

Leagues

Most clubs field teams-of-four or teams-of-eight in local leagues. The EBU recognises the following types of league:

- Club Leagues – organised under the auspices of a club.
- District Leagues – usually organised by an Association set up for that purpose.
- County Leagues – organised under the auspices of a County Association.
- Inter-County Leagues – usually organised by an independent body set up for that purpose by the Counties that play in the league.

Here we are only concerned with the first two types.

Club Leagues

If a club wishes to run a league of its own and issue Master Points:

- The club has to be affiliated to the EBU.
- The club itself can decide its own rules regarding non-EBU members participating in the league.
- The club has to pay the league Pay-to-Play amount if this event takes place outside of the club.
- The club has to pay the club duplicate session Pay-to-Play amount if this event is part of the club's playing sessions.

Most bridge scoring programs used by EBU affiliated clubs are capable of scoring teams events. If a club league is part of the club's regular playing sessions, it should use this software to upload p2p session files in the usual way.

District Leagues

Prior to the advent of Universal Membership on 1 April 2010 there were a small number of Leagues and District Associations which for administrative convenience affiliated to the EBU as if they were clubs. This is no longer possible under Pay-to-Play. However, District Leagues:

- Can be licensed to issue Master Points through payment of the league Pay-to-Play amount.

- Can themselves decide their own rules regarding individual non-EBU members participating in the league.

Please also see the following section of this Handbook on licensing.

League administration software

A recent development added to the EBU website in the Club Member's Area is the [League Management System](#) which we hope will greatly simplify the administration of league events, including dealing with team personnel, master points and pay-to-play charges. Some organisers already have very good systems in place to do this so we're not forcing anybody to switch, but we hope this service will be of some value.