

Guidelines for playing in our RealBridge Sessions

We would like our RealBridge Sessions on Sunday evenings to provide a pleasant and friendly environment in which to play. Please be considerate to others at the table, especially with regard to noise levels.

The platform is only conducive to one person speaking at a time, so try to bear this in mind at all times. Also, be careful that any background noise (music, TV, radio, other whirring electronic devices) are reduced to a minimum. If you are finding noise levels high, it is possible to turn down the volume coming from individual players.

The procedure for logging in to a session is described in a separate document, [here](#).

Other information can be found under [How To... Players' Guide on the RealBridge website](#).

Alerting and Explaining (No Announcing)

We will be using SELF-ALERTING on RealBridge (just like you have now got used to on BBO). Please explain YOUR OWN bids in the area provided in the bidding box BEFORE sending them to the table. You should also alert YOUR OWN bids when appropriate.

Your partner will not see the written explanation or the alert, but they will be visible to both of your opponents.

Follow-up questions can be WRITTEN to the player who made the call (via private chat - click on the "message" symbol by the player's name to send them a private message) or verbally to the opponents. Please try to avoid any verbal questions that may possibly give Unauthorised Information to your partner. And please do not ask any questions (written or verbal) if it does not affect your call, but rather wait until the end of the auction to get any clarifications.

Bids that need a written explanation on RealBridge are the same as those we are explaining on BBO: ranges of NT bids, Stayman, transfers, strength of jump overcalls, and basically anything artificial or anything that might require further clarification. Please go the extra step as most of you have been doing when explaining your bids in the interests of full disclosure.

Therefore, there is no need for verbal announcements, so we will NOT be announcing any of our partner's bids.

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System message and Convention Cards

At the beginning of each round one player in your partnership should write a system summary in Table Chat (as is being done on BBO). This should include the following information as a minimum:

Strength of 1NT opener

Style of 1-level suit openers (4 or 5CM? IF 5CM describe 1C/1D openers please)

Style of 2-level suit openers (3 weak twos? Multi 2D and Lucas 2M? etc)

Any other unusual system methods

Style of leads (2/4? Top of honour sequences? A for attitude K for count? etc)

Style of discards and signals (including smith v NT if you play this)

At the end of the system summary, you should provide a link to your Convention Card.

In a 2-board round there probably won't be time for the opposition to look very closely at your card, but it is actually a requirement to provide one for our sessions on RealBridge from now on.

If you don't have a link to your CC already, please send me your latest card – well in advance of coming to play, please! - and I will create a link for you. If you update your card at some point in the future, just send me the latest version and I will make it available via the same link.

Undos

On RealBridge we will allow Undos in the auction, FOR MIS-CLICKS ONLY. But Undos will NOT be allowed in the play.

The Undo button cannot currently be deactivated, so if a player asks for an Undo in the play, then the correct thing to do is to reject it politely. Please call the Director if there are any problems and please be considerate to everyone, especially whilst we are getting used to playing on this new platform.

If you mis-click during the auction, then click on the Undo button promptly and the opponents should please accept the Undo. The auction will then continue from the player who made the mis-click. It is not appropriate to ask for an Undo if you suddenly decide you could have made a better bid!

If you find you are prone to mis-clicking, then you should try two-tap mode in Settings.

Calling the Director

When the Director is called, only the player who called the Director should speak. The Director may then ask questions of the different players before instructing how to proceed.