

Allendale Bridge Club

Gentle Bridge on RealBridge – Additional Information

RealBridge is the closest we have found to face to face Bridge.

All local players in Dorset, Hampshire and the surrounds who wish to play Gentle Duplicate may play in these events. You can enter with or without a partner. All events are hosted, so we will always find you a partner.

There is no method of collecting table monies online within RealBridge, so we will be collecting monies offline.

Depositing money into your Allendale online account

In order to minimise the administrative overhead to both players and club, we are asking you to deposit a minimum of £20 into your account, You can deposit more if you wish.

Monies can only be paid in online. Please deposit funds to the following account

Allendale Bridge Club
30-96-73
00622880
REF – Gentle <and add you Name>

If you are unable to deposit monies online, you can ask your partner to pay for you.

Table money will be £2 each. Your online account will be debited after the Tournament has completed. NB if you register, but do not play, you will not be charged.

We will keep track of your balance and advise you when you need to add money to your account.

You may withdraw monies by requesting a refund from the Treasurer.

Register

Please enter the event via the Allendale web site any time between a week before the event, up to 2 hours before the start time. It is helpful to the organisers to enter before the day of the event.

Please enter as a Pair or a single if you require a partner. We will always fix you up with a partner when required.

How to Enter the Event Lobby

Every session will have a link for you to enter the Lobby.

We will email you the link to use before each event. Each session will have a unique link, so do not save previous links.

The latest link will always be available on the Allendale Web Site.

How to start playing in a RealBridge Tournament

Start Time: 2pm. Please be logged on and seated by 1:45 pm, as you would for face to face bridge.

1. Click on the Tournament link.
2. There are 2 fields on the login screen which can be filled in, "Name" and "Id"

"Full Name": Please logon with your first and last names in the name field. This is free format text and is how you will appear at the table. Importantly, it is used for scoring, so if not typed correctly, you will create extra work for the scorer.

"Id Number": Please enter your EBU number if you are a member.

You don't need to change any other field on this screen; if you do and it causes a problem (e.g. if accidentally type in the 'Password' field), then close the window and click on the link again.
3. After you have logged in, you are in the 'Lobby'. From here you can see the tables, and the names of anyone seated at a table. You can also see the names of everyone else in the Lobby, and a 'Lobby chat area', where you can chat to everyone else in the Lobby (The Lobby is all text chat, no voice or video). Look for any instructions in the chat area, one of the directors will greet you if you remain in the lobby and will be there to answer any questions you might have.
4. From the Lobby area, please sit at a table with, or where you can wait for, your partner. Sit anywhere you wish, as you would at the club.
5. Once at the table, if you need to swap seats or move to a different table, then click 'Leave' to go back to the lobby, and then click on the required seat.
6. A director may appear (they appear at the table in the top left), they will have voice and video. If you want to chat to a director, click on the 'Director' button to the right of your name at the bottom. Because you will have voice and video, if you do need to talk to a director, you will find it much easier to do so from a table, than from the Lobby.

The Tournament

1. We will play a pairs session, playing around 16 boards.
2. **If you require a partner sit at a high numbered table and call the director**, or make yourself known to a TD after you logon. The Director will give you further instructions. All events are hosted, so we will always find you a partner.
3. Sit Outs are permitted in RealBridge.
4. If you are having trouble joining the Tournament, call Robin on 07884-103911.
5. At the end of the Round, the TD will call the movement. We will give you a few seconds notice so that you can finish your conversations.
6. We can move for the next round before all tables have completed the previous round.
7. At the end of the session, there is no 'logout' on Realbridge, you simply leave the table and close the browser window.
8. If you get disconnected from the session during the game, then click on the original link to get back in again. As long as you use the same name you will be automatically taken back to the right seat. If not, click on the seat opposite your partner.
9. You will be able to view the scores and travellers during the Tournament – note all players play the same boards at the same time. The final ranking will be available on RealBridge. Results will also be published on the Allendale and Greyfriars web site.

During the Play

1. Greet your new opponents, introduce yourselves and give an overview of your system.
2. Pace of play may be a little slower than a normal club session. Please be tolerant.
3. Alerting and Announcing is the same as Face to Face Bridge – Alert any artificial bid by partner and announce your partner's bids as required. Give full explanations if requested.
4. If you click on the wrong bid or card, you can ask for an Undo – but this is only for mis-clicks, not changes of mind.
5. If you are going to win all the remaining tricks, do Claim. This speeds up play.

Directors

All Tournaments have directors who are volunteers. Please treat them with respect. They can be called by pressing Director button. They will appear in the top left corner of your screen. You can then talk to the TD to explain the problem.

Behaviour at the Table

- **It is unacceptable to criticise any player at the table. If there is poor behaviour at the table, please call the director.**
- **Please do not talk too much at the table during play, but by all means do chat whilst waiting for the next round.**
- **Please remember that players can see into your home, so if you are playing in a noisy environment or “life” interferes, do turn off your microphone and camera if appropriate.**
- **Please be tolerant of your partner and opponents – many people are new to Bridge. Be kind. This will encourage all players to want to play again.**

Ethics

No communication outside of RealBridge may take place between players during the tournament. Players in the same location must be in separate rooms.

Lastly, do enjoy yourselves. Be kind to your partner and opponents and have fun.