

To play you will need to register for the event which will be open from 2 hours before the start.

To Register you will need your partner's BBO name and you will both need to be online.

First, click on Competitive, then All Tournaments and search for vEBU_ESX or National Pairs Essex. Click on the event, put your partners BBO name in the box provided and invite them to play with you. If it fails or times out, then check your partner is online and in the competitive area and try again.

If you have issues logging-in please e-mail me, or call on 01245 981386. Ideally try and register at least 30 minutes before start time to allow for resolving any problems.

Note that BBO will log you out if you are inactive for 20/30 minutes so you may need to log back in to the Competitive area about 15 minutes before the event start time

Once Registered Please make sure you are logged on and in the Competitive area at least 10-15 minutes before the start time because if you are in a different BBO zone when the event starts BBO may not find you and the event may start without you.

As a precaution click on the event about 10 minutes before the start time and it should tell you that you are registered for the event. If not, your registration has not got through and you need to go through the registration process.

At the start of each round please provide a brief synopsis of your system to your opponents. If you have your system card registered at the EBU or any other website please past the link into chat at the start of each round.

If you need the director for any reason, call him using the Director button in the blue box with white lines at the top left of the screen.

The Director will be Gary Conrad.

Please remember to self-alert any alertable or announcable bids. If you forget, then click on the bid and enter it in the pop-up box provided

We will be allowing "undo" for genuine mis-clicks in the bidding but not in the play.

BBO Quick Start – a video that gives a tour of the BBO screen and how a lot of the features work. WELL worth looking at : The second video is a short one explaining SELF ALERTING

- <https://blog.bridgebase.com/2020/03/09/new-to-bridge-base-online/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2UFOOVR5P8>