



Summary of main changes

1. Only 3 types of organisations can award EBU MPs without a licence – Affiliated Clubs, Counties and the EBU itself. All other organisations must apply to the EBU for a licence to award MPs. Districts are no longer recognised as a sponsoring organisation.
2. County events that do not require a licence will be exempt from any mandatory EBU charges. However some counties who hold weekly duplicates have already indicated they believe it appropriate to pay P2P subscription charges for such regular events – this issue will be re-addressed in April 2011.
3. Affiliated clubs will be able to hold 3 events annually, open to any EBU member, without the need to apply for a licence. They will however be expected to inform their County and neighbouring clubs of these events.
4. Affiliated clubs can apply for an annual licence to hold learner/improver sessions which will not accrue MPs and will not be subject to pay-to-play. The licence charge will be set at a significant reduction to the pay-to-play charge. However only one such event may take place each week and there are other significant requirements attached – please refer to the Masterpoint & Licensing Handbook for details.
5. Only affiliated clubs will be able to enter county and EBU events for which entry is made as a club (e.g. NICKO, Garden Cities Qualifying, County Sims)
6. The only Simultaneous Pairs events that non-affiliated clubs may enter are the Children in Need and BGB. Counties can hold 2 Simultaneous Pairs events for their affiliated clubs each season. If they wish to exceed this number then they must apply for a licence. Non-affiliated clubs cannot enter any County Simultaneous Pairs events.
7. MPs earned on or after 1 April 2010 will be credited electronically to a member's account. No paper MP certificates can be issued after that date. Paper certificates issued before 1 April 2010 will be accepted up to 3 years from their issue date.
8. All leagues (apart from those organised by a club and played entirely on that club's premises) will require an annual licence as set out in the Pay-to-play documentation. For 2010/11 the cost of this licence is £5/team for a team-of-4 league and £10/team for a team-of-8 league
9. All knock-out team events held by counties and clubs will be subject to the same fee as #8 above.
10. There will be a new Reward and Recognition framework supporting the MP system.
11. Any member suspended by the EBU will not be able to earn any MPs during the period of their suspension.
12. Licence fees for one day county green point events will be capped at 50% of the 'profit' from the event. Exact details of how this procedure works are available from Aylesbury.
13. A more structured method for assigning green point awards at EBU events will be introduced from September 2010.
14. As soon as we are able to introduce it, affiliated clubs will be able to stratify the MP awards for their regular duplicate pairs sessions. Further details will be announced nearer the start date