

Welsh Bridge Union Membership Information for 2017/18

The membership year for the WBU is from April 1st until March 31st of the following year. The majority of members are registered by their WBU affiliated club.

WBU Membership:

The Standard Membership Subscription comprises the WBU Membership fee plus the Area Membership fee for that club's area and is to be sent to the WBU Membership Secretary. If a member belongs to more than one affiliated club then they must nominate one of those clubs to be their primary club. That club will then be responsible for paying the Standard Membership Subscription on their behalf.

WBU Membership: £10.00. WBU Junior Membership (under 25 years): £1.00.

Area Affiliation:

- WBU members registered by an affiliated club are deemed to be registered in that club's area.
- If a WBU member belongs to more than one affiliated club located in different WBU Areas, the secondary club(s) will only be responsible for paying that member's Area Fee.

WBU Area Membership:	North Wales	:	£1.00
	Mid Wales	:	£2.00
	West Wales	:	£1.50 (Juniors free)
	East Wales	:	£1.50

N.B. WBU members who wish to have North Wales Area Membership as their secondary area must apply to the NWBA Secretary. Direct WBU members should also contact the NWBA Secretary, or for all other Areas, contact the WBU Membership Secretary.

Existing Members:

- Subscriptions become due on the 1st April and must be paid by the 1st July of each new membership year, otherwise WBU membership is deemed to have lapsed.
- Lapsed members are not eligible to play in WBU competitions until their membership subscription has been paid.
- At the end of each membership year, the Membership Secretary will provide clubs with a list of their members registered with the WBU for that membership year and invite renewal.

New Members: (not applicable to lapsed members)

- An affiliated club nominating a new member, must send their full name (and with consent their title, address, postcode, telephone number and email) together with the appropriate subscription to the WBU Membership Secretary. The club will be advised of the new membership number by return.
- New members joining the WBU after October 1st need pay only half of the normal WBU fee but the Area fee must be paid in full.
- New members joining the WBU between January 1st and March 31st may choose either to pay half the normal WBU fee (as above) for membership valid until March 31st, or to pay the full WBU fee and Area fee and have membership until the end of the following membership year.

Note: With effect from the start of the 2017/18 membership year, ALL members of a WBU Affiliated Club MUST be Individual members of the WBU. During the 2016/17 membership year, an affiliated club may register the names of their members (that are not already registered) and receive a WBU number for that member, which will be valid for the collection of MasterPoints for the duration of the current year, though the new member shall not officially become a member of the WBU for the purpose of Competitions until the 2017/18 year without payment of the current year's fee.

Direct Membership:

Players who are not members of a club affiliated to the WBU may apply to become a Direct Member of the WBU for an annual subscription of £15. Full details and payment should be sent to the WBU Membership Secretary. In order for a Direct Member to be eligible to play in any WBU Area competitions, the respective Area Membership would be required.

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Cheques should be made payable to the "Welsh Bridge Union" or "WBU"
Bank transfers should be made to a/c 01381335 Sort Code 30-92-07.