

EBU Player Session Rates

This table lists the Player Session Rates (PSRs) that can be used when submitting session files to the EBU.

Rate	Description
02	Null Session. Used only for sessions that are not played e.g. to award Master Points for a final ladder. No charge will be made and no sessions credited to the participants i.e. this will not form a credit for a magazine point.
03	One of a club's annual (per EBU financial year) allocation of free sessions. See below for further details.
04	Novice Session without magazine points. No UMS is charged; uploading results for properly constituted <u>NoviceSessions</u> using this code is optional and is normally only used when a code is needed to upload results for display by Pianola or similar organisation.
06	<i>Children in Need</i> Simultaneous Pairs. Free of charge.
07	Special rate for EBU-run Simultaneous Pairs events submitted by non-EBU clubs (so no additional subscription charge is levied). Should never be used by EBU-affiliated clubs.
10	Normal club session charged at the standard subscription price for the date it was played, plus any county charges.
11	'Social or supervised sessions'. Sessions for which a full rate is charged (as they do not qualify as a 'novice' session), but the session should not be included in the NGS and no Master Points should be awarded (e.g. some players receive guidance). The sessions do qualify for magazine points.
20	County event. Half the standard subscription price.
21	League or knockout event. Half the standard subscription price. Used for club, county, district or regional leagues and knockouts as well as additional events associated to district leagues. Note also that organisers can alternatively submit via the <i>League Management System</i> .
22	Novice session. Half the standard subscription price. No masterpoints are issued and the event is not graded by the NGS.
30	Licensed affiliated event (swiss or non-swiss).
40	Licensed affiliated charity event (swiss or non-swiss).
50	Affiliated/associated blue-pointed event, from 01/01/2013
60	Licensed county green-pointed event. Either a ODGP event or a green pointed county congress.
70	Event run by a registered commercial (i.e. non-affiliated) operator in England.
71	Event run by a registered commercial (i.e. non-affiliated) operator outside of England.
99	Special rate for EBU events and events run on behalf of the EBU. Should only be used on direction of EBU staff.

Prices

Exact prices are not discussed here as these vary according to when the session was played. For example, a club session played on 31/03/2014 will be charged at the 2013/14 price (34p) regardless of when the session is actually submitted to us. The **standard subscription charge**, referred to in the table above, is equal to the charge for PSR 10 i.e. 36p in 2015/16.

SessionDefinition

A session is defined according to the total number of boards played by each competitor, regardless of whether there is an actual break in proceedings. A normal session consists of 18-35 boards. Any event consisting of 36 or more boards will be considered as two sessions for the purposes of both Masterpoints and payment. An event of 72+ boards will be considered as a three-session event. Events of fewer than 18 boards will nevertheless count as a full session for these purposes unless it falls into the category of Novice session.

NoviceSessions

Sessions may be considered to be Novice Sessions for Universal Membership Subscription (UMS, formerly P2P) purposes only if they strictly satisfy the following requirements:

- a. They are either teaching sessions, supervised sessions or special duplicate sessions designed to help new players make the transition from classes to regular duplicates.
- b. As such they are not usually longer than 16 or 18 boards.
- c. In all cases no more than 10% of the players may be above Area Master.
- d. Since they are intended as an intermediate stage in a player's development, they should not have a regular clientele that comes back year after year.

AnnualExemptSessions

A club may play in up to three special sessions per year which are exempt from a subscription charge. The number they are allocated depends on the number of player-sessions they submitted in the previous year, as follows:

1. Up to 10,000 player-sessions a year: one exempt club session. This can be a charity or party or social event.
2. From 10,001 to 20,000 player-sessions a year: two exempt club sessions. The extra session must be a charity event.
3. Above 20,000 player-sessions a year: three exempt club sessions. The extra two sessions must be charity events.

All such sessions should be submitted at PSR 03.

This is in addition to the EBU-supported Children in Need event (PSR 06) and any other special 'one-off' session/event for which specific exemption has been granted by the EBU.