

## MASTER POINTS RULES

### 1. Master Points (MPs)

The aim of MPs is to endeavour to indicate the true worth of a player.

MPs won years ago are, therefore, worth less than those MPs won more recently. In other words, the capital of MPs of a player must diminish and, if not added to by new successes, will tend to disappear.

For each of the events, no more than 40% of the participants can get MPs.

### 2. Placing Points (PPs)

On the other hand, the PPs represent the CAREER of a player.

Therefore, the PPs won years ago have the same value as those won more recently. Thus the PPs do not diminish but continue to accumulate.

For each of the events, only the top 3 positions can get PPs.

### 3. Titles

a) PABF Grand Master (GM): 100 PPs + 200MPs.

b) PABF Life Master (LM): 60 PPs + 120MPs.

c) PABF Master (M): 100 MPs.

The Master Point Committee can nominate, to the PABF Delegates, individuals to be Honorable PABF Grand/Life Masters.

In General, the Committee will nominate the following types of individuals:

a. WBF Grand or Life Masters;

b. Individuals who have made significant achievement in the PABF Championship/Congress.

Honorable Grand/Life Masters are lifetime awards.

### 4. Type of PP and MP

Uniform PP and MP will be awarded for all players and events, i.e.

Open, Ladies, Senior, U26 and U21 players will receive the same type of PP and MP.

## 5. Depreciation of MPs

At the end of each year the total MPs for each player will be reduced by 10% (the MPs won that year are not touched).

Given that fractions of MPs do not exist, a system of 'rounding-down' will be used:

$$4.5=4 \quad 3.6=3 \quad 2.7=2 \quad 1.8=1 \quad 0.9=0$$

If a player's total number of MPs becomes zero, he/she is removed from the rankings. The rankings will normally be established firstly according to the MPs and then according to the PPs.

## SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR TEAM MATCHES

In team events, in order to qualify for the MPs and PPs won by the team, a player must have played a certain percentage of the total number of hands played by his team.

a) Tournament consisting only of a Round Robin:

A player must have played at least one-third of the hands played by his team.

b) Tournament consisting of a Round Robin followed by semi-finals and final:

A player must have played at least one-third of the hands played by the team in the round robin.

In addition:

For first place: At least one-third of the total number of hands in the final and one third of the total number of hands in the semi-final.

For second place: At least one-third of the total number of hands in the final and one third of the total number of hands in the semi-final.

For third place: At least one-third of the hands in the play-off.

c) Tournaments consisting of a Round Robin followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals and final:

A player must have played at least one-third of the hands played by the team in the round robin.

In addition:

For first place: At least one-third of the total number of hands in the final, semi-final and quarter-final combined.

At least one-third of the hands in the final.

For second place: At least one-third of the total number of hands in the semi-final and the quarter-final combined. At least one-third of the hands in the semi-final.

For third place (in case of a play-off): At least one-third of the total number of hands in the play-off and quarter-final combined.

For fourth place: At least one-third of the hands in the quarter-final.

In order to qualify for the title of PABF Champion, the conditions are the same as those needed to qualify for the MPs for first place.

If the total number of hands played is not divisible by three, the exact number of hands required must be specified in the Conditions of Contest relating to the tournament, which may in any case make special provision for masterpoint awards for individual events.

## 6. Sanctioned Events

The Master Point Committee may approve PABF Master Points be awarded to sanctioned events. The approval of sanctioned events will be based on the following criteria:

- a. Open invitation;
- b. The participants from the non-hosting NBO will be substantial.  
There must be at least 5 teams participating in the tournament representing no less than 5 PABF NBOs;
- c. The standard of play (as evidenced by the intensity of the participation of

- the GM and LM) should be reasonably high;
- d. MP of 10% to 20% of the PABF Championship scale;
  - e. Only the major events and the Open Pairs are eligible for the awards;
  - f. PABF will charge a sanction fee of US\$2 for each MP awarded;
  - g. Each PABF NBO can only have 1 sanctioned event per annum.