

Guidance for Clubs Wishing to Apply for Charitable Status

The English Bridge Union held discussions with [The Charity Commission](#) to provide a standard application process for those EBU affiliated clubs which wish to apply for charitable status as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation).

A new section of the EBU website contains all the resources, links and guidance that your bridge club needs to make such an application in the Club Help section in the Member's Area .

You will need to download the [Approved Governing Document \(AGD\)](#) which is a variation of the EBU's Model Club Constitution. This document will replace your club's current constitution so be sure to study it very carefully and understand the implications of its content. You will need to fill in the blank portions of the document appropriately as you need to submit the completed document with your application.

The following documents are available:

- AGD and accompanying notes to help complete the AGD
- The Good Governance Code
- 'Purposes and Public Benefit Guide' and notes
- Links to all the relevant Charity Commission resources and the application process

The advantages of registering as a charity can be found by following this link:

<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/frequently-asked-questions/faqs-about-registering-a-charity/what-are-the-advantages-of-being-a-registered-charity/>

If you need further assistance the please contact our Club Liaison Officer, Bev Purvis, by emailing bev@ebu.co.uk or calling 01296 317206.

A number of EBU affiliated clubs have already completed the process of becoming a Charity. As of May 2016 we are aware of the following clubs who have achieved CIO status:

Hitchin
York BC
Halifax BC
Bath BC
Kendal BC
Oxford BC
Young Chelsea
Preston BC
Leeds BC
New Hertford BC
Pershore Duplicate BC
Titchfield BC

And a number of others are in the process of applying or considering the possibility.