



English Bridge Union – Club Terms of Affiliation 2024

- 1 Clubs that affiliate to the EBU must affiliate to one of its constituent counties or, if they cannot for geographical reasons, to the Company itself.
- 2 In order to affiliate, a club must hold regular duplicate bridge sessions. It need not have fixed premises to be recognised but must confine its organisation of any face-to-face bridge events to the same approximate locality, though an occasional closed club holiday is also permitted.
- 3 Any club becomes affiliated to the Company upon payment of an annual subscription, the amount of which shall be fixed from time to time by the Shareholders in general meeting. Any club which is affiliated to an Association shall be affiliated to the Company and any club which, for geographical reasons, cannot be affiliated to an Association may become affiliated to the Company directly. This includes clubs that only run online games and do not run games at a physical location.
- 4 Clubs undertake to pay an annual affiliation fee to the EBU (and if required, also to their county). This will be invoiced early in each financial year. For the financial year 2024/25 the EBU club affiliation fee will be £29 which is inclusive of VAT.
- 5 Clubs undertake to pass on to the EBU the current Universal Membership subscription amount collected from each player for each session of duplicate bridge run by or held in the club apart from:
 - Exempt players as defined in Section 14 of the Universal Membership Guidance Notes.
 - Exempt sessions as defined in Section 15 of the Universal Membership Guidance Notes.

The Universal Membership subscription amount is normally made up of 2 elements

- a) An amount retained by the EBU.
- b) An amount passed on to the County to which the club is affiliated. (Some counties may choose to collect this amount in a different way.)

For the financial year 2024/25

- a) The national Universal Membership subscription amount will be 45p (which is inclusive of VAT)
- b) The county subscription amount is shown in the attached document.

- 6 The EBU club affiliation fee and subscription amounts for the next financial year are set by the Shareholders, your county representatives, at the Annual General Meeting in November each year. Clubs will be advised of these in December. County club affiliation fees will be advised in the following February.
- 7 Club affiliation is for a full year (i.e. 1 April to 31 March). Club affiliation is automatically renewed annually unless the club informs the EBU. We require 3 months' notice from an affiliated bridge club that it wishes to resign from the EBU.
- 8 Clubs will pay monthly statements and pass on the subscription amounts in one of two ways:
 - a) By direct debit, preferred way because it's simple, fast efficient and cost effective.
 - b) By credit/debit card or direct transfer within 10 days of the statement.
- 9 Clubs agree to abide by the Universal Membership Guidance Notes as published by the EBU and amended from time to time as necessary.
- 10 All members in good standing of an affiliated club will, subject to the EBU Board's right of refusal or expulsion pursuant to its Bye Laws, become ordinary player members of the EBU as defined in the Bye Laws.

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- 11 Only affiliated clubs, in good standing, are eligible to access the club services provided by the EBU.
- 12 Only player members of the EBU, in good standing, are eligible to access the member services provided by the EBU.
- 13 Clubs agree to abide by the bye laws of the EBU in force at the time (see Section 2.2 of the bye laws).
- 14 Clubs agree to abide by current data protection legislation as detailed in the agreement below.
- 15 The EBU retains the right to suspend affiliation of a club which breaches any of the terms of affiliation.

Data protection arrangements among clubs, counties and the EBU

1. The EBU and its clubs and counties undertake to maintain the confidentiality of personal contact data and to process all personal data according to the current data protection legislation. This includes:
 - a. Taking all reasonable measures to safeguard personal data and ensuring that any members, volunteers, employees or sub-contractors who need to have access to the personal data fully understand their obligations under current data protection legislation and agree to comply with it, as well as undertaking to maintain the confidentiality of personal contact data;
 - b. Only allowing sub-processing of data by bodies who have similarly undertaken to abide by all current Data Protection legislation;
 - c. Not allowing processing of data to be performed outside the European Economic Area except if covered by Privacy Shield or similar legal arrangement.
2. All safeguards and security measures should be appropriate to the size and nature of the organisation.
3. All data breaches must be recorded by the club or county. They may also need be notified to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), to the data subjects themselves, and/or to the EBU depending on the nature of the breach.

EBU Affiliation Fees 2024-2025

	Club Subscription			Universal Membership Fees		
	EBU	County	Total	EBU	County	Total
AVON	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.07	0.52
BEDFORDSHIRE	29.00	6.00	41.00	0.45	0.05	0.50
BERKS & BUCKS	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.04	0.49
CAMBS & HUNTS	29.00	5.00	40.00	0.45	0.10	0.55
CHANNEL ISLANDS	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.20	0.65
CORNWALL	29.00	3.00	38.00	0.45	0.00	0.45
CUMBRIA	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.00	0.45
DERBY	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.05	0.50
DEVON	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.04	0.49
DORSET	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.00	0.45
ESSEX	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.00	0.45
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	29.00	5.00	40.00	0.45	0.05	0.50
HANTS & IOW	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.04	0.49
HEREFORD	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.07	0.52
HERTFORDSHIRE	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.04	0.49
ISLE OF MAN	29.00	6.00	41.00	0.45	0.15	0.60
KENT	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.06	0.51
LANCASHIRE	29.00	4.00	39.00	0.45	0.02	0.47
LEICESTERSHIRE	29.00	4.00	39.00	0.45	0.08	0.53
LINCOLNSHIRE	29.00	5.00	40.00	0.45	0.05	0.50
LONDON	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.08	0.53
MANCHESTER	29.00	6.00	41.00	0.45	0.07	0.52
MERSEYSIDE & CHESHIRE	29.00	4.00	39.00	0.45	0.04	0.49
MIDDLESEX	29.00	5.00	40.00	0.45	0.05	0.50
NORFOLK	29.00	3.00	38.00	0.45	0.06	0.51
NORTHANTS	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.02	0.47
NORTH-EAST	29.00	6.00	41.00	0.45	0.06	0.51
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.04	0.49
OXFORDSHIRE	29.00	4.00	39.00	0.45	0.01	0.46
SOMERSET	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.00	0.45
STAFFS & SHROPS	29.00	5.00	40.00	0.45	0.06	0.51
SUFFOLK	29.00	0.00	40.00	0.45	0.07	0.52
SURREY	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.02	0.47
SUSSEX	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.07	0.52
WARWICKSHIRE	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.07	0.52
WESTMORLAND	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.06	0.51
WILTSHIRE	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.00	0.45
WORCESTERSHIRE	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.04	0.49
YORKSHIRE	29.00	0.00	35.00	0.45	0.05	0.50