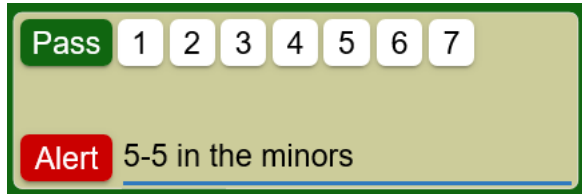


Using Bridge Base Online

1. Alerting

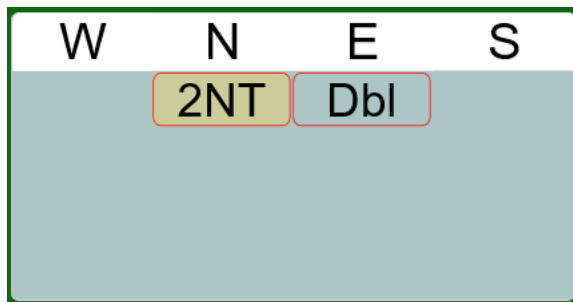
On BBO you self-alert. That is, you alert any artificial call **before** you make your call. (Don't try to alert your partner's calls. You alert only your own calls).



In this example I want to bid 2NT to show 5-5 in the minors. So click "Alert" and type in the explanation of the call. You must do that **before** you make the call. Next I would click 2 and NT and make my bid of 2NT.

Both opponents now see an explanation of the bid. You partner does **not** see the explanation. (A nice feature is that if you type !c in your explanation it will appear as ♣. Similarly for the other suits.)

2. Asking about a call



If you need an explanation of a call (whether alerted or not), then simply click on it. In this example the red box around Dbl means that East has alerted the double, but hasn't provided an explanation of what it means. If you want to know what it means simply click on Dbl. The person who made the call is then asked for an explanation. So simply wait for their reply. You can ask about any calls, whether or not they have been alerted, by clicking on that call.

3. Chat

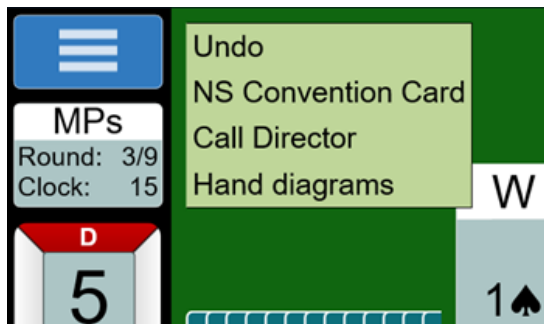
You will normally chat just to the table. But do make sure that the blue box in the bottom left indicates that you are indeed talking to the table. Then simply type your message and click Chat (or press Enter).



Please do not chat to the Tournament. It makes life difficult for the director. Also it is equivalent to shouting across the playing room, which is something that you wouldn't want at the club. You should address any questions or comments about the tournament to the director (see below). If you have any comments (including praise) that can wait then please send an email

4. Speaking to the director

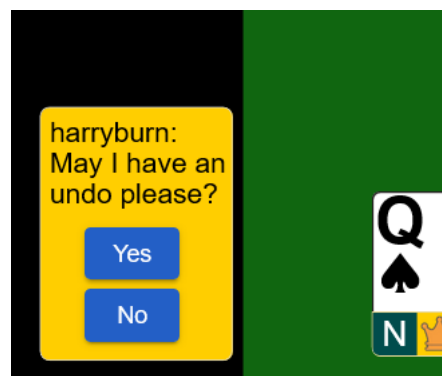
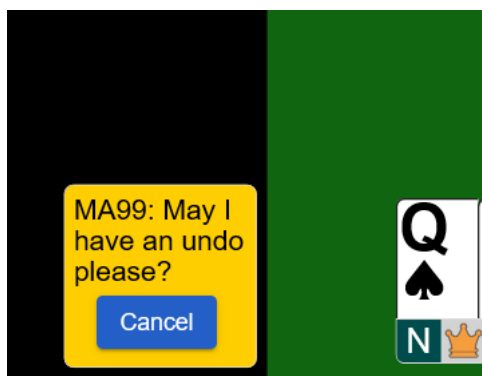
To speak to the director, simply click the hamburger (the blue box with 3 horizontal lines) and choose the Call Director option.



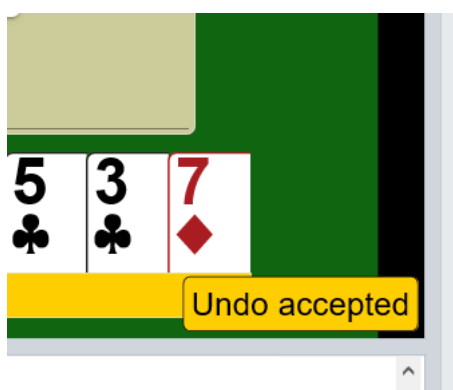
5. Undo

Occasionally you make a bid or a play that was totally unintended. You can undo it by clicking on the hamburger (see above) and click Undo.

You will see your request (example on the left) and your opponents will be asked if they wish to accept the undo (example on the right).

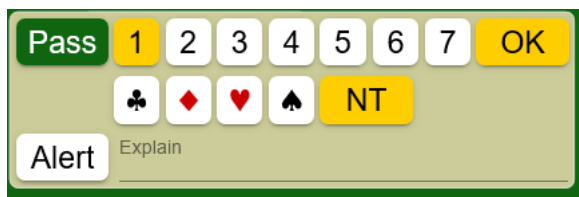


If your opponents accept it, you will get a message:

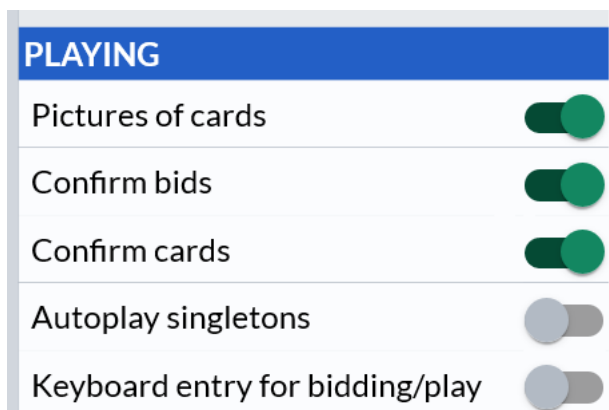


Please note that you must **not use** Undo if you make an incorrect bid or play and then change your mind, realising that you have made a mistake. It is to be used only when you have had finger/mouse trouble and done something that was totally unintended.

USEFUL TIP: You can change your settings so that your bid or play has to be confirmed before you make it. **That** means that when you choose a bid you have to confirm it by clicking OK before it is made. In this example 1NT has been selected. You then need to click OK for the bid to be made (see below for screen shots)



When playing a card you need to click once to select it and then click again for it to be played. These options can be set by clicking the Account tab (on the right) and then selecting the Settings tab.



Here the “Confirm bids” and “Confirm cards” options have been selected.

6. Review of the bidding

If you need a review of the bidding then click the contract and a review of the bidding will appear. Click the box again to make it disappear.