

Conditions of contest

General Rules

We are committed to maintaining a pleasant atmosphere on BBO. Playing on this site should be seen as a PRIVILEGE, not as a RIGHT: it is dependent upon the display of good sportsmanship, correct deportment and above all irreproachable ethics observance of the highest standard.

Players are therefore required to familiarize themselves with the Proprieties of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge: (link to..)

Each player is reminded that it is a breach of ethics to break a law or regulation deliberately even if willing to accept a prescribed penalty.

The following are considered serious offenses:

- The use of profanities as well as racist or sexually explicit remarks
- Insulting your partners, opponents, or any other member of BBO
- Leaving the table in the middle of a hand for reasons other than you get disconnected or have good reason to believe that there is software problem.
- Using software such as ICQ or using a telephone to communicate with your partner

Payments

Payment (\$1 per session) is to be made in accordance with the normal BBO Pay Tournaments, either by Credit Card or Pay Pall (for full details click here)

Special keyboard arrangements

UNDO not active: a bid/play done, can NOT be cancelled.

MISCLICK: misclick is assimilated to a psychic. Player will not be penalized if:

- Sends a private message to the TD informing about the mistake and the intended bid;
- Sends the same message to both opponents.

Language

The only language accepted is English

Systems Policy

HUM systems and Brown Stickers are not allowed.

Psychic are forbidden: TD will assess a 60%-40% score or will confirm the table score if poorer.

Both members of a partnership must agree to adopt the same meanings for calls in the auction and also for defensive card play. This does not restrict exercise of style and judgment.

Players are kindly requested to provide a Convention completed legibly in English, or to complete the "other" section of BBO's own profile with all the bidding/playing convention adopted.

Failure to complete the Convention Card or their own profile may give rise to the imposition of procedural penalties.

Playing time

Players are expected to complete each two-board round in 16 minutes. However with the robot tourneys it is expected that the 10 hands will be completed in 1 hour.

In robot tourneys, if enough tricks are played (normally 8 tricks) and it is determined that the result is sufficiently obvious, the robots will automatically finish the hand and assign that score.

The system removes un-played or partly-played boards from pairs who are slow.

If an un-played board is removed:

- Both pairs shall be awarded 40% of the match-points available for the board.
- If a player complains, must send a private message to the TD specifying the board's number. The TD will examine the board and if he determines that one pair did not contribute to the slow play, the non-offending pair shall be awarded, subject to Law 88, 60% of the match-points available for the board.

If a partly-played board is removed:

- Both pairs shall be awarded 40% of the match-points available for the board.
- If a player complains, must send a private message to the TD specifying the board's number and the required score. The TD will examine the board and if he determines that one pair did not contribute to the slow play, the non-offending pair shall be awarded, subject to Law 88, 60% of the match-points available for the board or shall be awarded of the required score ONLY if the line of play is selfevident.

Alert

Any bid/play that:

- has a special or artificial meaning, or
- whose partnership meaning may not be understood by the opponents is an "alertable call" which must be brought to the immediate attention of the opponents through the use of the "alert".

The BBO software is designed so that players alert their own bids. This is called "self-alerting" and it is opposite to the approach that is used in live bridge clubs and tournaments. If you have ANY doubt as to whether one of your bids should be alerted or not, it is appropriate to alert.

If an opponent asks you for the meaning of one of your bids, you are expected to answer them politely, even if you think the answer is obvious. You do not have to tell the opponents how you INTEND your bid - only what you have AGREED with your partner.

You can't use chat to explain your bids to your partner.

Alert failing will involve an assigned score if the opponent will be damaged

Replacement

If a player is disconnected she will be replaced (can't be warranted the acting-player is a female player) If the regular player reconnects within 15 minutes, she will be readmitted to her own place.