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You have the option of playing in Bridge Base Online (BBO) in actual Bridge Games that award Masterpoints.

You play in Online Games at BBO

The first thing you need to know is that you MUST have a BBO Username (also called a BBO ID)

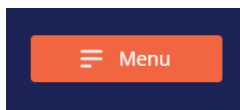
You can get a FREE BBO ID at <https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/>

You must choose REGISTER if you have never obtained a BBO ID before.

If you forget your BBO ID, you'll need to contact membership@acbl.org

The second thing you need to know is that you MUST have an ACBL Membership to play in BBO Games.

You obtain a BBO Membership (and Member Number) at acbl.org



Look for the Menu Icon:

Under the Menu, look for the **JOIN ACBL**

You can follow the steps there. If you need more information, you may phone the Membership dept.

Once you receive a Membership Number, you will need to enter it into your BBO ID

The third thing you need to know is that you MUST have a Convention Card with Partner to play in BBO Games.

I can help with this. I can drop a basic Convention Card into your BBO account.
You can then link it to any partner you have. I can give you the instructions to do.



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Here are the online options we would suggest for now:

First, Any BBO Game that has a VACB button to the far left

For example:

<div>Pending Running Complete</div>					
<div><div>vacb</div><div>Clear</div></div>					
Host	Title	Type	Start	Entries	Entry Fee
vacb273680	Pairs Gentle bridge #72582	Pairs	1	10	4.50 BB\$
vacb263830	Duncan O-1000 12:50 PST #10041	Pairs	6	22	5 BB\$
vacb159004	299er CALIFORNIA COAST & FRIENDS #10042	Pairs	10	0	4.50 BB\$
vacb232199	Brentwood Open Pairs #10043	Pairs	11	4	5 BB\$
vacb159004	OPEN GAME CALIFORNIA COAST & FRIENDS #10044	Pairs	25	0	4.50 BB\$
VACB253419	Unit 461 LWW Open 1:20pm 21 Bds #89102	Pairs	36	0	4.50 BB\$
vacb228445	Stone's Open Pairs 1:25-3:45PM #10045	Pairs	41	0	5 BB\$
vacb259002	Vashon Bridge Club Open 1:30pm 18 brds #10046	Pairs	50	0	5 BB\$
vacb180000	Waialae CC Open in Hawaii @ 12:15 #10047	Pairs	90	1	5 BB\$
vacb270579	Wydaho Fri 3:15 #10048	Pairs	91	0	5 BB\$

Each of these VACB administration buttons represent a Sanctioned Bridge Club that holds online games.

As long as the actual VACB club allows outside Bridge Players – players not usually associated with that Club – you will be able to play at that site.

Many, many of the online Bridge Clubs now allow anyone to play in their games.

You'll know when you try to register. If you get a message that you are not a member, then you cannot play. Otherwise, your registration will go through just as you used to play with me in our BBO Lab Games.

IMPORTANT: Don't choose any old VACB game. Choose an appropriate VACB game for your level.

Make sure to look for a game to match your experience level.

Look for Games that list a Masterpoint Limit

For example, the Game I highlighted above:

VACB159004 299er CALIFORNIA COAST & FRIENDS #10042

This is a Game where participants may not have more than 299 Masterpoints.
It is considered a low-level Game.

Look for Games that list a Masterpoint Limit of 20, 50, 100 (or 99), 299 (or 300).
These are the lower-level Games where you will find Peers.

Check the **START** Time. That will tell you how long from right now the Game will begin.



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SECOND, We know that right now a couple of Online Clubs have lower-level specific Games

Right now, I know there is a Club on the East Coast running daily 99er game at 7pm (Eastern).

These are your peers.

You can find them by typing in the SEARCH line as I'm indicating below

99er/199ers Nite Club East

Vacb901280

<div>Pending Running Complete</div>					
<div>search club Clear</div>					
Host	Title	Type	Start	Entries	Entry Fee
GALAXYCLUB	=>> GALAXY RANGER - 2023 GOULASH <=< #2778	Individual	8	3	1 BB\$
SKY CLUB	Ind. * SKY CLUB * JACKPOT - 6 boards #2435	Individual	26	4	1 BB\$
GALAXYCLUB	=>> GALAXY RANGER - 2023 GOULASH <=< #2779	Individual	48	0	1 BB\$
SKY CLUB	Ind. * SKY CLUB * - MP - 8 boards #2437	Individual	66	3	1 BB\$
GALAXYCLUB	=>> GALAXY RANGER - 2023 GOULASH <=< #2781	Individual	91	0	1 BB\$
vacb262410	499 SE Carolina Clubs S5 #10052	Pairs	116	0	5.50 BB\$
vacb244657	THE 749er CLUB #10054	Pairs	117	0	5.50 BB\$
vacb901280	99er/199ers Nite Club East 7pm ET #10059			0	6 BB\$
vacb262410	749 SE Carolina Clubs S5 #10056	Pairs	119	0	5.50 BB\$



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HOW to Register and Play in these Games?

First, make sure you have money in your BBO account.

Need to add money to BBO?

- * Log into your BBO account

Desktop or Laptop: Look for the shopping cart symbol in the upper right of your BBO Screen



IPads: Look for the 3 White lines in the upper right of your BBO Screen and click.
Find the BB\$ option and click

- * Choose PURCHASE BB\$. Follow instructions to pay with Credit Card

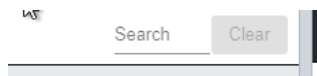
Once you've decided on which BBO Game in which you want to play, you will need to register for that game before it starts.

Registration for any BBO game opens 2 hours before Game Time.

You may register for the game from time registration opens up to the about 2 minutes before Game Time.

Registration: Both partners must be logged into BBO to register.
One partner sits on the Bridge Base Online Home page
The Other Partner handles the registration process

1. Registering Partner selects COMPETITIVE off the BBO Home Page
2. Then Selects ALL TOURNAMENTS
3. Then, the easiest way to find your intended game is to use the SEARCH feature above the list of Games.



Type the name of the Game on the Search line and the list will narrow down to your Game.

Example: 99er/199ers on the Search Line

Example: vacb on the Search Line



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4. Once you narrow down the game and see it on the list, you click in the middle of that Game Line to get the Registration page

On the green Registration page,
Type your Partner's BBO ID

Hit INVITE

5. Your Partner – Sitting on the BBO Home Page – will see an INVITATION BOX pop up.
Partner needs to ACCEPT the Invitation.

6. Once Partner accepts, you will be returned to the screen that lists your Game.
You will see that your game is now highlighted in Yellow. That's your confirmation

Note: You will not receive a confirmation of your registration.

The only way you know for sure if you are registered is to see the Yellow Highlight on the Game line.

You can always leave BBO. Log in again.

Select COMPETITIVE and ALL TOURNAMENTS. And SEARCH for the Game again.

You will see it on the Pending list and highlighted in Yellow.

7. **IMPORTANT:** You may log out of BBO at this point if it is not Game Time.
However, you and partner will need to be logged into BBO,
Sitting on the BBO Home Page,
2 minutes before Game Time.

You will be pulled automatically into your Game when it starts

If either of you are not logged into BBO at Game Time, you will be dropped from the Game.
You won't be charged for a Game you did not start.

VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

IPads and Laptops can go to sleep while you are waiting in BBO for the Game to start.

Make very sure to click your tab buttons during the final two minutes before the game starts
PEOPLE, HISTORY, ACCOUNT

This action will not affect how the systems knows you are waiting.
But it WILL wake up your screen.

IPADS and LAPTOPS STILL SHOW THE BBO SCREEN WHEN IT GOES TO SLEEP!
YOU WON'T KNOW IT'S ASLEEP! BBO THINKS YOU ARE NOT LOGGED IN
IT WON'T PULL YOU INTO THE GAME IF IT THINKS YOU'RE NOT LOGGED IN
You'll get no warning. You just won't be in the Game. There's no way to get in after it starts.