

EDMONTON AB MENTOR PROGRAM

The Edmonton AB Bridge Club conducted a very successful mentoring program designed to match less experienced players with more experienced players so that they may play together and learn from each other. Here are copies of the information sheets the club gave to each group of participants – the mentors and the mentees. Why not give this a try at your club?

EBC MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Mentee's Information Sheet

The mentorship program is designed to match less experienced players with more experienced players so that they may play together and learn from each other. For simplicity, we will refer to the players as the “mentor” and the “mentee.” For you, as a mentee, it is an opportunity to gain knowledge, confidence and assistance to enjoy your bridge even more.

The commitment is for 6 sessions of bridge and some formal and informal discussions at other times over the next two to three months. You may agree to play weekly, biweekly or on an irregular schedule. You and your mentor make these decisions together. You can play in any game for which you are both eligible. Regular card fees apply for both mentor and mentee.

There should be a time set aside before and/or after the game to discuss specific hands, bidding, ethics and other problems. Discussions at the table should be minimal and as a courtesy should include the opponents. The mentee should refrain from asking too much at the table. Make a note on your convention card or other paper and discuss it later.

At your first meeting with your mentor, you will need to explore your goals and priorities. These may change as time goes on. After five or six sessions, find a time to discuss your accomplishments and any future activities. You may mutually agree to continue the partnership or you may just want to receive occasional advice and support.

Some possible goals you, the mentee, may choose are:

- to feel more comfortable playing up,
- to mix and get to know more players,
- to understand table etiquette and proper behavior,
- to understand director rulings,
- to explore basic conventions,
- to solidify bidding understandings,
- to recognize your weaknesses and gain strengths,
- to recognize your strengths and receive encouragement,
- others...

Please note that if your personality does not mesh with that of your mentor, or your mentor is not as helpful as you hoped, you should contact the club manager to help work out a solution or to make a different match.

Thank you for your interest and commitment.

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Mentor's Information Sheet

The mentorship program is designed to match less experienced players with more experienced players so that they may play together and learn from each other. For simplicity, we will refer to the players as the "mentor" and the "mentee." This program is a venue for you, the mentor, to share your love of the game and your experience and to be part of the growth of bridge in our club.

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There should be time set aside before and/or after the game to discuss specific hands, bidding, ethics and other problems. Discussions at the table should be minimal and as a courtesy should include the opponents. The mentor is expected to show a high level of decorum and ethics at and away from the table.

At your first meeting, you will need to explore the goals of the mentee for this partnership. These may change as time goes on. After five or six sessions, find a time to discuss your accomplishments and any future activities. You may mutually agree to continue the partnership or just to be available for occasional advice and support.

Some possible goals the mentee may choose from:

- to feel more comfortable playing up,
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- to understand table etiquette and proper behavior,
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- others...

You may realize that you do not have the knowledge required to be a mentor or that your personality does not mesh with that of your mentee. Please talk with the club manager to see if a solution can be found or a different match made.

Thank you for your interest and commitment. Please return the bottom portion after the mentorship is completed. To show our appreciation, you will receive up to three free plays.

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MENTOR _____ MENTEE _____

Dates of games: _____
