

Objective: Balance the playing field for in-person and online bridge while encouraging growth in both during the coming transition months.

What: In-person classes and in-person play at clubs.

Who: All players, with an emphasis on I/N players.

Time Period: Suggestions apply for the next 6-18 months or until 90% or more of the in-person bridge clubs are open and at steady state attendance. (Some ideas have permanent value).

- 1) Define a new masterpoint color – **White** – for online VACB (and SYC) games not supported by in-person play.
- 2) Award **Black** Points for in-person games, and any online VACB game that is concurrent with an in-person game at the same time by the same sanction holder. (See new SYC exception below).
- 3) Require a substantial number of black points for every rank including GLM. We recommend at least 200 for Life Master and at least 2000 for grand Life Master.
- 4) Consider separate masterpoint® races by pigment for the calendar year to complement existing Mini-McKenney and HS Ace of Clubs races.
- 5) Allow an in-person game to augment table counts for masterpoint awards based on concurrent online tables run by the same sanction holder.
- 6) Forego the extra STaC fees charged to clubs to help them financially for Calendar Years 2022 and 2023. Collect \$1/table.
- 7) Define a **National Club competition**. Provide for national overall awards and recognition. Define Standard stratifications. Consider awarding gold and silver to overall finishes. Allow for 4 top results from each District in each stratification. Include ABA Members. Frequency TBD, not to exceed 12 times per year. Define an appropriate masterpoint award schedule for this event based on total tables.
- 8) Consider offering \$2.49 SYC games on the same schedule as BBO clear point games. These games will offer black points for the next 9-18 months, then transition to white points.
- 9) Extend CAP funds to cover promoting all in-person events aimed at I/N members and new recruits: Classes, supervised play, teaching games, and any 0-50 club games. Include the cost of books used as part of beginner classes.

Respectfully Submitted for the Advisory Council Teachers and Club Managers Committee,

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