

# BBO INSTRUCTIONS

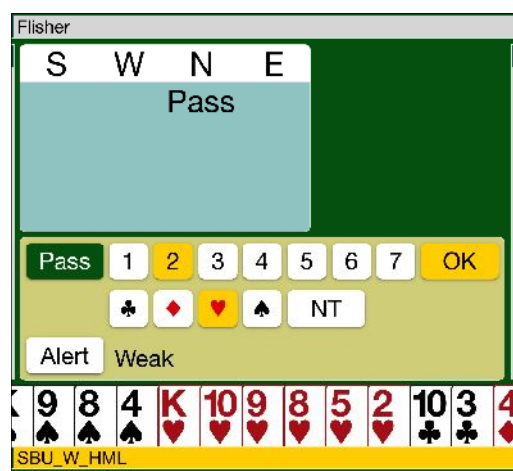
## SELF ALERTING ON BBO

The one big difference between playing at a bridge table in a club and playing online with BBO is that your partner **must not** alert any conventional bids you play as a partnership.

With BBO, **you** must alert your conventional bids when you are bidding **and** give a brief explanation as to what it means. The correct sequence is that you press Alert and type in your explanation **in the middle** of what you are bidding

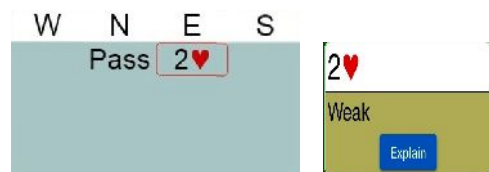
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If you wish to make a 2H (weak) opening bid then you hit the '2' button – then hit 'Alert' – then key-in your explanation – then hit the 'Heart' button.



**BIDDING A 2H (weak) BID**

The Alert and Explanation are only seen by the opponents **and not** by your partner.



The opposition will see the 2H in a red rectangle meaning an Alert. The explanation will appear on the screen also.



Your partner will only see the 2H bid.

The SBU have issued guidelines stating that “**all conventions must be alerted, including doubles (that are not for penalties), at all levels including 3N and above**”.

If you **forget to alert** then **click on** your bid asap. This opens up a box into which you can type an explanation. Your explanation is displayed only to the opposition.

Bids alerted by the opposition will be visible to you outlined in red. **To query an opponent’s bid, click on it** and they will be prompted to provide an explanation or a fuller explanation.

### **A FEW MORE EXAMPLES OF ALERTING COMMON CONVENTIONAL BIDS**

Your partner has opened 1NT and you wish to bid 2C (stayman):

**Click** the 2 button – then **click** Alert – then **key-in** ‘Stayman’ – then **click** the Club button

Your partner has opened 1NT and with 5 Spades you wish to transfer your partner:

**Click** the 2 button – then **click** Alert – then **key-in** ‘Transfer’ – then **click** the Heart button

During the bidding you find a fit in Spades so you wish to ask for Aces (Blackwood) so you bid:

**Click** the 4 button – then **click** Alert – then **key-in** ‘Blackwood’ – then **click** the NT button