

English Bridge and the Magazine Points System

The EBU produces the magazine *English Bridge* four times a year, which is sent out to all active members. We have a system of Magazine Points so that a regular player will get every issue of the magazine; one who stops playing will not receive any more magazines after a while; one who plays very infrequently will only receive a magazine infrequently.

Each EBU member will keep on their record a number of Magazine Points which will determine whether or not they will get any given issue of the magazine. Points are earned as follows:

- On 1st April 2010 all EBU members (both new and existing) received six points.
- For every club session a member plays in they will receive one point.
- For every *session* of an EBU competition they will receive one point. (Note that most EBU events consist of more than one session.)
- New members who join after 1st April 2010 will receive two points to get started.
- If they have joined the EBU directly by paying an annual subscription, they will receive 8 points.
- For playing in an EBU Knockout Competition they will receive two points.

Points are capped at 8, so if a member earns a 9th point, they will still only have a total of 8 points. Points cannot be transferred to other people and they cannot be frozen on a member's account.

The only thing a member can spend Magazine Points on is magazines! Every issue will cost two points, and this will be automatically deducted from the account. If a member has requested that we don't send a magazine, they will still have two points deducted.

The consequences of the above include:

- If a member plays just once a month they will get every magazine.
- If they play twice a month for four months and spend the rest of the year abroad, they will still get every magazine.

- If they play every week for a period and then suddenly stop playing bridge at an affiliated club, they will continue to get the magazine for 4 more editions before the points dry up.
- If they play infrequently, they will not get all the magazines but will still get some.

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