

EBU UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION CODES – April 2026

Code	Description
02	Null Session. Used only for uploading results for sessions that have already been submitted 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 Novice Sessions 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.
08	Special rate for events that have already been charged UMS, such as through the League Management System, but need to be submitted so that they can be processed for the NGS.
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.
12	'No NGS sessions'. Sessions for which a full rate is charged (as they are not 'novice sessions'), but the session is not included in the NGS. Master Points are awarded and the sessions do qualify for magazine points.
14	'Trial Clubs' session. No charge for offer period. Sessions qualify for Magazine Point, NGS and Master Points. For registered Trial Clubs Only.
20	County event. Charged at the full standard rate.
21	League or knockout event. Charged the full standard rate. 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 with magazine points. Half the standard subscription price. No master points are issued and the event is not graded for 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.
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.
72	Event run by a registered commercial (i.e. non-affiliated) operator in England. Doesn't count for NGS.
73	Event run by a registered commercial (i.e. non-affiliated) operator outside of England. Doesn't count for NGS.

90	Single-session events	Special rates for EBU events run by clubs on behalf of the EBU. Should only be used on direction of EBU staff
91	Masters Pairs heats	
92	National Pairs heats	
98	EBU/BBO daily games. Do not count toward UM. Sessions qualify for Magazine Points.	
99	EBU events and events run on behalf of the EBU. Should only be used on direction of EBU staff.	

Charges

Exact charges depend on when the session was played. For example, a club session played on 31/03/2019 would be charged at the 2018/19 rate 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 **CODE 10**, i.e. 48p plus the relevant county charge in 2026/27.

Session Definition

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 Master Points and payment.

An event of 72+ boards played all in the same day will be considered as a three-session event. A session may not extend from one day to another. For multi day events the number of sessions will be calculated separately for each day.

Sessions of fewer than 15 boards, will receive a 1/3 discount on the standard UM rate.

Novice Sessions

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

- They are either teaching sessions, supervised sessions or special duplicate sessions designed to help new players make the transition from classes to regular duplicates.
- As such they are not usually longer than 16 or 18 boards.
- In all cases **no more than three players**, or 10% of the players if greater, may be **above the rank of Area Master**.
- 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.

Annual Exempt Sessions

A club may submit 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:

- Up to 10,000 player-sessions a year: one exempt club session. This can be a charity or party or social event.
- From 10,001 to 20,000 player-sessions a year: two exempt club sessions. The extra session must be a charity event.
- 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 **CODE 03**.

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