




## Getting started on BBO



The process to follow may seem daunting at the beginning, but it gets second nature after your second play 😊.

### *Prerequisites*

The following needs to be done before playing online, naturally ignoring the ones you have already accomplished:

1. Get an account at BBO as per [this link](#)
2. Get an ACBL number as per [this link](#) to a free 60-day membership which stays active at the end of that short period
3. Enter your ACBL number in BBO, checking very carefully when you do so as making a mistake and getting it fixed is convoluted. This is done as follows:
  - a. Log in to BBO
  - b. From the screen displayed after login, click *ACBL World* then **Add your ACBL number**
4. You need money on your account before you can play with us on BBO.  
When logged into BBO click the button (  BB\$ ) to perform the purchase.  
Note that if you do this from a tablet or cell phone, there is a 30% surcharge → meaning buying \$30 will cost you \$39 and all funds are in USD.

You are now all set. When you want to play on our game, there are two ways to register.

### *When you already have a partner*

Once logged into BBO, do the following on the screen you first see:

- Click *Competitive*

- Click *ACBL Virtual Clubs*
- On the next screen, towards the right top of the screen, you will see the following ...
- Enter the text **TBC** and our game will appear
- Click the name of the game and you will be sent to the registration screen as per:

Register Details Entries (1 Max 800) Partnership Desk (1)

This tournament has a 6 BB\$ entry fee.  
This tournament will be starting in 20 minutes.  
You need a partner to play in this tournament.

Partner

☐ I will pay for both myself and my partner




- Enter your partner's BBO username and Invite; your partner must be online to accept the invitation

You are now ready and should be informed your registration succeeded by the system. If you are not sure whether it succeeded or not, check in with our Director by:

- Click the little blue box in the lower left of the screen (probably says **Lobby**) ...
- Click the text *Private*
- Enter *vacb185736* and then type your message

### *When you do not have a partner*

Follow the steps in the previous section until the one with the . Then do the following:

- Click on the text *Partnership Desk* and follow the advice given by the system as per

### Add your name

I will pay for only myself

Partner must pay for me

Now other players can see that you are looking and may invite you. A window will appear on the screen you are looking at if someone asks you to play.

### *Need to know as well ...*

- You must be online to accept an invite from someone to play
- You must be online when the game starts, wise to ensure you are no less than 5 minute to game time
- Money is not taken from your account until the game starts; if for some reason the game ends prematurely, your account will be credited back the cost of the game ...
- Our Director is willing to play a few hands (for free) to allow you to experience online play at our club **only if** you intend to do just that. If you are not interested in playing at our club, we cannot assist you with this hands-on intro to playing on BBO.

Hope this helps and, if you have any other questions, the best way to contact us is via the **Contact Us** page on our website located [here](#) ...

May the majors be with you ... Michael ♠️♥️👉