

2018/19 Beginners schedule

Stage 1: Minibridge

| Date | Topic |
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| October 4 | Introducing bridge |
| October 11 | Playing in trumps |

Stage 2: Opening bids and basic declarer play

| Date | Topic |
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| October 18 | 1NT opening bid (part 1) |
| October 25 | 1NT opening bid (part 2) |
| November 1 | Finessing |
| November 8 | Opening 1 of a suit and limit raises |
| November 15 | Establishing long suits |

Stage 3: Responses and rebids

| Date | Topic |
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| November 22 | New suit and NT responses to 1 of a suit |
| November 29 | Opening leads |
| December 6 | Opener's rebids on strong balanced hands |
| December 13 | Christmas Chicago |
| Xmas | |
| January 3 | Scoring |
| January 10 | Opener's limit rebids |
| January 17 | Rebidding on 2 suited hands |

Stage 4: Competitive auctions

| Date | Topic |
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| January 24 | Suit overcalls |
| January 31 | Take out doubles and responses |
| February 7 | 1NT overcall |
| February 14 | Card combinations and revision of competitive auctions |

Stage 5: Strong hands, conventions and pre-empts

| Date | Topic |
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| February 21 | Stayman |
| February 28 | 2NT opening bid |
| March 7 | 2C opening bid and responses |
| March 14 | Slam bidding |
| March 21 | When to delay drawing trumps |
| March 28 | Defence |
| April 4 | Weak two bids |
| April 11 | Pre-emptive opening bids |
| Easter | |