



Summary of main changes and provisions relating to affiliated clubs

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.
2. Affiliated Clubs can hold an unlimited number of duplicate events for their members and guests/visitors. It would be regarded as unusual for more than 10% of the field to be classed as a guest/visitor.
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. Enhanced MP awards may be applicable. A licence is required if the event is open to non-EBU members.
4. Affiliated Clubs can hold 2 ladders per annum. These are a series of regular games with a bonus MP award attached to the series based on some measure of average performance.
5. Affiliated Clubs can designate 1 Pairs event and 1 Teams event as their Major Championships and can then award MPs at enhanced level. These events must be of at least 36 boards overall duration.
6. 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.
7. 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)
8. All MPs earned after 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.
9. All leagues (apart from those organised by a club and played entirely on that club's premises) will require an annual licence. 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
10. Knockout team events organised by clubs and played entirely on the club's premises are subject to the P2P charge. If matches are not played on the club's premises they are subject to the same league licence fee as #9.
11. There will be a new Reward and Recognition framework supporting the MP system.
12. Any member suspended by the EBU will not be able to earn any MPs during the period of their suspension.
13. Apart from teaching sessions, the annual Children in Need Simultaneous Pairs, 1 party/social event per year and any licensed events, all club duplicate events including heats of county events (e.g. qualifying round, simultaneous pairs) held in clubs will be subject to pay-to-play charges.
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.
15. The only Simultaneous Pairs events that non-affiliated clubs may enter are the Children in Need and BGB.