

## Auckland Northland Interclub Teams online, 2022



1. To be played online on ten Friday evenings through 2022 on Real Bridge managed by Auckland Bridge Club
2. Standard Teams C Point Masterpoints awarded
3. There will be three groups based on players' Grade at the start of 2022, namely Junior, Intermediate and 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 three 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, Real Bridge levies and the three Directors, one for each Grade) will be deducted from players via the Auckland Bridge Club Hello Account
7. Youth players can pre-register their eligibility to pay \$1 table money per session (see <https://www.akbc.co.nz/visitors> and choose the "Youth Player" option.
8. We are reliant on a minimum of 30 entries from all clubs to proceed.
9. Late withdrawals and/or defaults create significant problems on Real Bridge. 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.
10. Entries close on the 9th March at 5pm by email to [aucklandbridgeclub@xtr.co.nz](mailto:aucklandbridgeclub@xtr.co.nz).

For **Real Bridge** guidelines:

[www.akbc.co.nz/realbridge](http://www.akbc.co.nz/realbridge) [www.RealBridge.online](http://www.RealBridge.online)

Table Money Payments use the **Hello Club**

Details: <https://www.akbc.co.nz/visitors>

### Format:

Entry numbers will decide the exact format.

1. Matches have IMP scoring
2. There will be two twelve board matches per evening with a short break between.
3. The aim is for all three groups to play the same boards to enable future discussion within your club. Real Bridge 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 Auckland BC site. The page <https://www.akbc.co.nz/realbridge> is the only route 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):

March 25th, April 8th, May 20th, June 17th, July 8th, August 12th, September, 16th October, 28th November, 18th December

## Auckland Bridge Club support notes

- *[The links for each Interclub evening will be posted on Auckland Bridge Club's Realbridge page: <https://www.akbc.co.nz/realbridge>. 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 it if players could log 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 be able to see that they are there.]*
- *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.*
- *A practice session for those who have not played on RealBridge before will be held on Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm. The link will be posted on our Realbridge page, as above. If they cannot attend that practice session, or they want extra practice, they can undertake a RealBridge "Taster" session by booking a NZ time zone time slot on the RealBridge website here: <https://realbridge.online/try-realbridge.html> The staff at RealBridge are excellent and will assist them 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 our RealBridge page and try the camera and microphone tests.*
- *The charge will be \$8, or \$1 for Youth (to qualify must have been born in 1997 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 by going to the [www.akbc.co.nz](http://www.akbc.co.nz) website, clicking on the Visitors tab, and then clicking on "Join as Casual Player (online play only)". If they are a Youth player, then they click on the button "Join as Youth player (online play only)" instead. If they have any difficulties with setting up an account, they can email or call the club on 09 524-5562. The office is open Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Players can check their transactions at any time by logging into their HelloClub account and going to the Account section. When their account balance goes down to \$0, they will receive an automated reminder to top up.*