

Eligibility for Senior Events

NZ Bridge will adopt the World Bridge Federation eligibility criteria for participating in Senior Events from 2019.

Players will be eligible to play in senior events in 2019 if they are aged at least 60 on the 1st January 2019. Their birthday must be on or before the 31st December 1958.

The age of eligibility will increase by 1 year of age every 2nd year.

YEAR	AGE on 1 st January	Born on or before
2019	60+	31 st December 1958
2020	61+	31 st December 1958
2021	61+	31 st December 1959
2022	62+	31 st December 1959
2023	62+	31 st December 1960
2024	63+	31 st December 1960
2025	63+	31 st December 1961
2026	64+	31 st December 1961

Players may be required to provide proof of their birthday.

WBF Regulation

Senior Players

In order to participate in WBF Senior Championships and events, players must reach the age of 65** during the calendar year of the event in question. But see the timescale below for the implementation of this revised regulation:

** 19 August 2017 : The WBF Executive Council decided to raise the age requirement for Senior players to 65 over the next 8 years in accordance with the following schedule:

Thus from 1st January 2018, a Senior player must be aged 61 in the year of the Championship in which he is going to play

On 1st January 2020 this will be raised to 62 years of age

On 1st January 2022 it will be raised to 63 years of age

On 1st January 2024 it will be raised to 64 years of age

On 1st January 2026 it will be raised to 65 years of age