

Gentle Duplicate and the EBU

The EBU's schemes for rewarding bridge players

- The Master Point Scheme means players progress through master point ranks, with the initial ranks easy for any player to achieve.
- The National Grading Scheme means players are graded according to their current standard, which rises or falls with every session.
- Should they apply to gentle duplicate sessions? This is a choice
- Master Points are great for gentle duplicate, but there are some constraints.

What is a "Novice Session"?

- Novice sessions – in the EBU's definition as part of the UMS – are not required to be submitted
- They are "teaching sessions, supervised sessions or special duplicate sessions designed to help new players make the transition from classes to regular duplicates."
- No UMS (universal membership subscription is paid
- No master points are awarded nor does NGS apply
- Sessions may be assisted in any way the club chooses
- No more than three players or 10% of the players if greater may be above the rank of Area Master
- Regular gentle duplicate events are likely not to qualify as novice sessions

Supervised (Code 11) sessions

- Assistance is allowed as the club chooses
- Charged for UMS and qualify for the magazine
- No Master Points nor NGS is possible

Master points but not NGS – Code 12

- Sessions are submitted and players win Master Points
- Ignored for NGS
- UMS fee charged and qualifies for the magazine

NGS and Master Points – Code 10

- It is OK to submit a gentle duplicate session in the normal way as Code 10
- No unauthorized assistance can be given
- NGS still works with low standard sessions!

Directing gentle duplicate