



New in 2025 - 2025 Gold Coast Congress

Updated 31.05.24

1. **New Eligibility Restrictions for 2025**
 - i. New Zealand Players - as at the cut-off date the following eligibility restrictions apply;
 - **Restricted** MUST be below the rank of NZ Provincial Master
 - **Under 500 MPs** MUST be below the rank of NZ Master
 - ii. Overseas Players may only play in Open events unless they provide evidence from their National Bridge Organisation that their ranking (i.e. experience and skill level) is such that warrants entry into a lower division.
2. **Programme Changes**

Weekend Swiss Event - this previous 3 session event has been replaced by 2 separate 2 session events being;

 - Saturday Butler Swiss Pairs with Open and Under 500 categories
 - Sunday Butler Swiss Pairs with Open and Under 500 categories
3. **Walk-Ins**

All Walk-Ins payments are by pre-paid coupons that can be purchased from the GCC Administration office or Walk-In desk. No money is to be transacted at the table.
4. **Partnership Desk**

The GCC is running a Partnership Desk to assist players in finding a partner or team mate/s. To know how it works click on the Partnership Desk link in the Links section of the congress.
5. **Prizemoney**

All prize money will be paid by bridge credits into the placegetters My ABF Bridge Credit account.
6. **Exclusions for 2025**

For many reasons including financial and availability of personnel etc some services provided in the past can no longer be provided and these are;

 - The Bridge Companions Programme (Assistance will be available at ALL reception desks)
 - The GCC Courtesy Bus
 - The GCC Dinner Dance