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Discussion Paper: Masterpoint Ranks and Grades

NZ Bridge manages a player incentive scheme where masterpoints are awarded for success in club sessions through to national tournaments. The requirements for each grade are detailed in the appendix below, which is copied from the NZ Bridge website.

Recent changes have seen the introduction of two new grades, the Platinum and Emerald grades.

Questions have been asked about:

- the introduction of further ranks above Emerald,
- the adjustment of gaps between ranks, which are not consistent, and
- how ranks might affect eligibility for graded tournaments. In particular should a player with <50 A points, with rank of Local Master and therefore intermediate in grade and with 20+ stars be eligible for intermediate tournaments?

NZ Bridge is asking for feedback on the rankings system and in particular answers to the three points noted above. Please provide submissions to john.skipper@nzbridge.co.nz by 10 August 2025.

Once submissions have been considered, a draft proposal will be published before a final recommendation is made to the Board of NZ Bridge, hopefully by the end of August 2025.

Appendix 1: Current Rankings from the NZ Bridge website. There are twelve
ranks accorded to holders of Master Points

Rank	Aggregate of A & B Points	When stars are added
Certificate of Proficiency	5	NA
Club Master	20	NA
Local Master	50	1* = 100 to 149, 2* = 150 to 199 etc
Provincial Master	100 (including at least 50 A Points)	1* = 200 to 299, 2* = 300 to 399 etc
Master	200 (including at least 100 A Points)	1* = 400 to 599, 2* = 600 to 799 etc
National Master	350 (including at least 175 A Points)	1* = 700 to 1049, 2* = 1050 to 1400 etc
Life Master	500 (including at least 250 A Points)	1* = 1000 to 1499, 2* = 1500 to 1999 etc
Grand Master	1000 (including at least 500 A Points)	1* = 2000 to 3999, 2* = 4000 to 5999 etc
Silver Grand Master	2500 (including at least 1250 A Points)	1* = 5000 to 7499, 2* = 7500 to 9999 etc
Gold Grand Master	4000 (including at least 2500 A Points)	1* = 8000 to 11999, 2* = 12000 to 15999 etc
Emerald Grand Master	8,000 (including at least 6,000 A Points)	
Platinum Grand Master	10,000 (including at least 7,500 A Points)	