

MENTOR/MENTEE GAME
Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club BBO
Game 9:30 Wednesday Mornings
Game fee \$3

The Mentor/Mentee game is the perfect opportunity for mentees to improve their bridge skills. Mentors serve as guides for those who need someone to steer them in the right direction. The term of the partnership is up to the individual Mentor and Mentee and can last for many months, but some Mentors prefer to rotate every few months.

After a mentoring game has been completed, BBO is perfect for mentoring because a Mentor can ask the Mentee to click through the actual play of the hand to show how a contract could be played or defended differently. It is also possible to review the actual bidding at your table and compare that to other tables. BBO mentoring is far superior to in-person mentoring, because this review can be made within a few minutes after the game or even hours, days or weeks later.

Requirements:

1. Mentors should not have over 2,000 master points.
2. Mentees should not have over 200 master points.
3. Mentors will ALWAYS invite the mentee to play. This allows mentors to sit the same direction.

Mentor Guidelines:

- Help mentee fill out convention card.
- Chat basic facts to each pair of opponents before play begins (e.g., SAYC, udca, 15-17 NT)
- Keep notes on each hand, watching for suggestions on bidding, play of the hand, or defense.
- During a sit out or after the game, call the mentee to go over the suggestions or write down suggestions and send to the mentee.
- Send a brief synopsis of your suggestions for each session (e.g., "Before next week, please study your responses to your partner's takeout double in Chapter 8 of the Club series book, and remember to use a Cue Bid limit raise when possible.")
- When mentee apologizes for their errors during the game or afterwards, remind them that there is no need to apologize and that the primary purpose for this game is for learning.
- **Encourage mentee often and have a great time!**

Mentee Guidelines:

- Listen carefully to your mentor's suggestions of play, defense, and bidding.
- Be available to sign on AT LEAST 15 minutes before game time.
- Do not invite your mentor to play. They must invite you, in order for all mentees to sit the same direction.

If you need a mentor or mentee to partner with you, please send an email at your earliest convenience to: lrdbcmentor.mentee@gmail.com Someone will get back to you soon.

Mentors, please let us know if your partner will be absent because we always need mentors to substitute, even at the last minute.