



New Zealand Bridge

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## **Addendum to 2009/2012 International Programme**

1. NZ Bridge has historically been involved in International Bridge competitions for a great many years. Initially and principally we have been sending Open and Women's teams away for over 40 years. Initially these teams were substantially funded. Historically, the events were not so plentiful and the funding resources within NZB were greater.
2. In recent times the International Bridge programme has expanded by the inclusion of Youth and Senior sections. NZB has strived to participate in as many of the events as it can afford but declining finances, greater costs and number of participants have created a situation where NZB cannot afford to contribute at the same level as in previous years. Already players have been asked to contribute more and more of their own resources to fund international representation.
3. The programme of World Championship bridge events coordinated by the World Bridge Federation (WBF) has recently been consolidated into a four year cycle culminating in the World Mind Sports Games held in the year of the summer Olympiad. It is therefore logical that New Zealand Bridge (NZB) adopt the same cycle for planning and funding for its international playing programme.

Regards

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