



## Playing in the Casual Area in BBO With Friends

### **Casual Area is FREE to play with TWO or THREE Friends – 2 or 3 Real People**

These are the written instructions to play with a friend or friends in the CASUAL area of Bridge Base Online (BBO).

After these written instructions, you will see some graphic pictures that might also help.

**1. Agree with friends on when to play.** Your group logs into BBO.

**2. One of you is the INVITOR. The rest of your group are the INVITEES.**

INVITEES sit on the Bridge Base Online Home Page and wait to be invited.

INVITOR needs to know the BBO IDs of the other participants.

**3. INVITOR selects**

- **CASUAL** from the *Play or Watch Bridge* section
- **START A TABLE** from the *Find Your Own Game* section

**4. INVITOR should turn off the KIBITZER selections.** All PRIVACY selections should be turned to grey.

**5. INVITOR selects START TABLE – RELAXED GAME from the bottom of the screen.**

INVITOR sees 4 table areas: N, S, E, W

**6. INVITOR choose a seat for him/herself.**

Let's say INVITOR choose to sit SOUTH.

INVITOR click on the SOUTH table line

Sees: SIT ROBOT RESERVE

INVITOR chooses SIT

INVITOR will now be seated at South.



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### 7. INVITOR chooses a seat for first friend and clicks on that table area.

If only two of you, choose the seat across from you – North

If three of you, determine which player will be your partner – click North for that person

If four of you, determine the partnerships. Then click North for your designated partner.

When you click NORTH, you will see    ROBOT    RESERVE

*You are already at South.*

*You don't see SIT again.*

Click RESERVE.

Type your Partner's BBO ID on the line and press OK

You will see: INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED at bottom of screen.

You will see: North's table area turned RED with Partner's ID in it

### What happens on Partner's screen?

Partner (INVITEE) receives a message asking him/her to accept the invitation.

A SEAT IS RESERVED FOR YOU

TAKE YOU THERE?

HOST: *Invitor's BBO ID*

Yes    No

INVITEE must choose YES.

INVITOR will see Partner now seated at North



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### 8. Are there more players to seat for your group?

**Repeat Step 7 for each remaining INVITEE at remaining seats at the table.**

INVITEES must accept your invitation to be seated

**OR**

**Are you finished seating players because it's just you and your Partner?**

**You must then seat ROBOTS at the remaining tables.**

INVITOR clicks a Table

INVITOR sees    ROBOT    RESERVE

INVITOR chooses ROBOT

A message immediately appears on INVITOR'S screen:

We'll Rent You A Robot

INVITOR chooses BASIC ROBOT for 1 BB\$ per week

*INVITOR could choose an Advanced Robot – your choice*

*INVITOR now has the use of that Robot in INVITOR's BBO account for 7 days*

INVITOR seats a Robot at a table.

INVITOR can choose the 4<sup>th</sup> table and select ROBOT. Robot will be seated there.

### 9. INVITOR now has 4 filled tables.

**The first hand for the players appears**

**Bid and Play**



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### 10. Each player can use Navigation features in this CASUAL area.

Look for the BLUE box with 3 WHITE LINES. We call this box the “Hamburger.”

Click on the Hamburger.

*Hand Diagrams – change card layout from vertically stacked to horizontal (and back)*

*Redeal – Shuffles and gives you different cards for this hand*

Yellow table is the player to bid or play next.

### Want to Chat to Your Table on screen?

Desktops / Laptops

At very bottom of screen find the blue button marked TABLE.

Type on the line – your group will see your chat

IPads:

Top left of screen - find the other Hamburger: 3 White lines in a Black field.

Click Hamburger

Click CHAT

Type on Message Line and enter / Press Chat

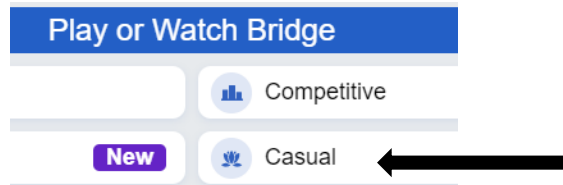
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**You and your Friends might also consider opening up a Zoom meeting so that you can speak to each other on the side**

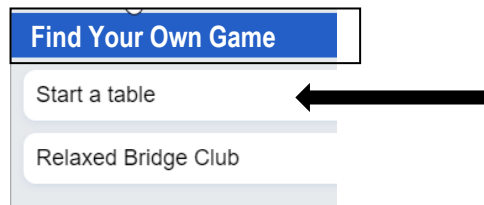
## Playing in the Casual Area in BBO With Friends – With Pictures

1. **Agree with friends on when to play.** Your group logs into BBO.
2. **One of you is the INVITOR. The rest of your group are the INVITEES.**  
 INVITEES sit on the Bridge Base Online Home Page and wait to be invited.  
 INVITOR needs to know the BBO IDs of the other participants.

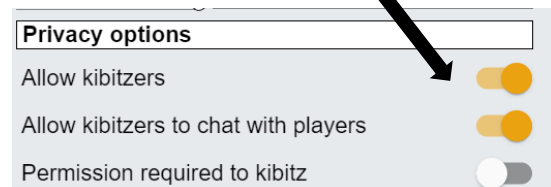
### 3. INVITOR selects



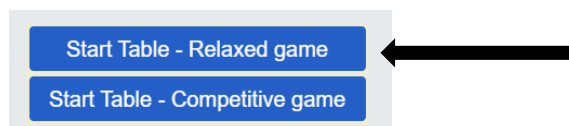
Then chooses:



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*Competitive Game is timed and more challenging.  
 Start off with Relaxed Game for now.*

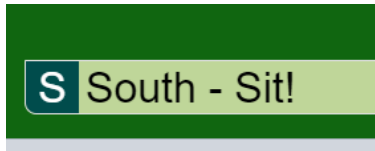


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### 6. INVITOR choose a seat for him/herself.

Let's say INVITOR choose to sit SOUTH.  
INVITOR click on the SOUTH table line

**Sees: SIT ROBOT RESERVE**  
INVITOR chooses SIT  
INVITOR will now be seated at South.



Then:



### 7. INVITOR seats Partner at North the same way.

*Click North's Table area.*

*Select RESERVE.*

*Type in Partner's BBO ID.*

*INVITEE (Partner) will be asked to accept the Invitation – YES.*

*Partner will now be seated in North:*



### 8. Are there more players to seat for your group?

Repeat Step 7 for any INVITEES.

If you need to insert ROBOTS into the remaining tables, you will need to rent Robots.

Click on a table area and select ROBOTS

*You will be asked to Rent a Robot – Choose Basic Robot for \$3 per week.*

*INVITOR will then be able to use Robots for 7 days in INVITOR's BBO Account.*

### We'll rent you a robot

Would you like to rent a robot?

Advanced robot: 1.99 BB\$ per day

or

Basic robot: 2.99 BB\$ per week

Advanced robots are usually better, if slower.

Advanced Robot

Basic Robot

Forget it

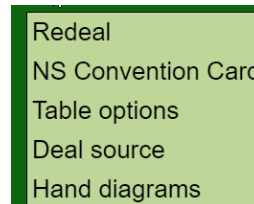
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## 10. NAVIGATION FEATURES

### CHANGING BBO SETTINGS in CASUAL AREA

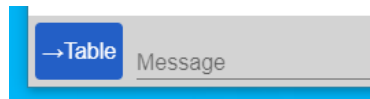
**Blue Hamburger:**



Use Blue Hamburger to change playing options in YOUR Casual Area.  
Each player can change options in their own Casual area.

### CHATTING WITH TABLE

**Desktops / Laptops:**



Chat area is at bottom of screen.  
Make sure blue button shows TABLE. Your tablemates will only see messages to TABLE.

**IPADs:**



Look for 2<sup>nd</sup> Hamburger in a black field at top right of iPad screen. Click  
Choose Chat and type in box. (Make sure it says TABLE.)