

EBU International Funding Policy

Owing to a substantial reduction in income post-Covid the EBU has had to reduce expenditure across the board. In the light of this we here clarify which international events we will support, and to what extent.

Candidate Events

1. The following international events have NBO-representative teams and occur on a regular basis and need to be considered
 - European Championships every two years – Open, Women, Seniors, Mixed, and 5 Junior categories
 - Champions Cup – only Open and only if we qualify via Euros.
 - World Championships every two years – same categories if we qualify via Euros
 - World Bridge Games every four year - Open, Women, Seniors, Mixed
 - Home Internationals every year – Open, Women, Seniors and 2 Junior categories
 - Junior Channel trophy

Further Notes

2. Invitational and Other Events: there is no funding for the Champions Cup or for other invitational events except for uniforms and the travel, accommodation and per diem allowance of anyone acting in a safeguarding capacity.
3. Squads: the EBU may fund squad activities for any squads that the Selection Committee creates. The funding will be determined each year by the Treasurer following a request from the Selection Committee Chair. The funding is to cover reasonable expenses such as costs of a trainer, travel, accommodation, training premises and material and, for juniors, their entry fee, travel and, if required, accommodation to play in EBU events. The Selection Committee has sole discretion in the use of these funds.
4. General Guidance: players and officials are to act reasonably to minimise their travel and accommodation costs. The EBU will provide guidance on questions such as the class of travel and quality of accommodation; the players and officials are expected to minimise costs by sharing taxis or using public transport where reasonable to do so. The guidance may vary for each event. The per diem allowance is to be determined by the EBU for each event.
5. Funding of officials will be restricted to one person (taking one or both of the roles of coach and non-playing captain) for all teams except Juniors where the Selection Committee may determine that two officials are required for safeguarding purposes in which case both officials will be funded.
6. Funding by Team Members: any member of the team can choose to fund in full or in part any or all of the costs of the team.

Funding Provided

Uniforms

7. The EBU will supply or pay for uniforms for all players and officials.

Entry Fees

8. The EBU will pay the entry fee for all events except

- The EBU does not enter any teams in the Under-31 Junior category.
- The entry fee for any team entering the World Bridge Games will be paid for by the team; the EBU will contribute, towards the entry fee and other team expenses, the profits from any trials for selection of that team.

Officials

9. The EBU will pay full expenses (travel, accommodation, per diem) for

- Any official for any team in a European or World Championship or Home Internationals.
- Any official or anyone acting in a safeguarding capacity at any Junior event.

Players

10. The EBU will pay expenses (travel, accommodation) for

- Players in the Open Team in a European or World Championship.
- Players in other categories in a European or World Championship when funds are available¹.

11. The EBU will provide a fund (£10k at present) to be used to fund the accommodation and travel of those juniors who (or their parents who) cannot afford or find it difficult to afford their accommodation and travel costs themselves for both home-internationals (The Junior Camrose) and other internationals.

12. However, if these funds are not needed in part or in full in any one year to fund juniors' participation in international events, the Selection Committee can spend any remaining funds to support squad and training activities or use unspent amounts to support juniors in the subsequent year. The Selection Committee is responsible for determining how the money is spent in support of international junior bridge.

13. Fundraising can be undertaken to support the juniors' costs for multiple or single competitions. As of January 2023, The Selection Committee is leading a fund-raising campaign in support of the juniors, and the Board would like to thank the Selection Committee for this and encourage its continuation.

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¹ Additional funding will be at the discretion of the Treasurer or, if the Treasurer has an interest in the outcome, the Chair of the EBU, and will depend on a number of factors such as the number of competitions in the year. If there is further funding, it will be provided equally to these three teams for each competition (i.e. Any additional funding for Europeans will be provided equally to these teams and any additional funding for World Championships will be provided equally to any of these teams that qualify.)