



Membership Information for 2025/2026

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 and includes 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: £20.00 WBU Junior Membership (under 25 years): £1.00.
Direct Membership: £25.00

Area Affiliation:

- WBU members registered by an affiliated club are deemed to be registered in that club's area. The WBU will pay £2 to each area from the membership fee.

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
- 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 £25. Full details and payment should be sent to the WBU Membership Secretary.

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*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 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.

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:

Name: Steve Webb
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Birchgrove
Cardiff
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Tel: 02920 217421

Email: mpmsec@wbu.org.uk

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

(Draft/Sample Privacy Notice)

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Privacy Notice

The 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.

We must obtain your permission to record personal data about you.

In accordance with these guidelines,Bridge Club hereby advises you that:

- The personal information we collect, and record is limited to simple contact information (name, address, telephone and email) and your Welsh Bridge Union (WBU) membership number. The minimum data that is desired for membership registration is your WBU Number, your First and Last Names and the Area, District and Sector parts of your Home Postcode e.g. AN2 6
- We will collect your personal information purely for administrative purposes at the Club in connection with your membership of the Club and the WBU.
- You provide us with the information that you are happy for us to record upon registration for Club Membership each year (March-February) by filling/editing/deleting the data currently held on the Membership Receipt Slip.
- You will be registered with the WBU with the personal data that we hold for you for the sole purpose of their maintaining your Membership and MasterPoints records. Note: The WBU maintain a separate list for marketing and advertising purposes via "Mail Chimp" (see WBU Website) which you must register with personally.
- The information we collect is stored on a personal computer in a spreadsheet and distributed internally in hard copy (under "confidential" cover) as required. It is also stored securely in the player database of the scoring and results software/website applications used by the club.
- The information that we hold will not be passed to third parties outside of the club and the WBU (unless legally obliged to do so, e.g. by court order).
- You may request a printout of the information that we hold about you at any time by passing your request in writing to a committee member of the club. You can request that errors be corrected at any time or upon annual renewal.
- If you cease to be a member, your data will be removed from the records when it is no longer needed for administration purposes.

Please sign this Notice to confirm that you have read and understood the above, and that you agree to the club collecting and using the personal data that you choose to supply in this way.

Name:

Signed:

WBU Number:

Date: