**MEMBERSHIP OF THE WELSH CHESS UNION**

The WCU Constitution (article 2) sets out two forms of membership: (1) Registered members, and (2) Honorary Life Members. A member may be registered through an affiliated club, County or Zone or directly with the WCU. A Registered member is entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and is entitled to participate in the Closed sections of WCU organised tournaments and to be eligible for selection to represent Wales in an international tournament in that season (1 September through 31 August).

Membership subscriptions are determined each year by motion at a General Meeting of the WCU. This is normally done at the AGM. Subscriptions are payable by 30 November, covering the 12-month period starting on the preceding 1 September. So, subscriptions for season 2019/20 are payable by 30 November 2019. Members joining part-way through a season are required to pay the rate for the full year. A member registering through a club does not have to pay another WCU subscription if he/she changes clubs during a season or plays for a second club in another zone.

**Subscription rates**

Current rates of subscription are:

Adult: £15.00 pa

Juniors: (U-18 on 1 Sept 2019) £7.00 pa

**Payment details**

Members may register by payment of their subscriptions to their affiliated club, county or zone. This should be made in time to allow the club, county or zone to pay the WCU by 30 November. Members registering direct with the WCU may make payment by the following means:

* **Bank transfer** to the Welsh Chess Union account at Lloyds Bank:
  + Sort code 30-98-94
  + Account 01112471
* **By cheque**, payable to the Welsh Chess Union (please, not to “The W.C.U.” – the bank doesn’t like it!) mailed to the Membership Secretary, Welsh Chess Union at 9 Kingfisher Court, Llanelli, SA151GT. Please note: this is the least preferred option – the banks are no longer local!

New members – please complete the attached form (doc format) and send to the Membership Secretary at the above address.

Any queries on this procedure should be sent to the Membership Secretary using the email address [membershipsecretary@welshchessunion.uk](mailto:membershipsecretary@welshchessunion.uk)

Membership Secretary / Finance Director