



EBU POLICY ON CHARITABLE GIVING

The Universal Membership Subscription charge (UMS) exists to support the infrastructure and development of duplicate bridge in England and replaced both the master point payments formerly made by our affiliated clubs and the annual subscription payments that were made by members and, as such, is the main income for the EBU.

Many clubs who do not award Master Points at any of their duplicate sessions, including clubs that exist only to raise money for charity at every session, have continued their affiliation to the EBU - charging their members UMS for each session that they play in at their club.

The membership of the EBU support the Children in Need event every year, and this event is free of UMS. It is our policy therefore, to only support one large charity event per annum on behalf of the whole membership.

All clubs are allowed at least one event per annum which is exempt from the UMS fee – this can be a party, social and/or charity event. Since January 2012 clubs have been provided with extra exempt sessions to raise funds for charity based on the clubs' number of player sessions per annum:

1. Up to 10,000 player sessions a year, the policy remains as one exempt club session
2. From 10,001 to 20,000 player sessions a year, one extra exempt club session to raise funds for charitable purposes
3. Above 20,000 player sessions a year, two extra exempt club sessions to raise funds for charitable purposes

Subject to the above which will be reviewed regularly, we believe that charitable giving at club and county level should be down to the individuals concerned and should not involve the total membership donating part of their annual income to the chosen charity.

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