

Playing on RealBridge

Devices and Browsers

There are some constraints on the type of device you can use to access RealBridge:

Can Use	Cannot use
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windows laptop• Windows tablet• Windows desktop• MacBook or other Apple laptop• iPad (from 2015 or newer)• iMac or other Apple desktop• Chromebook• Android tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smartphone• Old iPads, older than 2015.

You must use one of these web browsers (you probably are using one of them!):

Can Use	Cannot use
Edge, Chrome, Firefox, Safari. The logo must look like one of these – exactly as below. If it looks different, you are using an out of date version.	Internet Explorer (notice the gold band) The old EDGE (see shape of the e)
	

How fast an internet connection do I need?

RealBridge requires around 0.5 Mbps of download and upload bandwidth for video. If you have a weak connection, you can turn off your camera and/or the incoming video to reduce bandwidth requirements.

Cameras - Do I need a webcam?

RealBridge does not require a webcam to run; you can play without being connected on video or audio calls. However, without video, the experience is compromised. RealBridge works perfectly with inexpensive webcams, which are [widely available online](#).

How do I check my camera and microphone are working?

Visit the RealBridge [Camera and microphone test](#) page to troubleshoot video and audio issues.

Social Bridge

Can I play a social game or rubber bridge with three friends online?

The initial release of the RealBridge platform, supports organised duplicate events only.

Screenshot of the playing table

Below is a view of the playing table; peoples videos will be displayed where the “green squiggles” are . You will be sitting where “Nick” is.

Please note the video volume/audio and microphone controls are all along the bottom.



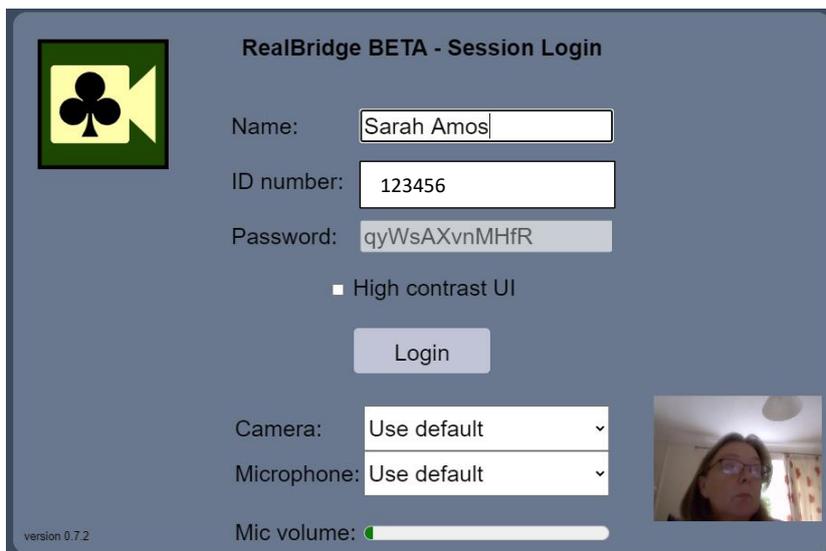
Media controls and useful buttons

	This turns your camera off or on		This turns your microphone off or on
	This turns off or on your view of everybody else (they can still see you)		This refreshes all video feeds (use if they are stuck)
	This lets you chat to your table. If you are on a PC, the chat bar is already displayed, since the window is wider/bigger.		This lets you adjust a player’s volume for just you (nobody else is affected).
	Use this button to ask the opponents to let you change your bid or play		Calls for a Director
	Sends you back to the lobby (the place where you first arrived, you can then re-join your table or join another one.		

JOINING THE REAL BRIDGE SESSION

If you haven’t managed to get your microphone and/or your camera working, you can still play in the session, but you won’t be able to see/hear what’s going on. I’ve played in this way and did not find it spoiled the session too much.

15 minutes before the session starts click on the link in the email you were sent (if this doesn't work copy and paste it into your browser) this will take you to the login screen.

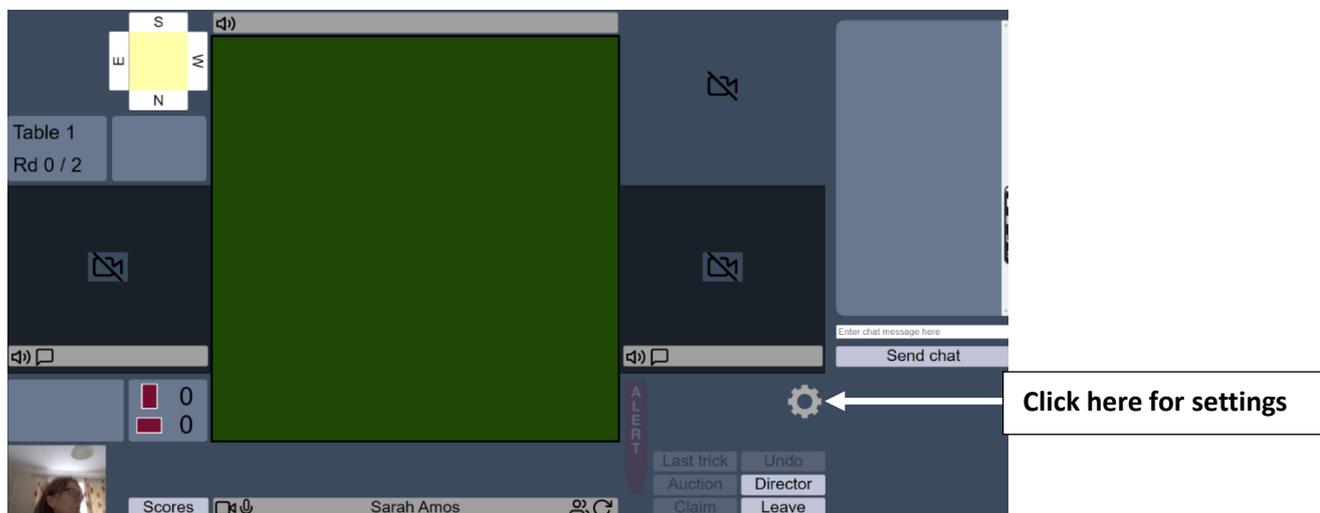


Type your Full name in the box (as you want it to be shown in the results) and put your EBU Number in the ID number box (NB this is important). Click login.

When you have entered the site, you will see your name in the lobby (bottom right) and tables. Click on a place to sit opposite your partner if he/she is there – if not choose a table and he/she will join you.



When you are at the table you will see the playing area in the centre of your screen and the other people will appear around it. When play starts your hand will appear.



While you are waiting have a look in settings by clicking on the wheel lower right and see what you can change once you get your cards.

Settings

Display style

- Detailed cards
- Simplified cards

Deal animation

Slide ▾

As defender, see dummy

- Facing declarer
- Facing me

As declarer, see dummy as

- Vertical suits (facing declarer)
- Horizontal hand

Input style

- One click or tap
- Two taps
 - confirm bid to make by tapping on bidding card
 - confirm card to play by tapping table

OK Cancel