



## AUTHORISATION AND LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS

The “licensing year” runs from 1 April to 31 March.

### The procedures

- An annual authorisation fee will allow a commercial organisation to run licensed events.
- The authorisation fee for 2024/25 is £59, including VAT.
- The obligations of authorised (licensed) organisations are as defined in Section 1.7 to 1.11 of the MP & Licensing Handbook. When applying for authorisation, commercial organisations should be asked to confirm they have read and will comply with those regulations.
- During the “licensing year” authorised organisations can run any number of Pairs, Swiss Pairs, Teams or Swiss Teams events and pay the charge per licensed session as set out below.
- No licence will be required for each event.
- Results MUST be sent to Aylesbury electronically in the USEBIO format using the appropriate [UMS Code](#). This will generate a charge per session (see below) and allocate MPs and magazine points for EBU members, as well as processing results for NGS where possible. We will issue invoices periodically.
- Authorised organisations may advertise in “English Bridge” as “Bridge Licensed by the EBU”.
- The opportunity exists for holiday operators to run one holiday each year in which they can offer Blue Points for all sessions at District scale. The holiday must be held abroad and there would be a licence fee of £25 per player (no further session fees payable). Please apply to [license@ebu.co.uk](mailto:license@ebu.co.uk) for further information.
- Commercial organisations may only run holidays, in England or abroad, under the arrangements laid out in this document. Any bridge club run by such an organisation must be entirely separate from its holiday activities and holiday companies’ commercial holidays may not be run under auspices of the club,

### **Charges and credits**

- The charge for licensed sessions for 2024/25 will be 75p per player per session, inclusive of VAT (£3.00 per table).
- Every £1 spent on advertising in English Bridge will provide a 10p credit in your playing session account valid for a full calendar year from the date of your advert.