

HOW DO I FIND A PARTNER TO PLAY IN A BCOH GAME?

Bridge Club of Houston [BCOH] hosts games both online, via Bridge Base Online [BBO] and in person at the club. The processes for finding a partner are different.

ON BBO

Locate the specific game in which you wish to play by clicking the long, grey horizontal tab. You will then see four different options: click the last option, which is Partnership Desk. Then click the option "I will pay for only myself." [If you happen to be a world class champion with whom many are eager to play, you could hit the "Partner must pay for me" option.] Players match themselves independently in this way. Click on a potential partner's profile to initiate a brief chat, or just be brave and issue an invitation. Don't be hesitant to be the first or only player on the partnership desk.

You might wonder what you might do to enhance your choices of obtaining a partner. [Remember that the larger the number of registrants, the higher potential there might be to find players seeking partners. Although it's a question of "the luck of the draw," many of us have found lasting partnerships in this way.] First of all, place at least your first name on your BBO profile. Most importantly, list a few of the most important conventions which you play so potential partners have a general idea if the two of you might be a match. This field on the profile only contains a few lines, so we suggest you don't waste precious space listing information irrelevant to a potential partner, such as your ACBL # or even your geographical location. Your BBO profile is your own personal marketing device! Some players even enjoy adding a personal picture. Your favorite teenager or 20 something can assist if you lack the technical savvy, as many of us do.

AT THE CLUB

If you plan in advance, go to the "Find a Partner" tab in the menu at left. [*more content needed*]

If you need a partner at the last minute, plan to arrive at the club at least 30 minutes before game time. One ambassador per day is available to a player who needs a partner. See the "Ambassador" tab.