

Changes to the P2P, Masterpoint & Licensing framework

Other than items 2 and 7, these changes will all take effect from 1 April 2012

1. Subject to the provisions below, Counties may hold any number of events awarding MPs at County level (or below). These events may be of any format and Counties may allow any person (EBU member or not) to enter. We would not expect County regular games to exceed one per week or the equivalent thereof. County events that are opened to non-EBU members will be at District level. (NB - Because they involve enhanced MP awards, Sim Pairs are excluded from this regulation – see also item 6 below).
2. **From 1 April 2011** the licence fee for County Green Point events (ODGPs and Congresses) will be £6.80. The facility of a cap to the licence fee will no longer be available.
3. All County events (including leagues) will become subject to a P2P fee set at 50% of the standard rate, rounded down to the nearest penny and sessions in these events will count towards Magazine/Diary points. Non-EBU members will pay the full national rate. County events will not be subject to the County element of the club P2P charge. If the County event is already subject to the club P2P charge (e.g. because it is a club heat of a County Sim Pairs, or a qualifying heat for a County event) then no further P2P charge will be applicable. Counties will be able to hold one session a year designated as a party/social event which will be exempt from any P2P charge
4. All Teams Leagues and team K/O matches will be subject to a P2P fee at 50% of the prevailing rate. Non-EBU members will pay the full national rate. An online system will be available to enable organisers to upload results and this system will also provide a full league management system for organisers. These matches will also then count towards the member's tally of sessions required to qualify for the magazine and diary (12).
5. To protect the integrity of the MP scheme, with the exception of any events particularly specified in the MP&L Handbook, any event awarding MPs at an enhanced level will require a licence from the EBU and only the EBU will be able to issue such licences (i.e. Counties will no longer be able to issue licences).
6. The main regulations regarding County Sim Pairs are
 1. Counties can organise 2 Sim Pairs events each year without applying for a licence
 2. Only if these are for Charity may non-affiliated clubs enter but a licence from Aylesbury must be obtained.
 3. P2P charges in line with Section 3 above will apply to any County Sims and as stated there, heats held by clubs will be subject to the 100% P2P subscription and not the 50% County rate.
 4. Applications for County Sim Pairs events in excess of 2 and/or for County Charity Sim Pairs that allow non-affiliated clubs to enter should be made directly to Aylesbury
7. **From 1 April 2011**, Aylesbury will collect, on behalf of Counties, their direct member's annual county subscription, as long as we have the agreement of the member.
8. Clubs may open any of their events to any person (EBU member or non-EBU member), provided the MP status is club. The National P2P charge will be levied on all players. With the exception of those events specifically defined in the MP&L Handbook, if a status above Club level is deemed appropriate for a particular event, the club must apply to Aylesbury for a licence. NOTE: This provision will replace Regulation 1.2.5 in the Handbook.
9. Visitors who are members of another National Bridge Organisation are counted as EBU members in terms of items 1, 3 and 8.

There are a small number of other minor changes to the MP&L Handbook and these can be found on the EBU Website.