



## YOUTH POLICY

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## **Purpose of the Policy**

This policy aims to:

- Promote the game of bridge among younger players.
- Reduces the cost burden for younger players, particularly students who may not have disposable income.
- Ensures bridge remains an accessible game for all demographics.

By removing financial barriers and providing a welcoming environment, North Shore Bridge Club (NSBC) is committed to fostering the next generation of bridge players.

## **Background**

The Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) Youth Club allows all players under the age of 26 (as of January 1st) to enjoy the rights and privileges of ABF membership without needing to join a state-based affiliated club. Membership of the ABF Youth Club is automatically terminated on January 1st of the year after a player turns 26.

For further details and to apply, please refer to the ABF Youth Club Application Form: [ABF Youth Application Form](#).

## **NSBC Youth Membership Benefits**

To encourage and support youth participation in bridge, NSBC offers Complimentary Club Membership to all ABF Youth members. This membership will be classified as alternate membership, meaning that the ABF Youth Club remains the home club of the member.

## **Fee Exemptions**

For NSBC Youth Members:

- Free Session Fees for all NSBC online and face-to-face sessions until their 16th birthday.
- Free Congress Fees for all NSBC online and face-to-face sessions until their 16th birthday.

## **Conclusion**

The NSBC Youth Policy reflects our commitment to fostering the next generation of bridge players by making the game accessible, affordable, and enjoyable for young people. By offering complimentary club membership and free session fees for players under 16, we aim to remove financial barriers, encourage participation, and develop future champions of the game. We believe that investing in youth players will not only strengthen our club but also ensure the long-term growth and sustainability of bridge.