

Playing bridge online for ACBL points using Bridge Base Online

1. Open your web browser and go to www.bridgebase.com
2. Click on "login/register " button on upper right of screen
3. Follow prompts to register (if you don't have an account)
4. Login
5. Click on BB\$ and follow prompts to put money in your account. You can't get the money back out so don't put in too much.
6. Click home to go back to the main screen.
7. Click on "ACBL world" (It's under the green highlighted "Featured areas"). Find the game you want to play (all times are eastern time zones, 1 hour ahead).
8. If you are playing solo against a robot, click on the game and it will automatically start at the proscribed time.
9. If you are playing with a partner,
 - Coordinate to be logged in at the same time, then
 - Click on the game.
 - A window will open prompting you to enter a partners username. When you do an invitation will be sent to your partner.
 - When he/she accepts they will be charged the entry fee and your partnership will be registered for the event and it will automatically start up in both of your browsers at the proscribed time.

Notes:

- The ACBL "support your local club" games cost more but "the majority" of the money goes to the club you play at most. These will not appear on the menu until 2 hours before starting time. When they appear, they will sell out very quickly, so for a 4 o'clock game be logged on and ready to register at 5 minutes before 2. Once you are registered the game will automatically start at the prescribed time.
- If you want more information about all the ACBL games on BBO follow this [link](#).
- Most games have three board rounds. Once you have played your three rounds, there may be a significant wait for other tables to finish. Watch the clock to the left of the table.
- Click on the History tab at the far right of the page if you want to watch your scores in real time.
- The process for alerting is unusual. The person making an alertable bid presses the alert button before making the bid and enters explanation in the box. Then the bidder makes the bid. The bidder's partner does not see the alert.