

Membership Period: The annual membership period of the WBU is from April 1st of one year until March 31st of the following year. Subscriptions are due on April 1st. Cheques should be made payable to the “Welsh Bridge Union” or “WBU”.

Membership Renewal Period: *(Change approved on 13/07/2008, WBU Constitution refers)*
Existing members must renew by paying the appropriate subscription by July 1st, at the latest, of a new membership year, otherwise WBU membership is deemed to have lapsed. Lapsed members are ineligible to play in WBU competitions until the membership subscription is paid.

STANDARD MEMBERSHIP:

The majority of players become WBU members by joining via an affiliated club. Those who are under the age of twenty-five may join as Junior members with a reduced fee.

Club Membership applications: Names of players renewing their WBU Membership, or those joining for the first time (with their full name, title, and address please), together with the appropriate fees, should be sent by the clubs **direct** to the WBU Membership Secretary.

The membership subscription of those joining through a club comprises the WBU membership fee plus an additional membership fee to the Area to which the club belongs. The combined amount should be sent to the Membership secretary.

WBU standard membership fee: £6.00

WBU Junior membership fee: £1.00

Area fees are:

North Wales: £1.00

Mid Wales £1.25

West Wales £1.00, Juniors free

East Wales £1.50

At the WBU AGM, in May 2008, it was decided that the membership fee would remain at £6.00. The Area fees are set by the Areas themselves but are correct at the time of writing.

WBU Members registered with one area may join another upon additional payment of the fee for that Area. *N.B. Anyone wishing to have North Wales Area Membership, who has joined the WBU via one of the other areas or directly, must apply to the NWBA Secretary.*

DIRECT MEMBERS:

Those who are not members of a club affiliated to the WBU may apply to become Direct Members. The annual fee for this is £12, which should be sent to the Membership Secretary. Being a direct member of the WBU does not grant the right to play in any WBU Area competition, Area membership is required for this.

Players joining the WBU for the first time:

i] Players joining the WBU for the first time after October 1st, either through a club or as a Direct Member, need pay only half of the normal WBU fee. However, any Area fee must be paid in full

ii] Players joining for the first time between January 1st and March 31st may choose either to pay half the normal WBU fee, as at [i] above, for membership until March 31st, **OR** may pay the full WBU fee (and any Area fee) and have membership until the end of the following membership year.

N.B. This information sheet was prepared by Mike Bond, WBU Membership Secretary, on behalf of the Welsh Bridge Union. Please address any communications or queries regarding membership to the Membership Secretary.