

A CHILDS' GUIDE TO OUR NEW SCORING PROGRAM

We are now using, after an extended trial period, a new computer program for scoring our playing results. The main difference you will notice is that the program allows for substitutes and absences. In other words, if you and/or your partner cannot make every session of a competition you can still be in the hunt for final competition placings and their associated masterpoints and prize money. This is how it works.

COMPETITIONS OF FOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS

Your partnership will be eligible for final competition placings if:

- (i) You and your partner play in all four sessions. How's that for a statement of the obvious!
- (ii) You and your partner play in any three sessions and are both absent for the fourth. For the session that you are both absent your partnership will receive either 50% OR 90% of your competition average, whichever is the lower.
- (iii) You and your partner play in any three sessions and, in the fourth session, because one of you can't make it you use a substitute player. For that session your partnership will receive the score obtained with the substitute EXCEPT THAT it will not be allowed to exceed your partnership's competition average.

Although it occurs very rarely, it is possible that in the fourth session both you and your partner will play with someone else. In this case your partnership is regarded as absent and processed accordingly.

COMPETITIONS OF FIVE WEEKLY SESSIONS

The presence of a fifth week complicates things rather more than somewhat. It is best understood by considering when your partnership will NOT be eligible for a final placing. You will NOT be eligible for a final placing if:

- (i) You and your partner play in no more than two sessions.
- (ii) You and your partner play in any three sessions but are both treated as absent for the remaining two sessions.

In ALL OTHER CASES your partnership will be eligible for a final placing. Any absences and/or substitutions will be processed in exactly the same way as in a four session competition.

HANDICAPS

This couldn't be simpler. Your partnership handicap, which you will see on the scoresheet, is added to the session score. It matters not whether the score is an actual one obtained in the normal way or was given your partnership because of absence or substitution as indicated above.

That's all folks! Feel free to badger me with any questions and I will, of course, convey any of your comments to the committee.