



## **EBU National Club Committee Terms of Reference and Structure**

### ***Terms of Reference***

The EBU National Club Committee (NCC) is a subcommittee of the Board and will report to that body. Its minutes will be reported at Board meetings.

The NCC's overriding objective is to help develop EBU affiliated clubs, to ensure that all club members receive an excellent experience playing bridge in a pleasant environment with value added services.

NCC representatives will:

- Act as a conduit between the EBU Board, through its Club Liaison Officer, and its county club representatives to ensure that the correct club contacts are receiving information about services.
- Provide feedback on the club teacher programme and its effectiveness in providing clubs with more members.
- Consult and comment on club competitions including stratification and suggestions on how the Tournament Committee can help develop this aspect of club activities.
- Consult and comment on the National Grading Scheme.
- Provide views on English Bridge and its content for club players.
- Provide views on the website and its content for club players.
- Develop Club Focus for club committees looking at all aspects of club management and promotion.
- Exchange information on best practice and publicise this.
- Consult and comment on any changes to regulation from the Laws and Ethics Committee that will affect club players.
- Update the EBU Board on implementation of its policies.
- Provide ideas and input to improve services and ensure that the EBU is aware of clubs' opinions on matters that affect them and their members.
- Report back to county club representatives on all matters discussed and agreed at these meetings. County club representatives will, in turn, report to the clubs in their counties.

## ***Structure***

National representation will be the Chairman of the National Club Committee (Board member) the Club Liaison Officer and the General Manager.

5 Regional Representatives – 1 from each region outlined below.

Total attendance will be 8.

Will meet twice a year in a venue in London – EBU will pay delegates travel expenses and the venue hire.

### ***5 REGIONS***

**EAST – 7 Counties**

Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire Suffolk, Bedfordshire, Essex, Hertfordshire.

**MIDLANDS – 8 Counties**

Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Staffordshire/ Shropshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire.

**NORTH – 8 Counties**

North East, Yorkshire, Cumbria, Westmorland, Lancashire, Manchester, Merseyside and Cheshire, Isle of Man.

**SOUTH-EAST – 6 Counties**

Berks and Bucks, London, Middlesex, Surrey, Kent and Sussex.

**SOUTH-WEST – 10 Counties**

Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Cornwall, Devon, Avon, Dorset, Somerset, Wiltshire, Hampshire and the IoW, Channel Islands.

### ***REGIONAL CLUB COMMITTEES***

The first regional club committee meetings will be organised by the EBU Club Liaison Officer. Thereafter the regional club representative will organise these meetings.

- 1 1 representative per county.
- 2 2 meetings per year, say February and early September before the NCC meeting.  
Venues at Bridge Clubs e.g. Tunbridge Wells, Young Chelsea  
Peterborough, Cambridge  
Solihull  
Bath, Taunton, Bristol  
Bradford, Brierfield, Darlington
- 3 Counties will pay expenses on the meeting day at the venue.
- 4 At the first meeting, elect a Chairman, Secretary/Note taker and a representative for the national Club Committee.
- 5 The Board member responsible for the Club Committee and the Club Liaison Officer will attend the first of each region's meeting.