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## *Masterpointing Supervised Play Sessions*

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After beginner's lessons it is common to hold supervised play sessions for players to integrate their knowledge and to become familiar with the technicalities of a "session" of bridge. As an encouragement, masterpoints can be awarded to such sessions, so long as fifteen boards are played. In a regular duplicate session there is an expectation that at least twenty four boards will be played.

With such a small number of boards being played the masterpoints are awarded at 50% of the regular green duplicate rate. So if you have an eight table Mitchell, then a top for supervised would be 0.12, not 0.24 (see Masterpoint Scheme Booklet, Table 1B). Supervised play sessions are listed as Grade F and the type of points is called "Blue".

As a beginner who is not a member of the club, they can continue to earn "blue" points up to the total of 2.00. After that, they can continue to play but they will not earn any more points. Once they join the club, they will have their points registered with the ABF and those points will be converted to green points (one for one). They can then continue to accumulate points when they play well in subsequent supervised or regular duplicate sessions.

Now if you have some club members who come along and play in the supervised sessions, or have beginners who join the club early in the process, then they earn points at the same rate as mentioned above but there is no limit to what they can accumulate. Their points are automatically "green" as they are members.

### **A note for club masterpoint secretaries:**

It is your responsibility to keep a running total of blue points earned by beginners. You will need to notify them when they have reached their 2.00 maximum. Hopefully they will choose to join your club and you will be able to register them with the ABF Masterpoint Centre.

When you submit your club's green points in the following month/quarter, you will need to manually add to the file the masterpoints earned by the new player from supervised play sessions.

If they have managed to earn 2.00 points they will already have become a Graduate Master and will receive their first masterpoint ranking certificate.