall also check the entries as far as possible to make sure that only qualified contestants have entered the event.

Any event which is described as being open to players who have attained a specified rank shall be open also to players who have attained a rank higher than the specified rank.

e) All India Events (Level 2 events)

The master point awards for various "All India" designated events as recognized the federation other than those specified in Level 1 category will be awarded Federation points as per the below scale:

	Nature of the event	Minimum Number of contestants	Basic Scale	Maximum limit of awards
a)	Open Team of Four Duplicate (KO)	20	0.50	40
b)	Open pairs	50	0.20	30

f) Federation Events

- **Winter National & Summer Nationals:**

The basic scale and maximum limit of awards for each of the events are set out below;

	Nature of the event	Basic Scale	Maximum limit of awards
a)	Open Team of Four Duplicate (KO)	Fixed Scale	GOLD EVENT: First Rank 100 MPs followed by pro-rata deduction of 0.9 factor for 20% of the total teams entered in that strata. SILVER EVENT: First Rank 50 MPs followed by pro-rata deduction of 0.9 factor for 20% of the total teams entered in that strata.
b)	Open pairs	0.30	Based on total entries: In case of Gold and Silver Pairs Finals, the Master-points should be calculated as below: Total Number of entries received x 20% = No. of ranks to be awarded master-points. If the number of ranks exceed the pairs to be Qualified in Gold Finals, then the balance number of awards will be automatically shifted to Silver Finals.

	<p>E.g:</p> <p>Case A: Open Pairs say there are 200 Pairs registered to play elimination round hence total Master points will be awarded to 40 Ranks overall. In case the Gold Pairs Final Qualification is of 30 Pairs, then master points in Silver Finals will be awarded to only top 10 ranks (40 -30 allocated in Gold category).</p> <p>Case B: 120 Pairs Registered and 26 Pairs Qualify for Gold Pairs Final. Here since number of places to be awarded master points is 24; hence master points considered for Silver Pairs Final will be on the basis equal to the formula decided for elimination rounds.</p>
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*Eliminations stage in the Pairs event will be given 50% of the above scale only.

• **National Masters & Interstate Championships:**

	Nature of the event	Basic Scale	National Masters	Interstate Championships
a)	Open Team of Four Duplicate (KO)	Fixed Scale	First Rank 75 MP followed by pro-rata deduction of 0.9 factor for 20% of the total teams entered in that strata.	First Rank 50 MP followed by pro-rata deduction of 0.9 factor for 20% of the total teams entered in that strata.
b)	Open pairs	0.30	Based on total entries	Based on total entries

g) Major National Tournaments:

The Master Point awards for the following national events will be prescribed in line with the federation level events. The events covered are:

- HCL International Bridge Championships
- Mohanlal Bhartia Grand Pix
- Shree Cement National Bridge Championships
- Yeshwant Rao Holkar National Bridge Championships
- any other equivalent new event recognized by the federation from time to time

Basic Scale:

	Nature of the event	HCL International	Basic Scale	Other National Level Events	Basic Scale
a)	Open Team of Four Duplicate (KO) – Gold & Silver	Based on Entries	0.75	Based on Entries	0.70
h)	Open pairs	Based on Entries	0.30	Based on Entries	0.30

However, the maximum allocation of master points will be dependent on the entries received for each national tournament. The following model will be implemented as below:

➤ **Tournaments with two Stratas (GOLD and SILVER)**

Those events which have two stratas defined for the Team events will be separately considered for award of master points as per the process defined below:

- **Gold Events:** The award of master-points will be as per the above table scheme with the exception that the total number of teams considered will include the other strata teams participating in the event.
- **Silver Events:** The master-points will be considered on a standalone basis based on the participation of silver teams/pairs only

h) Other National Recognized Events:

- All events in Ladies National Championships.
- National Mixed Championships

	Nature of the event	Minimum Number of contestants	Basic Scale	Maximum limit of awards
a)	Mixed/Ladies Team of Four Duplicate (KO)	10	0.50	40
b)	Mixed/Ladies pairs	30	0.20	30

i) Online Events:

The federation has noticed a significant increase in the participation of the online events held on online platforms. Recently, with an agreement with Bridge Base Online, the federation looks forward to implement a suitable scheme to recognize the performances of the players over these platforms.

With constraints of security controls and the inherent limitations of online bridge, it is not viable to fully award the master-points as received in the above live tournaments.

Hence, the Committee has recommended awarding 50% of the master-points calculated as per the original scale in only recognized tournaments held online as under:

- Pairs/Team events conducted using the BFI allocated BBO Ids
- Federation/National scale Tournaments conducted under the aegis of BFI by BFI -IDs

IMPORTANT - All tournament Organizers, who have been allocated BBO IDs by BFI on individual registration other than State Associations and affiliated clubs have to register with the federation to apply for the Online Master-point scheme with payment of Rs.3000/- on half yearly basis i.e April to September and October to March. Registration can be made any time during this period, the fees will remain as prescribed above and no proportionate calculations will be made in respect of days. All players need to be registered under Master point scheme of BFI.