

Buddy Guidelines

For ease of reference the following terms have been used:

Buddy – The more experienced player

Newcomer – Player of 1-3 years playing experience

The aim of the buddy scheme is to help introduce newcomers to duplicate pairs with support from a friendly, steady and encouraging club member (a buddy).

The intention is the buddy will play with a newcomer for a couple of sessions only. If you are looking for a regular partner then please make use of the newcomer partnership desk.

The result of the session **will** count for NGS purposes for both buddy and newcomer.

The buddy will play for free for that session.

Advice regarding pairing up:

Once you have been introduced by the buddy co-ordinator and before you play:

- Try to agree your playing systems **before** arriving for the session.
- Keep systems simple. The more systems you play the more potential there is to go wrong!
- Keep discussions regarding bidding sequences to a minimum and simple.
- The buddy will adjust to the newcomer in respect to systems, not the other way.

Advice during play:

- If necessary, the buddy will sit north.
- Try to keep any advice or discussions until **after** the session.

Advice after play:

- If possible, time and circumstances permitting, the buddy will review the hands with the newcomer. This could be in person, by phone, email or Skype for example.

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