

Ashburton Promotion Policy

The match committee, a sub-committee of the Club Committee, has the responsibility of allocating initial grades to new members and managing the process of regrading. There are three grades of play on club nights – Bronze, Silver and Gold. Beginning players become Bronze in the year following their lessons, and new players from another club will be assessed by the Match Committee based on their ranking at a previous club and their NZ Bridge Masterpoints Ranking. This is to ensure players are matched with others of similar ability.

A member is expected to play a minimum of 20 sessions on their grade night to qualify for promotion. The grading period is between the Kops Trophy opening night and early October. The match committee will look at the percentages that players gain on their graded nights to gauge whether they will be promoted to a higher grade.

To earn promotion a player's average percentage on their graded night for the best 20 sessions should be 50% or more. However, the match committee takes into consideration other factors if a player is close to the 50% threshold. Some consideration will be given to the percentages gained by people when playing up a grade.

The match committee reserves the right to alter these guidelines at any time. An individual member may ask the match committee towards the end of the playing year to consider regrading. Any member who feels that they should have been promoted may appeal in writing to the Match Committee, by the end of the calendar year.

Match Committee, March 2026