

SCOTTISH BRIDGE UNION (SCIO)

AREA AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

The Scottish Bridge Union (SBU) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), number SC051361, recognised and regulated by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

Our **mission** is to foster, promote and communicate participation and enjoyment of bridge as a mind sport in Scotland.

Criteria

The SBU offers affiliation plus accompanying services to any “AREA” in Scotland, provided it meets the criteria listed below ...

1. It is an entity independent of the SBU.
2. It is a properly constituted entity, meaning it is either an association of members, a recognised charity, an incorporated entity or has another suitable legal persona.
3. Its Constitution states that all its members will be home members of an affiliated SBU Club other than itself.
4. It has a set of elected officers, such as the President, Secretary and Treasurer, plus a bank account.
5. It has sources of income independent of the SBU and publishes annual accounts to its members.
6. It has a defined geographical area from which it recruits existing SBU members.
7. It organises bridge events for its members.

Having commenced operations in March 2022, the SBU is now establishing a formal affiliation agreement with existing Areas in Scotland. Areas wishing to affiliate with the SBU should formally accept this agreement in a manner consistent with their Constitution. Acceptance of the terms of this agreement should be communicated by an Area official sending a signed copy of this document to a separately identified SBU email address before the start of the 2022-2023 season (1st September). New Areas can join at any time.

Engagements

The Area will respect the SBU mission, aims and intentions, as laid out in the SBU Constitution, SBU Bye-Laws, SBU Disciplinary Policies and Procedures, and this Area Affiliation Agreement.

When the SBU applies disciplinary penalties to one of its members and that player is a member of an affiliated entity, all such entities will similarly enforce these penalties. Likewise, when International Bridge Organisations (EBL and WBF) announce penalties on an individual bridge player, the SBU will do the same and require that each SBU affiliate follows suit.

The Area and the SBU will share data, including members’ personal data, during their joint activities, conforming with current GDPR legislation. The SBU Data Privacy Policy is available on the SBU website. In addition, each entity will appraise the other if there is a data breach of members’ personal data. If the SBU requests, the Area will appoint a Data Protection Officer.

Services to Affiliated Areas

The SBU will provide services to each affiliated Area, including but not limited to the following ...

1. Areas can benefit from SBU contractual arrangements with outside suppliers, examples being insurance providers (under certain conditions) and online bridge platform providers.
Where Areas benefit from these arrangements, they must accept the conditions imposed by suppliers upon the SBU as conditions upon themselves. Failure to do so may result in withdrawal of the benefit.
2. Areas are entitled to participate in the SBU Master Points Scheme and can purchase Master Points certificates. An Area cannot award Master Points at a higher level than the Area scale. The Rules and regulations of the MP scheme are contained within the "Handbook Of The Master Points Scheme" (HOTMPS), which is regularly updated. Areas wishing to deviate from HOTMPS must seek prior formal approval from the Member Services Committee.

SBU Policies, practices and operational activities change over time. Therefore, affiliated Areas should ensure they are up-to-date by regularly reviewing SBU website announcements and associated documentation.

Area Affiliation Fee

The SBU may charge affiliates an affiliation fee to be paid annually between the 1st and 30th of September. The Board will decide and announce the fee amount with at least one month's notice.

Renewal and Cancellation

All Affiliation agreements will automatically renew unless a notice of cancellation, with one month's notice, is received from the affiliate. The Board of Trustees may update the terms and conditions, usually on an annual basis but will provide advance notice with reasons and then take account of views expressed. If the Board of Trustees wishes to cancel an agreement with an individual Area, it will do so with a notice period until the end of the current season. The Board may impose a shorter notice period upon the recommendation of the Laws and Ethics Committee.

End of AREA Affiliation Agreement (1st August 2022)

AREA Name Borders Association of Bridge Clubs

AREA Official Name & Title Paul Gipson, Secretary

Signature *P S Gipson*

Date 5 August 2022