

BABC Online

Guide - Issues which may arise when playing in a BABC Event on Bridge Base Online (BBO)

A) What happens if I get disconnected during a game?

If a player loses their connection and then logs straight back on then their seat will be reserved for them and they will be taken straight back to it automatically.

if someone loses their connection and is offline for a longer period then the director would be alerted and would bring in a temporary substitute.

There is a list of people on BBO who have said they are willing to be a substitute for any tournament who can be called upon for this purpose. When the original player gets back online they will be automatically taken back to their seat at the start of the next hand.

It is possible that if a hand cannot be completed that the Director will assign a score to each pair for the board

B) What happens if there's a half table?

BBO can start a game with a half table but cannot move to round 2 with a half table.

BBO has a list of people who have indicated they are willing to act as substitutes for any tournament, the usual procedure is to use two people from the list to make up the half table. These people will probably not be from UK and therefore will probably not play Acol but it avoids the need for the club to have a designated standby pair.

At some time in the future we might introduce a "host" or "Standby pair" similar to the spare partner rota at the Barn Hall. They can be brought in if the game the game starts with a half table. In this case they would not pay an entry fee.

Note that whichever substitutes option is used the club will be charged UMS (P2P) for the substitutes.

Robots cannot be used as substitutes.

C) If a pair have registered but then miss the start will their entry fee be refunded?

Yes it will be.

D) What happens if I cannot find a partner via the partnership desk?

You will not be charged the entry fee and unfortunately will not be able to play that day.

At some time in the future we might introduce a “host” similar to the spare partner rota at the Barn Hall. They can be used to ensure that no one is unable to play. In this case they would not pay an entry fee but , in the same way as the host operates at the Barn Hall, would not be guaranteed a game