

SBU Online - Guidance for Districts and Clubs on Running Tournaments (Aug 2021)

The SBU has a pay-club on BBO which was set up in May 2020 for the exclusive use of SBU members. This Virtual Club encompasses the seven districts and all SBU affiliated clubs.

The SBU has trained online tournament directors at National and Local level and these directors are able to run district and club tournaments on BBO. Any clubs which would like to run online tournaments but currently don't have a trained director should contact chieftd@sbu.org.uk

The SBU receives a monthly statement from BBO detailing all tournaments run within the SBU virtual club. BBO take a share of the revenue from entry fees and the surplus is distributed to clubs and districts in accordance with the tournaments run.

The following guidance is issued to districts and clubs on running tournaments:

- Club and district tournaments will be run by competent trained online tournament directors. All directors wishing to run online tournaments must submit their names to chieftd@sbu.org.uk to enable maintenance of accurate records
- Only SBU members are to be admitted to tournaments. Open tournaments should not be run except with express permission n of SBU. Entry will be restricted by the use of an 'include' list uploaded to BBO. If access to a specific include list is required, contact sbumempadops2@gmail.com
- The registration fee for pay tournaments and payment, if any, to directors is entirely at the discretion of the organising club or district. Free tournaments are not permitted. The recommended minimum charges per person are:

12-15 Boards	BBO\$ 1.50
16-20 Boards	BBO\$ 2.00
21+ Boards	BBO\$ 3.00
- Clubs and districts will charge for events solely via BBO\$ paid online at registration. To do otherwise is a breach of contract.
- The option for players to rent a robot partner is not permitted for National or District level events. At club level players should be made aware that if they rent a robot to play with, they will not be entitled to master points. SBU tournaments will only use robots for temporary substitutions.
- If there is a half table, then the TD has the following options
 - elect to have a sit out (not advised for rounds of more than 2 boards)
 - bring in a substitute pair.

Note: If there is a connection problem and a player is paired with a temporary substitute other than their actual partner then the partnership will not receive masterpoints. This is unfortunate and will be a rare occurrence.

- No kibitzers are permitted in events run at National and District level except in the last round for those registrants who have already finished play. Whilst the SBU discourages permitting kibitzers, clubs may, if they choose, allow silent kibitzers throughout their events.
- It is not permitted for directors to play in tournaments they direct if these are at District or National Level.

While it is strongly advised against, it is permitted for directors to play in tournaments they direct at Club level if the following conditions are met :

- The TD is a member of that club
 - The TD announces the fact that he/she is playing, both at the beginning and the end of the event.
 - There is no more than a maximum of 10 tables in play.
- It is not permitted to offer cash prizes or other 'real world value' except in BBO\$. As the SBU is the account holder within BBO, Clubs and Districts must apply to SBU if they wish to award prizes.
 - When arranging tournaments Clubs should be considerate of other events in their local area and thereby try to avoid competing for registrants.
 - Clubs and districts will at all time act in accordance with the Terms and Conditions issued by BBO.
 - For guidance on downloading results to Bridgewebs please see the following link
<https://www.sbu.org.uk/images/virtualclub/SBUOnline-DownloadingResultsfromBBO201019.pdf>

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