

Calling All Bridge Mentors and Mentees

Dear Bridge Players,

We're excited to invite you to participate in **Unit 191's mentoring program for 2026/27**. We'll again offer a combination of face-to-face and online opportunities designed to help players improve their game, get more practice, and learn from more experienced players.

We especially encourage experienced players to volunteer as mentors. **You don't have to commit to every month - even serving occasionally as a substitute mentor is a big help.**

Face-to-Face Mentoring

As last year, we'll offer two tiers.

TIER I – 250 MP Mentees / 500 MP Mentors

Tier I is designed to help **less experienced players** develop their game.

- **Mentees:** fewer than 250 masterpoints (MPs)
- **Mentors:** fewer than 500 MPs
- **When:** Fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning September 22
- **Where:** Triangle Bridge Academy (TBA)
- **Game:** 10:00 AM
- **Optional lesson:** 9:15–9:45 AM

Each pair will consist of one mentor and one mentee.

TIER II – Unlimited Masterpoints

Tier II is designed for **more experienced players** who want to continue developing their game.

- **Mentees:** any number of masterpoints
- **Mentors:** players who feel qualified
- **When:** Second Tuesday of each month, beginning September 8
- **Where:** Triangle Bridge Academy (TBA)
- **Game:** 10:00 AM
- **Optional lesson:** 9:15–9:45 AM

Each pair will consist of one mentor and one mentee.

If you are a Tier II mentee with fewer than 500 MPs, we strongly encourage you to also volunteer as a **Tier I mentor**. When matching Tier II mentees with mentors, we will give priority to mentees who are also willing to mentor in Tier I.

Online Mentoring Game – 500 MP Limit

We'd like to offer the monthly online mentoring game on BBO again this year, provided we have enough players to make it worthwhile.

- **When:** Third Wednesday of each month, beginning September 16
- **Time:** 7:00 PM
- **Where:** BBO
- **Who:** Players with fewer than 500 MPs

Both Tier I and Tier II mentees are welcome, as are players who do not participate in the face-to-face program. Each pair will consist of two mentees, and we can help you find a partner.

After each game, a panel of experienced players will review selected hands and provide comments, which will be distributed to the participants.

If you are interested in playing online, please let us know - and please plan to participate fairly regularly. The online game will only run if we have enough players.

We are also looking for experienced players who are willing to serve as **online mentors by writing comments on the hands**.

Fees

The fee for each face-to-face game is **\$12 per player**. We encourage mentees to cover their mentor's fee. In addition, Unit 191 will subsidize **\$5 of the mentor's fee** when the mentor is playing with a mentee from the unit, so the fee will be **\$19 per pair**.

The online game will be **\$8 per player**. Of this, \$5 covers administration and \$3 will be donated to a charity to be named later. Because mentors do not play in the online game, there is no mentor subsidy.

Sign Up Now

Please email **Kim Wasserman** (kwasserm@gmail.com) and let her know:

- Whether you would like to be a **mentor, mentee, or both**
- **Tier I, Tier II, or both**
- Whether you are interested in the **online game**
- Whether you are willing to serve as an **occasional or substitute mentor**

We hope many of our more experienced Unit 191 players will consider giving back to the game by mentoring - even if you can only participate occasionally. A strong pool of substitute mentors makes it possible for us to accommodate more mentees and keep the program running smoothly.

First Games

Tier II: Tuesday, September 8 at 10:00 AM

Tier I: Tuesday, September 22 at 10:00 AM

Online: Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 PM

We hope you'll join us!