

Blue Mountains BC Educational Pathway



SUMMARY

- 1) Absolute Beginners - 8 week course (includes Joan Butts "A Workbook for the Absolute Beginner")
- 2) Rookies / Improvers - Basic Conventions
- 3) Rookies / Improvers - Short Lesson each Friday (JB Help with Play)
- 4) Rookies / Improvers - Supervised Sessions
- 5) Rookies / Improvers - Online Quizzes
- 6) Rookies / Improvers - Competitive Bidding course
- 7) Improvers - Additional Topics
- 8) Extenders - Conventions
- 9) Ad Hoc General
- 10) Online - Recommended Videos for Rookies / Improvers

DETAILED

A. Rookies / Improvers - Basic Conventions

- Overcalls / Takeout Doubles
- 1NT Conventions: Stayman & Transfers
- Weak Twos / Preempts
- Strong Bids (2NT, 2C openings & Blackwood)

B. Rookies / Improvers - Supervised Sessions

Format - 15min lesson then play set hands & review bidding/defence/declarer play of each board

- 1) Revision / Practice Supervised Sessions (covering Absolute Beginner topics & Basic Conventions)
- 2) Optional (worthwhile if have say 6+ students): JB Help with Play - 8 * Condensed Supervised Sessions
- 3) Additional Supervised Sessions

INITIAL	FOLLOWING
1. Improve Your Defence	1. Responder Rebids
2. Play of the Hand No Trumps	2. Balanced Hands
3. Play of the Hand Suits	3. Competitive Bidding
4. Opener Rebids	4. Slam Bidding

C. Rookies / Improvers - Online Quizzes (30 minutes)

- Opening Bids
- Response to Opening Bids
- Opener Rebids
- Responder Rebids
- Overcalls & Doubles
- Response to Overcalls & Doubles

D. Rookies / Improvers - Competitive Bidding

- Cue Raises
- 2 suited Overcalls (Improvers)
- Overcalls over their 1NT (Improvers)
- Negative Doubles
- Law of Total Tricks
- Supervised Sessions on Basic Competitive Bidding

E. Improvers - Additional Topics

- 2/1
- More on Defence (leads, signals, 3rd hand, 2nd hand)
- Hand Evaluation

F. Extenders - Conventions / Play

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Four suit transfers after NT opening● Jacoby 2NT● New Minor Forcing &/or Checkback● 4th Suit Game Force● 2NT Feature asks after our Weak-Two Bids● Roman Key Card Blackwood &/pt Gerber● Help Suit Game Tries● Control Bidding to Slam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Inverted minors● Bergen raises● Splinters● Balancing● Passive vs Active Defence● Endplays● Introductory Card Reading● Puppet Stayman
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G. Ad Hoc General

- Etiquette, Scoring

H. Online Videos

- **ABF Bridge Videos**

WHEN	TITLE	LINK
Each week	Getting Started:	https://www.abf.com.au/education/getting-started/
Week 3+	Card Play:	https://www.abf.com.au/education/card-play-videos/
Week 6+	Competitive Bidding:	https://www.abf.com.au/education/competitive-bidding-videos/ Responding to Overcalls - Intermediate level
After course	Rebids / Hand Judgements:	https://www.abf.com.au/education/learn/