

# How to Join a Shrewsbury Area Game on Bridge Base Online

1. You and your partner should both log on to BBO before the game is due to start. As there may be congestion issues, it is recommended to both log in well in advance – suggest at least 15 minutes early. It will be possible to register 2 hours before the game starts. We recommend that on your first game that you do register very early. That will give time to get assistance if needed.
2. Ensure that you and your partner are at the 'Home' page. Note that it is **important** that neither of you click to go to the Casual area as this is on a different server.
3. Click 'Competitive', 'All Tournaments', and write Shrew in the 'Search' box. You will see the Shrewsbury game listed.
4. Either you or your partner should register to join by clicking the Shrewsbury Club game.
5. Write your partner's BBO user name in the space, and you can also elect to pay for them by ticking the box. Click the 'Invite' button.
6. If you are the partner being invited, wait for the invitation which you should accept immediately as it will time out otherwise and you will need to be re-invited.
7. If you are blocked from joining the tournament, please send a chat message to the tournament host explaining that you are eligible to play and asking for UNBLOCK. You may need to wait for the host to come online. You should also check that the BBO user name of your partner is correct as this may be the cause of the problem.
8. Now you just wait for the game to start - whilst waiting, do **NOT** start any other game, and you must remain in the 'Competitive' area! If you have registered early BBO may log you off because of inactivity. Be sure both you and your partner are logged in to BBO at least a few minutes before the game start time.
9. Once the game is started you will find yourself at the table ready to play. Remember to keep an eye on the clock and to alert your own bids.