### 2023 DSBA MENTORING PROGRAM

Each Mentee (0-99 Master points) will be paired with a Mentor (ACBL Life Master) for games at the Bridge Studio in Wilmington on six consecutive Tuesdays, 6:30pm to 9:30pm starting May 9, with a break midway through each session for Mentor and Mentee to discuss boards

#### **Mentee Benefits:**

- Increased social interaction with fellow new players and mentors to enjoy the social aspects of the game
- Coaching and advice to improve the competitive aspects of the game
- A relaxed introduction to competitive play with time taken to explain not only the bidding and play of the hand, but how to keep score, make table movements, etc.
- A chance to improve your play in a relaxed atmosphere

### **Mentee Responsibilities:**

- Respect your mentor's time and the time of your fellow players
- Welcome advice and do not hesitate to ask questions during the break and after the session
- Respect your mentor's efforts to share their expertise and experience

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# **Mentor Benefits:**

- A chance to share your love of the game with new and aspiring players
- A chance to give back to others who enjoy this game
- Free Play

## **Mentor Responsibilities:**

- Give your time unselfishly
- Use your skill and experience to help guide new players, but don't over-teach
- Utilize the mentee's convention card and play at the level comfortable for the mentee
- Review the play of the session during the break and keep all comments away from the table
- Help everyone enjoy a relaxed and friendly atmosphere

The Mentoring Program is offered to encourage new players to play in sanctioned club games and to make new players more comfortable playing competitive bridge.

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