

## Guidelines for Filling Out your Skill Level on BBO

### What does CBAI and EBU say

This is a BBO construct and is not consistent with the player grading structure used by CBAI. As a result neither CBAI or EBU provide any guidelines on how to fill this out.

### What does BBO say

There is an area in your user profile where you can enter information about your level of play. It is not important how well you think you play since most bridge players are unable to assess their own skills with any accuracy. What matters is your level of experience and the degree of success that you have had in live competitive clubs and tournaments. Here are some examples of terms that you can use and how they should be interpreted:

- Novice - Someone who recently learned to play bridge
- Beginner - Someone who has played bridge for less than one year
- Intermediate - Someone who is comparable in skill to most other members of BBO
- Advanced - Someone who has been consistently successful in clubs or minor tournaments
- Expert - Someone who has enjoyed success in major national tournaments
- World Class - Someone who has represented their country in World Championships
- Private – Someone who does not wish to use one of the above descriptions

If you disagree with another member's assessment of his or her skills, it is completely inappropriate to mention this to them (via chat for example). All members should strive to give an honest approximation of their skill level. This is very much in the best interest of everyone who plays on BBO.

### Best Practice on CAVBC

We do not use the BBO Skill Level to manage entries for games on CAVBC. The Skill Level is used within BBO to help players find other players of a similar standard for games on BBO. It is thus a personal matter for each player to decide how to fill out their Skill Level on BBO. Our recommendation is

1. Players should enter their Skill Level as per the guidelines above set out by BBO.
2. Players may share their CBAI grade by including it in the Description