



Playing in Online Bridge Games - BBO

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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)

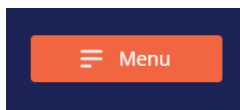
You can get a FREE BBO ID at <https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/>

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](https://www.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



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Here are the online options we would suggest for now:

[Alliance Bridge Club \(our online combined presence\)](#)

10:05 am Eastern Weekdays 499 Game

1:00 pm Eastern Weekdays 499 Game

*Note: 499 means that players can have up to 500 masterpoints to play in game.
You will play against more experienced players*

[99 Nite Club East Games](#)

7pm Eastern Weekdays 99 Game

*Note: 99 means players with no more than 100 points can play in that game.
These are your peers, by and large, if you have fewer than 100 masterpoints.*

[ACBL Online Community Games](#)

6pm Eastern Weekdays 20 Game and 50 Game

Note: 20 Game means players with no more than 20 masterpoints may play.

50 Game means players with no more than 50 masterpoints may play

If there is a small group in each game, they might be combined.

These are your peers if you have fewer than 100 masterpoints.

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



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How to Register For a BBO Game

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: 99 Nite on the Search Line

Example: Alliance on the Search Line

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
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.