

There are three main types of Master Point: Local Points, Blue Points and Green Points.

Local Points are awarded at normal club events and most county events.

Blue Points are awarded at some special club and county events, and at Regional and National events that are not of sufficient status to merit Green Points.

Green Points are awarded for County Major Championships, and at Regional and National events of sufficiently high status.

In some exceptional circumstances, a combination of types of master point may be awarded for a single event. For example, Sim Pairs events run by the EBU attract a combination of Blue Points and Local Points.

Most Master Point ranks are based solely on your overall total of points. For this purpose, One Blue Point and One Green Point are each equivalent to 100 Local Points, and appear on Master Point records in terms of their value in Master Points. For example, 7.25 Green Points would appear on your record as 725 Master Points.

The higher ranks require not only an overall total, but also a minimum number of Green Points. Blue Points also count towards the Green Point requirement, in the ratio of 3 BPs = 1 GP, up to a maximum of 150 BPs (the equivalent of 50 GPs).

Example 1: the rank of 'District Master' requires a total of 1000 Master Points. This can be achieved with 1000 Local Points alone, or 10 Blue Points, or 10 Green Points, or some combination of the three, such as 500 LPs, 3 BPs and 2 GPs.

Example 2: the rank of Regional Master requires a total of 10,000 Master Points, including 25 Green Points. The overall total can be made by a combination of LPs, BPs and GPs. The Green Point requirement can be achieved with 25 GPs alone, or with 75 Blue Points, or some combination of the two, such as 15 GPs and 30 BPs.

In addition to the three main types of Master Point, one other type is recorded:

Gold Points are not Master Points as such, and do not count towards any Master Point ranks. But they are recorded alongside the Master Point scheme as a measure of recent success. Gold Points are awarded whenever a member earns at least five Green Points in a single event, one Gold Point being awarded for every five Green Points, pro rata. Uniquely, Gold Points depreciate at the rate of 20% of their original value every year. Thus they expire completely after five years.

For details on how many points are awarded for a particular type of event, please refer to the [EBU Master Point Handbook](#).