



Membership Information for 2021/22

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	:	£2.00
	Mid Wales	:	£2.00
	West Wales	:	No charge this year
	East Wales	:	£2.00

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 (for whom they are the Primary Club) 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.

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.

Learner Groups:

There are special rules/requirements for membership of these groups:

Establishment:

A Learner Group (LG) should be set up with the particular aim of teaching bridge and bringing in new players into the game. A LG should be associated with an existing bridge club, but must have a distinct identity and membership list.

Teaching:

A LG Teacher must be a voluntary position. A LG must teach using materials and course plans provided by the WBU

WBU Membership:

All members of a learner group must be individual members of the WBU

LG members pay a %50 subscription rate. (Must have not previously been registered with the WBU)

A LG may elect to further register the LG members with the Area Association. The full area fee applicable will be payable in addition to the 50% WBU fee (but this is not obligatory whilst the members are learners) but if so elected, must apply to ALL the members.

Note:

The discounted subscription is valid for up to 2 years and 3 months. (starting in January will count as the subsequent year). Upon expiry of the 2-year LG membership, the individual member will become a full individual member of the WBU and pay the full subscription rate, even if they continue to play only at the LG sessions.

LG MasterPoint Uploads:

Master Point uploads for LG duplicate sessions are free of charge. Experienced players may not play regularly in LG sessions unless part of the teaching effort.

Please address any correspondence regarding membership to the current WBU Membership Secretary:

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See "Payment Options" PDF, for details of how to pay.

***EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

The EU's **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** will apply from 25 May **2018**, when it supersedes the UK Data Protection Act 1998.

Key requirements can be summarised as follows:

Accountability - Organisations must implement measures to ensure and be able to demonstrate that processing (of data) is performed in accordance with the GDPR.

Consent - more rigorous requirements are necessary to establish valid consent which must be:

- freely given
- specific
- informed
- unambiguous
- capable of withdrawal at any time
- indicated by a clear affirmation by the data subject

The WBU does not have a direct relationship with its individual members (except in the case of Direct membership) and therefore will rely on Affiliated Clubs to ensure compliance with the Regulation. To this end, the WBU have provided a draft "Privacy Notice" which Clubs can "adapt" to suit their circumstance but must at least ensure that each member registering for the current year has signed some such document and must keep those records whilst the members personal data is held by the club and the WBU.
