Allendale Bridge Club

RealBridge Pairs Competitions - Regulations

RealBridge is the closest we have found to face to face Bridge, so we feel players will want to play on this platform.

All local players in Dorset and the surrounds who wish to play Duplicate Bridge 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.

Table Money

By playing in our sessions you promise to pay Allendale Bridge Club the table money fee. You will be billed monthly in arrears. We will notify you by email of the amount owed. Please settle within 7 days of being notified. You may keep your account in credit if you wish.

Please deposit funds to the following account

Allendale Bridge Club
30-96-73
00622880
REF – <add your Name>

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

NB if you register, but do not play, you will not be charged.

Members can view their account balance by logging into the Members area of the web site.

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.

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

You can advise us if you wish to pay for your partner.

How to Enter the Allendale Tournament Lobby

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

For example :-

https://play.realbridge.online/cx.html?p=210701124354&q=AllendaleThurs1stJuly

You will be advised of the link to use before each event, Do not rely on a link you have 'saved' from using Realbridge before, this will not give you access to the latest event.

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

How to start playing in a RealBridge Tournament

Start Time: 7:30 pm. Please be logged on and seated by 7:15 pm, as you would for face to face bridge.

1. Click on the Tournament link.

2. There are 2 fields on the screen which you need to fill 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": Enter your EBU number if you have one, otherwise leave blank.

    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 the Lobby.

The Tournament

1. We will play a pairs movement (Howell or Mitchell), as we do at the club, unless we advertise a different format e.g. Teams or Swiss Pairs.

2. **If you require a partner sit at any 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. There are No Robots.

4. Before the Tournament starts we will ensure that all tables are full where possible. We therefore may ask you to move. Please follow the TD instructions.

5. If you arrive late, make yourself known to the Director in the Lobby. We may be able to accommodate you, but this will not always be possible depending on how far we have got. If your partner was logged in, we may have provided a temporary substitute who you will be able to replace.

6. If you are having trouble joining the Tournament, call Robin on 07884-103911.

7. 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.

8. We can move for the next round before all tables have completed the previous round.

9. There is no 'logout' on Realbridge, you simply leave the table and close the browser window.

10. 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 us the same name you will be automatically taken back to the right seat. If not, click on the seat opposite your

partner.

11. You will be able to view the 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 be published on the Allendale web site. Masterpoints and NGS will be applied to EBU members.

Realbridge Camera and Microphone testing

1. You can test your camera and microphone by clicking on the following link

   https://play.realbridge.online/camera.html

2. Realbridge uses both voice and video, making it a vastly more social experience than BBO.   However it is possible to use Realbridge without voice and video, as there is text chat as well.

3. If you have technical problems (e.g. voice and video not working), then all we can do during the tournament is give a work around (use chat). But do feel free to contact us outside of the session and we may be able to help further.

During the Play

1. Introduce yourselves and give an overview of your system
   a. NB although planned, Convention Cards are not currently available in RealBridge.

2. Alerting and Announcing is the same as Face to Face Bridge – Alert and announce your partner's bids. Give full explanations if requested.

3. 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.

4. 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 when not needed.**

- **Please be tolerant of your partner and opponents – some people are brand new to online 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.