

# SBU Online: Etiquette and Conditions of Contest

## Etiquette

Online tournaments are foremost friendly events played in an atmosphere of trust.

Please greet you opponents on arrival.

Please respect the Director at all times and be aware that the Director may be particularly busy between rounds.

Please bid and play in tempo as far as possible.

Please provide via *Chat* to the *Table* a summary of your system and discards, it is not sufficient to refer the opposition to your *Profile*. You may complete a convention card for each partnership and note that if you do not your card will revert to SAYC and should be ignored. If you have completed a card then refer the opposition to it.

You must alert and explain all conventional bids including those above 3NT. If you forget to alert a bid then click on your bid as soon as possible. This opens up a box into which you can type an explanation. This will be displayed to both of the opposition.

The oppositions' alerted bids will appear highlighted and there will be an accompanying explanation. If you need more information simply click the explanation box, or in the case of a natural bid you suspect should have been alerted, the bid itself. The opposition will be asked to provide more/an explanation. Do not ask questions via the *Table*. You may ask the bidder, privately via *Chat*, for more information, but should not consult their partner.

It is possible to alert a bid but not offer explanation. These bids are outlined in red to the opposition. An explanation is always required and not to offer one is discourteous and can cause delay.

Please be mindful of the clock and claim as soon as you can, either as declarer or opposition, to save time.

SBU tournaments are strictly friendly events. Any rudeness at the table should be reported to the Director who may take further action.

You must not make comments to the table of any kind during bidding or play of the hand. This could be construed as passing unauthorised information.

Cheating will not be tolerated and the penalty will be a ban from the BBO platform. For Pay-Tournaments BBO will follow up any alleged cases vigorously.

If you suspect that someone is cheating convey your suspicions directly and in **private** to the Law & Ethics Committee or in **private** to the Tournament Director who will take matters forward. Unproven allegations or insinuations are corrosive to the atmosphere of online bridge and sanctions may be taken.

With discretion, breaches of etiquette should be reported to the Tournament Director.

There is further information on BBO: [BBO Rules](#)

## Conditions of Contest

Entry to SBU online tournaments is restricted to SBU members. However non-members will be used to make up a half table or as substitutes to cover connection drop.

Registration is open from two hours before an event up to the start time. Payment is made a registration in BBO\$. SBU tournaments do not permit the rental of robot partners.

Players may choose but are not required to complete a system card.

'Brown Sticker' conventions are not permitted.

Players may consult system notes during bidding but not to the extent that tempo is unduly affected.

No kibitzers are permitted except in the last round for those registrants who have already finished play.

'Undos' are permitted for bidding only. If the opposition refuse an 'undo' then you may call the Director who may overrule. *(Note that this is a divergence from BBO CoC.)*

All artificial bids **at any level** and also conventional doubles and passes are to be alerted.

SBU Masterpoints will be awarded on the Club scale, excepting Individual Tournaments where the award of **red points** is agreed in principle.

You may appeal the Tournament Director's ruling and your appeal will be passed to the Law and Ethics Committee. To do this state both to the table, and in private to the TD, that you wish to appeal.

Further aspects are detailed within BBO: [BBOConditions of Contest](#)

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