

Titles and Awards

1. New Zealand Master

1.1 AWARD OF TITLES

The title of National Master shall be awarded by the Council to any New Zealand player who qualifies under the following rules. Each such award shall be ratified by the Federation's following annual general meeting.

1.2 REGISTER

The Council shall be responsible for maintaining a register of the master points gained by all New Zealand players.

1.3 MASTER POINTS

- 1.3.1 For each New Zealand Championship 45 master points shall be awarded for first place, 36 for second place, 28 for third place, 21 for fourth place, 15 for fifth place, 10 for sixth place, 6 for seventh place, 3 for eighth place, and 1 for ninth place.
- 1.3.2 For each North Island or South Island Championship 10 master points shall be awarded for first place, 6 for second place, 3 for third place, and 1 for fourth place.
- 1.3.3 For each New Zealand Junior Championship 6 master points shall be awarded for first place, 3 for second place, and 1 for third place.
- 1.3.4 Where two or more players tie for any place the available master points shall be shared equally among the tied players. Fractions shall be eliminated by rounding to the nearest whole number.

1.4 CANDIDATE MASTER

For the title of Candidate Master forty (40) master points shall be required.

1.5 NATIONAL MASTER

- 1.5.1 For the title of National Master one hundred (100) master points shall be required of which at least fifty (50) shall have been earned in New Zealand Championships.
- 1.5.2 For the title of National Master with one star (NMI) two hundred and fifty master points shall be required, for the title of National Master with two stars (NMII) five hundred (500) master points shall be required, and for the title of National Master with three stars (NMIII) one thousand (1000) master points shall be required.

1.6 VALIDITY

- 1.6.1 Titles are valid for life and date from the last day of the tournament in which qualification was completed.
- 1.6.2 These National Master title rules are retrospective and supersede all previous New Zealand master title rules.

2. *Junior Player of the Year*

- 2.1 The Marsick Memorial Trophy, presented by the Marsick family in 1992 in memory of the late Bruce Marsick, of Auckland, is awarded to the New Zealand Junior Player of the Year.
- 2.2 Junior players under 20 at January 1 are eligible for award of the trophy in the ensuing year. The award is based on the assessment of results in NZCF tournaments, as determined by the NZCF Tournament Committee or its nominees, with the award announced at the conclusion of the Annual Congress.