

## THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB EBU VIRTUAL CLUB TOURNAMENTS

*Our friendly Virtual Club tournaments are run by unpaid volunteers. To make this possible, you may find they run slightly differently from other BBO tournaments. This is explained below:*

### **Alerting**

Informing opponents about possibly unexpected meanings of your bids is essential to everyone's enjoyment of the tournament. This is done very differently on BBO from a face-to-face drive. We expect players to:

\* Tell opponents at the start of each round what system they are playing.

\* Alert, with explanation, all bids that may have an unexpected meaning, at all levels. Even if you are experienced in playing on BBO, you are urged to watch our [video on alerting](#).

Failure to alert will be considered as misinformation and will automatically count against you if opponents claim they have been disadvantaged.

### **Undo and Kibbitz**

Undo is not allowed. If players are concerned that they may misclick, they are advised to use the confirm options - see [video on alerting](#).

Kibbitzing is not enabled, although trainee directors may be able to watch play as part of their training.

### **Calling the Director**

To call the director, use the Call Director option to be found by clicking the blue box with three bars. Do NOT use chat to host, director or tournament: your message is unlikely to be seen.

If a player becomes disconnected, the Director can bring in a substitute player or robot so that play can continue.

If a player feels they have been disadvantaged, the director will ask the table to play on and if, at the end of the board, they still consider themselves to have been disadvantaged, the director will tell them to email [Director@NottinghamBridge.Club](mailto:Director@NottinghamBridge.Club), within 20 minutes of the end of the tournament, explaining why. See Scoring below.

### **Substitutes**

It is our policy not to use unknown people as substitutes; there are too many reports of bad behaviour. Where it is easy to do so, the director will use people we know. Otherwise we will use robots, who [play a 2/1 five card major system](#): you can find out what their bid means by clicking on it. Of the three options when there is a half table – periods of non-play, possibly badly behaved strangers, or robots – we feel robots provide the most enjoyable experience.

### **Scoring**

When the clock runs down and a board has not been completed, BBO assigns a score or gives it an average. If players feel they have been disadvantaged by this, they must email

[Director@NottinghamBridge.Club](mailto:Director@NottinghamBridge.Club) within 20 minutes of the end of the tournament, giving their explanation.

Scores are not updated on BBO. Decisions on any matters emailed within the 20 minute correction period will be taken, and any corrections to the scores needed will be made before the scores are uploaded to the Club web site and to the EBU to count to Master Points and NGS. We aim to complete this within 24 hours after the tournament; interim results are, of course, available on BBO.

### **Laws and Regulations**

At our Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evening tournaments at 7:30pm, bidding systems at Level 4 in the EBU Blue Book – as usual at Club drives – are allowed.

Our Wednesday and Friday evening tournaments at 7:00pm are particularly designed to be enjoyed by less experienced players, with everyone playing the Acol system taught at the club. In particular: opening bids of 1 of a suit must promise at least 4 cards in that suit; 1NT is balanced with 12-14 HCP; and 2D, 2H and 2S are weak openers with 6+ cards in the suit bid.

The tournament is governed by the EBU Laws – note Law 21B1(a) on failure to alert deemed to be misinformation - and their Sky-Blue Book, where section 1.2 of the Sky-Blue Book covers alerting and announcing.