

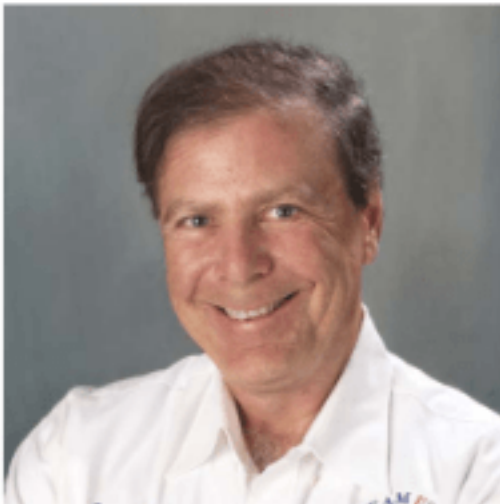
# Online Cheating Information From ACBL

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## Keep it clean

Like in any important event, cheating is a concern — especially with online play. What are we doing about that?

- ACBL updated their Player Memo to adapt it for online games. When you play against an opponent who you suspect is not using “best practices” in the ethical sense, please file a Player Memo at [www.acbl.org/conduct-and-ethics/player-memo/](http://www.acbl.org/conduct-and-ethics/player-memo/). You may privately text your director as well, but public accusations are not acceptable.
- Following each session, BBO sends top scorers’ results to be manually reviewed by an expert panel.
- You can report suspicious boards, or other irregularities to [acbl@bridgebase.com](mailto:acbl@bridgebase.com). Mention tournament number and board number, or a link to the board (you can get this from your Recent Tournaments).
- ACBL lined up its own panel of experts to supervise online play.



“I’ve volunteered to be one of the investigators when there is suspicion of Unauthorized Information during online play. There are a lot of factors to consider, not least of which is the suspected player’s experience level. Accusations of cheating are a serious matter. Anyone can do something strange on one deal; but when a pattern emerges, there is smoke. Where there is smoke, there is often fire. For charges to be filed,

more than one investigator has to come to the same conclusion. The game will be better and more popular if we all behave ethically. Big Brother is watching you.” – Larry Cohen