

Warwickshire Contract Bridge Association



Junior Members' Bridge Development Policy

Warwickshire CBA aims to provide and support development opportunities for its Junior Members. WCBA will aim to provide equal opportunities to all Junior Members, irrespective of whether they have bridge playing parents/guardians, or not. The level of support provided will be assessed on a case by case basis, and will be reviewed annually. The Youth Officer may specify that to qualify for County support, a Junior Member must play in a specific pair/team.

- 1) Junior Member is as defined by the EBU (currently under 26), and whose county of Primary Allegiance is, and remains, Warwickshire
- 2) Entry/Table fees will be payable as below:
 - a. WCBA Competitions (Excluding MCC, but includes Junior Dual Members)
 - i. County Competitions
 1. Where WCBA Youth Officer arranges the partner
 - a. Free entry to both players
 2. Where WCBA Youth Officer DOES NOT arrange the partner
 - a. Free entry to Junior Members
 - b. Full entry fee payable by an adult partner
 - ii. County Competitions where refreshments are included in the entry fee
 1. Where WCBA Youth Officer arranges the partner
 - a. Free entry to both players
 2. Where WCBA Youth Officer DOES NOT arrange the partner
 - a. Free entry to Junior Members
 - b. Full entry fee payable by an adult partner
 - c. Both players pay refreshment costs
 - iii. Garden Cities (Club representation)
 1. Club pays entry to County Heat
 - b. Club or Partner Competitions
 - i. Series Events (eg CPL/BPL/IR)
 1. Where WCBA Youth Officer arranges the partner
 - a. Club waives the entry fee for Junior Member
 - b. WCBA pays for the partner
 - c. Reviewed for each series
 2. Where WCBA Youth Officer DOES NOT arrange the partner
 - a. WCBA will pay any balance of the Junior entry (after Club's expected 50% discount)
 - b. Full entry fee payable by an adult partner
 - c. Reviewed for each series
 - ii. Arden Charity Teams/Stratford Shakespeare Teams – Entry fee paid by WCBA when teams arranged by Youth Officer
 - c. External (eg EBU) Competitions/MCC
 - i. A 50% reduction generally exists for junior players. If the Junior member is a squad member then he/she may be funded through the Squad Manager
 - ii. When a developmental element is identified by the Youth Officer, or support requested, WCBA may cover the cost of Junior Member's entry fee
 - iii. WCBA may make a contribution towards the travel costs to the Young Bridge Challenge and Junior Teach In.

d. Other

- i. If the Youth Officer identifies an event for the Junior Member, which the Junior Member would not normally enter, and it is not covered above, WCBA may pay the Junior Member's entry fee
- ii. Invited juniors (non WCBA Members) may be offered the same arrangements. Arrangements for accompanying adults will be considered on an individual basis
- iii. Other Junior players – the standard 50% reduction

e. Training

- i. Master Classes
 - a. Each application will be considered on a case by case basis
 - b. Supported places will be limited
 - c. Partner restrictions may be applied
- ii. Representative Events – support for these will be considered on an individual basis.

- 3) Requests for support may be made by Junior Member, a Parent or Guardian, or the event organiser
- 4) Details of a Junior Member must be provided to the Youth Officer (Address, Home Telephone Number, EBU number, Date of Birth, (Parent/Guardian) Email, and additional emergency contact numbers). Junior Members, under 18, must have provided current (completed/signed) Code of Conduct and Personal/Contact Information documents.
- 5) WCBA will provide support to Junior Members providing that they are a Junior
 - a. On the date of the competition, or
 - b. On the closing date for entries, or
 - c. On the first session of the competition.
- 6) Confirmation of any support agreed will be provided in writing by the Youth Officer. The Youth Officer will inform the WCBA Treasurer.
- 7) WCBA will not provide support for refreshments, accommodation, etc, unless prior agreement (in writing) with the Youth Officer
- 8) Safeguarding – See Safeguarding Policy (http://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoi/bw.cgi?club=warwickshire&pid=display_page53&sessid=603264876442024)
- 9) Youth Officer – The Youth Officer will regularly partner and/or oversee the bridge development of Junior Members, and his/her entry/table fees and travel will be reimbursed.
- 10) Requests for support not covered above must be made in writing to the Youth Officer (Youth@WarwickshireBridge.co.uk).
- 11) Any queries regarding a decision made by the Youth Officer should be made in writing to the WCBA chairman (Chairman@warwickshirebridge.co.uk).
- 12) This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner as a result of any other significant change or event.