

27 Mar 2024 Joining a Halifax Bridge Club Session on BBO

We will play about 20 boards at 7 minutes per board (unless specified otherwise). So, for example, for a round of three boards you will have 21 minutes. When the time is up you will automatically be moved on to the next round if you have finished playing the last board or not, the computer or TD will enter the score.

You **must** type an explanation where it says "Explain" in the bidding box before making your bid for any of your own bids that would be announced or alerted if you were playing face to face. In other words, unlike F2F you announce/alert your own bids, rather than your partner doing it.

Undo's are allowed in the bidding for mis-clicks and misinformation, but not for a loss of concentration. As it is not possible to determine online whether a mis-click is genuine or not, if an undo is asked for in the bidding you should allow it. However, players should not request an UNDO if they have seen their partner's subsequent call. This should be clear enough; it shouldn't be necessary to call the TD.

Undo's are not allowed during card play. Players should not request an UNDO during the play, if they do you should politely decline it. This should be clear enough; it shouldn't be necessary to call the TD.

When signing into BBO, don't tick the box to make yourself invisible.

Please register at least 10 minutes before the start time.

If you have registered to play but are not online at the start time the session will not start. We will try and work out who it is that is not online, but if we can't our only option to get the session started is to override this setting, this means that if you are still not online when we do it, you and your partner will not be brought into the session.

The session must run with complete tables, if there is a half table, and there is one person in the partnership desk we will invite them to play with a robot, otherwise we will use 2 robots. You don't have to play against the robot's if you don't want to, don't bid just sit out that round.

Technical Problems

If you experience any technical problems during a session, try logging out and then back in, if you are still having problems, try rebooting your device/computer, BBO will save your seat. If there is a substitute robot in your seat when you get back in, you will be re-seated automatically at the end of the hand. If you have had problems in the past, it may be advisable to reboot your device/computer before the start of the session.

Please be patient if someone does lose their connection it usually comes back quite quickly.

Registering for the session will be up to you and your partner. See details below.

Joining a Duplicate Pairs session **"with"** a Partner

Agree with your partner what time you are both going to register, usually 10 to 15 minutes for the start time. Agree which one of you is going to do the inviting, and make sure you know each other's BBO Usernames.

Add your partners BBO Username to your people list so that you know when they are logged on.

Both login to BBO at the agreed time.

At some point during the joining process a blue box may appear asking for a number, this is your EBU Number. If you, have it to hand enter it and you won't be asked again, if you don't the blue box will go away after a short time, but you will be asked again next time you join a session.

Only the one doing the inviting needs to do the next part. Check your people list to see that your partner is online. If they are click on "Competitive" then "All Tournaments", type "hx" into the search at the top, this will bring up the HxBC session, click somewhere on the line of the session (not the blue box). Click where it says "Partner" and enter your partners BBO Username and click "Invite".

Your partner will need to be logged into BBO and will need to accept the invite on their device/computer, they will have about 30 seconds before it's timed out.

If the invite is "NOT" accepted, you must keep resending it until it is. Once it is accepted you will get the HxBC session again, this time in amber, click somewhere on the line of the session (not the blue box). Click where it says "Entries" and you should be able to see your BBO Usernames in the list. Now you just have to wait, and you will be taken to your table when the session starts.

Joining a Duplicate Pairs session **"without"** a Partner

This needs to be done about 15 minutes before the start time, because you need to be there to accept the invitation if one is sent.

Login to the BBO home page, click on "Competitive" then "All Tournaments", type "hx" into the Search at the top then click on the HxBC session (not the blue box).

Click on the "Partnership Desk" tab, either invite someone who is already there to be your partner or 'Add your name' to the 'Partnership Desk'. The session must run with complete tables, if there is a half table, and there is one person in the partnership desk we will invite them to play with a robot, otherwise we will use 2 robots. If there isn't a half table, we're sorry but there isn't anything we can do to bring you into the session.

View Results

The best place to view results/analyse the play is on the club website. The results will be available on the club website a few minutes after the last person has finished playing.