



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – 2025

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General eligibility* is based on awards processed as officially released by the ABF and rankings released by NZB in October 2024.

Players must individually meet the eligibility criteria to compete in the events.

This includes Team/Pair events where all players must be under the stated masterpoint range or age as per below.

New eligibility restrictions for 2025 are:

1. 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
2. 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.

Grand Slam players must state their rating when entering the following events. Eligibility includes;

- 54% and under for Novice,
- 56% and under for Restricted,
- 57% and under for Under 500 MPs
- 59% and under for Intermediate
- 62% and under for Under 1500 MPs.

A player may not have previously won two or more ABF events with the same masterpoint restriction, or higher, as the one entered. Notwithstanding, players who have already entered a restricted category at the time of winning their second such ABF event will be deemed eligible.

CATEGORY	GENERAL ELIGIBILITY as at 30.09.24*	NZ ELIGIBILITY as at 30.09.24*
Under 10MPs (Rookie)	Under 10 MPs	Novice
Under 50 MPs	Under 50 MPs	Less NZ Club Master
NOVICE	Under 100 MPs	Less NZ Local Master
RESTRICTED	Under 300 MPs	Less NZ Provincial Master
Under 500 MPs	Under 500 MPs	Less NZ Master
INTERMEDIATE	Under 750 MPs	Less NZ National Master
Under 1500 MPs	Under 1500 MPs	Less NZ Life Master
MIXED	Required to have at least 1 male and 1 female player	
YOUTH	Must be under the age of 25 years at the cut-off date of 01/01/2025.	

* Courtesy of the Gold Coast Congress the following players are entitled to free entry;

- Players under the age of 18 years at the cut off date of 01/01/2025, and
- Players over the age of 100 years at the cut off date of 01/01/2025.

and the following players are entitled to a 50% discount;

- Players under the age of 25 years at the cut off date of 01/01/2025.

ABF Policy requires entrants to provide their birth date to receive free entry or a 50% discount.