

## Registering For a Tournament

Registration for a tournament should be open 2 hours in advance. It is not possible to enter before that.

1. Log on to BBO and go to “Competitive” then “All tournaments” and click on the pending tab you will see a list of tournaments.
2. You can search (there is a search tab at the top right) for the username of the Host, if you know it, or scroll down the list until you find the tournament you want. NIBU Tournaments start with vNIBU.
3. Click on the tournament; it will bring up a registration form.
4. Type in your proposed partner’s username (they need to be online as well) and click invite. Once they have accepted you are both free to do what you want, log off, play elsewhere etc.
5. If it comes up that you or your partner are blocked it just means the host has specified who can play and you are not on their list.
6. Contact the host and they will add you.
7. You need to log back on about 10 mins before the start.
8. When the tournament starts you will be automatically taken to a seat.
9. Don’t forget, you need to alert your own bids and your partner will not be able to see that you have alerted or your explanation.
10. You need to press the alert button BEFORE you make your bid. Once you have pressed the suit button your bid is finished.
11. There is a little box next to the alert button for you to type in an explanation.
12. If you have any problems the call director tab is within the 3 horizontal bars top right of the table.
15. This box also contains an undo request. Use this if you misclick. The opponents can accept or reject your undo request. Please accept in most cases. Unfortunately, this will not work in the passout seat.
16. At the bottom left of the playing area there is a claim button. If you know you are going to make or lose a definite number of tricks, use this as it speeds up play. Both opponents have to click the yes button to agree within a certain amount of time or the claim is rejected, and play continues.
17. If there is a ½ table your Host will try to find people to fill in so you don’t have to sit out.
18. If your screen freezes or unwanted boxes pop up which you can’t get rid of, log off and log straight back on again. The programme will automatically take you back to the table you were playing at.

19. Once all tables have finished you will move on to the next round. But it will automatically move you on when time runs out, even if you haven't finished playing the board.

20. Don't worry about this, your host will assign a score based on what tricks you already have and the projected result by double dummy analysis.

### Paying to Play

All NIBU Tournaments require a fee to be paid.

To pay for events players need to open a BBO account, and deposit some money in it via PayPal or a Debit/Credit card. It is possible to auto-renew, ensuring one won't be deprived of a game, being out of credit.

To register you need to go to the BBO main site - **You cannot do so directly from a tablet app**, but can do so on a tablet using the web browser.

At the top of the screen at the right is BB\$. Click on this and follow the instructions. Alternatively follow this link:-

<https://www.bridgebase.com/purchase/pay.php>