

Redland Bridge Club Inc Congress Policy

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1.0 Purpose

This policy sets out Redland Bridge Club Inc's approach to youth players, house pairs and teams, entry fee refunds, late entries, and congress prize money.

2.0 Policy Principles

Redland Bridge Club Inc will manage congresses fairly, consistently, and transparently for all participants.

3.0 Scope

This policy applies to Redland Bridge Club Inc congress convenors, the competition organiser, congress players, youth players, and house pairs/teams.

4.0 Definitions

Youth players: Players who are 26 years of age or younger at the end of the congress year. Players do not need to be full-time students to qualify.

House players: House pairs/teams recruited by the congress convenor as stand-by pairs/teams when there is an odd number of entries or when a pair/team withdraws after the entry closing date.

5.0 Procedures

5.1 Youth Players

1. All youth players will be charged 50% of the official congress entry fee.
2. Any youth player who wins a cash prize will receive the full prize amount.

5.2 House Players

1. House pairs/teams do not pay entry fees.
2. House pairs/teams are eligible to earn red masterpoints.
3. House pairs/teams that place in an event will receive the full value of the prize money.

5.3 Late Entries

Players who wish to enter a congress after the official closing time must follow this process.

1. Contact the congress convenor by phone request a late entry.
2. The congress convenor will refer the request to the congress director.
3. The congress director will make the final decision on whether the late entry is accepted.

5.4 Entry Fee Refunds

Withdrawal Timing	Refund Outcome	Process or Decision-maker
Up to the closing date	Full refund	Players withdraw via My ABF.
After the closing date but before the draw has been published	Full refund	Players must contact the congress convenor by phone to officially withdraw. The congress convenor will process the refund through My ABF Credits.
After the closing date and after the draw has been published	No refund, except in extreme circumstances	The director and congress convenor will make the final decision.

5.5 Prize Money

5.5.1 Graded Events

Rule	Application
Grades are treated as separate stand-alone events.	If grades are the same size, the same amount of prize money will be allocated to each grade.
Unequal grade sizes	Prize money will be paid on a pro rata basis.
Prize Values	The congress convenor will decide the value of first prize. Second place will receive 70% of the first-prize value, and third place will receive 50% of the first-prize value.

5.5.2 Open Events

1. All contestants are eligible for overall prize money.
2. When the field is divided into categories, the event is not treated as a quasi-graded event because secondary prize money is distributed separately.
3. If a contestant appears eligible for two cash prizes, the contestant will receive one cash prize only.

Prize Category	Allocation Rule
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Winner Overall	The congress convenor will decide the value of first prize.
Second Place Overall	Receives 70% of the first-prize value.
Third Place Overall	Receives 50% of the first-prize value.
Category B Winner	Receives the same amount as the third-place overall winner.
Second Place Category B	Receives 70% of the Category B winner's prize.
Category C Winner	Receives the same amount as second place in Category B.

6.0 Approval Signatures

This policy is approved on behalf of Redland Bridge Club Inc by the authorised representatives below.

Authorised representative	Signature	Date
Name: _____	Signature: _____	___ / ___ / ____
Role: President		
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Role: Competition Organiser		