

Dear Bridge Players,

We are writing to recruit you into Unit 191's mentoring program for the 2025/26 year. We will have a program similar to that in 2024/25, with one big addition, an online game, explained below.

For face-to-face games, we will again run a two-tiered program.

TIER I- 250 mp mentees; 500 mp mentors

Tier I is to help less experienced players develop their game. You can be a Tier I mentee if you have fewer than 250 masterpoints (mp). You can be a Tier I mentor if you have fewer than 500 mp. Tier I games will be held at Triangle Bridge Academy (TBA) on the fourth Tuesday of each month, starting on September 23. Play will start at 10:00 AM, preceded by an optional lesson from 9:15 to 9:45. (That's different from last year's time.) Each pair will consist of one mentor and one mentee.

TIER II- unlimited masterpoints

Tier II is to help more experienced players develop their game. You can be a Tier II mentee with any number of mp. However, if you have fewer than 500 mp then we ask that you also volunteer to be a Tier I mentor. When we match Tier II mentees with mentors we will give priority to mentees who are also Tier I mentors. You can be a Tier II mentor if you think you are qualified and want to give back to the game. Tier II games will be held at TBA on the second Tuesday of each month, starting on September 9. Play will start at 10:00 AM, preceded by an optional lesson from 9:15 to 9:45. Each pair will consist of one mentor and one mentee.

Online mentoring game- 500 mp limit

We hope to recruit enough players to hold an online mentoring game at 7:00 PM on BBO the third Wednesday of each month beginning with September 17. Both Tier I and Tier II mentees are welcome as well as players who do not play in the face-to-face mentoring games. Each pair will consist of two mentees (we can help you form partnerships) who will be kibitzed by a mentor. The mentor will not be able to comment during the game but will review the hands afterward and subsequently write comments to both mentees.

Fees

The fee for each face-to-face game is \$12 per player. Once again, Unit 191 will subsidize \$5 of the fee for mentors who are playing with mentees from the unit. We encourage mentees to pay their mentors' fees. The fee for the online game will be \$8

per player, with \$5 for administration and \$3 going to a charity of our choice. Since mentors are not playing there is no need for a subsidy.

Sign up now

Now is the time to sign up. Please email [Michael Lavine](#) and say which role or roles you want: mentor or mentee; Tier I or Tier II. Also tell us whether you can play in the online game.

We hope that all Unit 191 members will agree to serve as mentors (where appropriate), even if it is only occasionally. Please email Michael and he will add you to the list of substitute mentors if you cannot join the regular program. Also let him know if you are willing to serve as a mentor for the online game by kibitzing and writing comments.

Remember: the first games will be Tuesday, Sep 9 for Tier II, Wednesday, Sep 17 for online, and Tuesday, Sep 23 for Tier I.