



TOURNAMENT  
JUNE 25-28

Win gold  
and red  
points  
online



American Contract  
Bridge League

## Welcome to the Endless Summer Tournament



This is the ACBL's second regionally rated event. The pandemic has forced the bridge community to creatively explore how we can continue to enjoy the game without physically sitting at a table within close proximity to each other.

Given the ACBL's decisions to cancel the Tampa Fall NABC and to not put our staff at risk by assigning TDs to work live regionals and sectionals for the remainder of the year, you're likely to see more of these events. Everyone who works for the ACBL has dedicated enormous time, energy and care to making the online tournament experience the best player experience it can be.

Your feedback after the first tournament was invaluable in helping to shape this one. Thank you. Our goal is to top those numbers - which were impressive. We hope you enjoy your time at the table.

Please play nice, play fair and have fun.

Joseph Jones  
Executive Director

## Mini-Lessons for Intermediate/Newcomer Players

Looking for some bridge tips before the game? We'll be posting two video mini-lessons (30 minutes or less) from bridge celebrities every morning. Just click [here](#).



### Thursday

**Patty Tucker**  
Help Suit Game Tries

**Michael Berkowitz**  
Partnership Agreements

### Saturday

**Marjorie Michelin**  
Trump Management

**GS Jade Barrett**  
Life in the Tournament World

### Friday

**Barbara Seagram**  
Balancing

**Adam Parrish**  
Overcalls

### Sunday

**Donna Compton**  
Defense

**Reese Koppel**  
Negative Doubles



All times are in U.S. Eastern time zone.

## Daily Two-Session Events - Must Play Both Sessions / Awards Gold & Red Points

TIME (EDT)	EVENT	SESSIONS	STRATIFICATION
10:15 am	 Strawberry Ice Cream Open Pairs	1 of 2	Unlimited/5000
1:45 pm	 Strawberry Ice Cream Open Pairs	2 of 2	Unlimited/5000
5:15 pm	 Chocolate Ice Cream Open Pairs	1 of 2	Unlimited/3500
8:45 pm	 Chocolate Ice Cream Open Pairs	2 of 2	Unlimited/3500
10:30 am	 Blue Butterfly Mid-Flight Pairs	1 of 2	3500/1750
2:00 pm	 Blue Butterfly Mid-Flight Pairs	2 of 2	3500/1750
5:30 pm	 Azure Sky Mid-Flight Pairs	1 of 2	2500/1250
9:00 pm	 Azure Sky Mid-Flight Pairs	2 of 2	2500/1250
10:45 am	 Yellow Sunshine Super Gold Rush Pairs	1 of 2	1250/750/300
2:15 pm	 Yellow Sunshine Super Gold Rush Pairs	2 of 2	1250/750/300
5:45 pm	 Golden Sunset Gold Rush Pairs	1 of 2	750/400/200
9:15 pm	 Golden Sunset Gold Rush Pairs	2 of 2	750/400/200

## Daily Single-Session Events - Play One, Two, Three or ALL Four / Mix or Match

TIME (EDT)	EVENT	TYPE	SESSIONS	STRATIFICATION
10:45 am	 Grape Popsicle 99ers	99er	Single	100/50/20
2:15 pm	 Grape Popsicle 99ers	99er	Single	100/50/20
5:45 pm	 Grape Popsicle 99ers	99er	Single	100/50/20
9:15 pm	 Grape Popsicle 99ers	99er	Single	100/50/20
10:15 am	 Pink Lemonade 499ers	499er	Single	500/300/100
1:45 pm	 Pink Lemonade 499ers	499er	Single	500/300/100
5:15 pm	 Pink Lemonade 499ers	499er	Single	500/300/100
8:45 pm	 Pink Lemonade 499ers	499er	Single	500/300/100

Stratification in all Side Game Series C: 0-500, B: 500-1500, A: 1500+ by the average masterpoint holding of the pair.  
 Stratification for all events is by the average masterpoint holding of the pair. In any event with an upper masterpoint limit, neither player may exceed the limit for the event.

Masterpoint awards for all single-session events are red points.



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## Side Game Events - Play One, Two, Three or ALL Four Play Two Sessions of the Same Series for a Chance at Gold

Stratification for All Side Games Series: Unlimited/1500/500

### Thursday - June 25

TIME (EDT)	EVENT
10:30 am	 Orange Slices Side Series 1
2:00 pm	 Orange Slices Side Series 1
5:30 pm	 Tangerine Slices Side Series 2
9:00 pm	 Tangerine Slices Side Series 2

### Friday - June 26

TIME (EDT)	EVENT
10:30 am	 Orange Slices Side Series 1
2:00 pm	 Orange Slices Side Series 1
5:30 pm	 Tangerine Slices Side Series 2
9:00 pm	 Tangerine Slices Side Series 2

### Saturday - June 27

TIME (EDT)	EVENT
10:30 am	 Watermelon Slices Side Series 3
2:00 pm	 Watermelon Slices Side Series 3
5:30 pm	 Honey Dew Slices Side Series 4
9:00 pm	 Honey Dew Slices Side Series 4

### Sunday - June 28

TIME (EDT)	EVENT
10:30 am	 Watermelon Slices Side Series 3
2:00 pm	 Watermelon Slices Side Series 3
5:30 pm	 Honey Dew Slices Side Series 4
9:00 pm	 Honey Dew Slices Side Series 4

Stratification in all Side Game Series C: 0-500, B: 500-1500, A: 1500+ by the average masterpoint holding of the pair.  
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## Online Bridge Best Practices

By Robb Gordon, ACBL National Recorder



While I have written about the potential of cheating in online bridge and what we are doing to surveil and stop it, most of us are honest and want to play the game properly.

When we play online, we are still playing bridge. The Laws and ACBL Regulations still apply. But facing facts – some things are different. Here are a few:

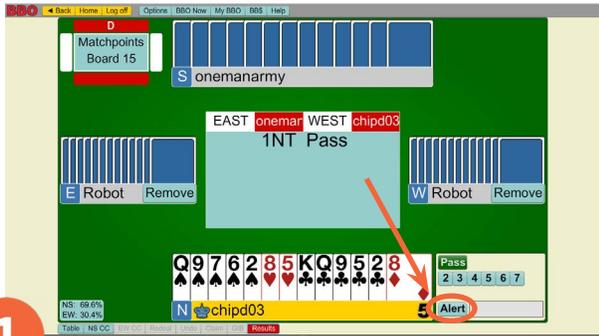
1. Revoking and leading out of turn are impossible.
2. You must “self-Alert.”
3. Because you are only Alerting the opponents, and only asking questions of one or both opponents, that particular vehicle for Unauthorized Information has been eliminated. This will save a lot of arguments and bad feelings.
4. Breaks in tempo are awkward. At the table, if somebody is taking a lot of time, you can see that he is (presumably) thinking. In online bridge, it could mean that their tea kettle started whistling and they went to turn off the burner. Law 73E2:  
If the Director determines that an innocent player has drawn a false inference from a question, remark, manner, tempo or the like, of an opponent who has no demonstrable bridge reason for the action, and who could have been aware, at the time of the action, that it could work to his benefit, the Director shall award an adjusted score.  
This rule applies. When you spill coffee or are distracted by a phone call, it is incumbent on you to make sure the opponents know so they are not deceived by your inattention.
5. The ACBL has long had a rule that partnerships have two identical convention cards with their names on them. The convention card rules apply to BBO (except you only have to make one). When you are at a table, if you click “Account” and select the Convention Cards tab, it is pretty easy to recall a saved card or to complete and save a new one.
6. The ACBL Convention Charts apply here. Make sure your convention is permitted in the game you are playing. For example, a 2♦ bid showing a weak hand with length in one of the majors is an Open+ Chart convention and is not permitted in any event in the online regional.
7. Our rules do not allow you to consult your own convention card or system notes while the “cards” are out of the board. We don’t have little hidden cameras, so this is on the honor system.
8. It has come to our attention that some players have more than one BBO User ID. Please only use one ID when playing in ACBL games with human opponents. We are going to start screening for this.
9. Because you are playing in an ACBL game against human opponents, we encourage you to make sure your profile displays your real name.

As we learn more about this new environment for competitive bridge, we will be developing more best practices. Stay tuned.

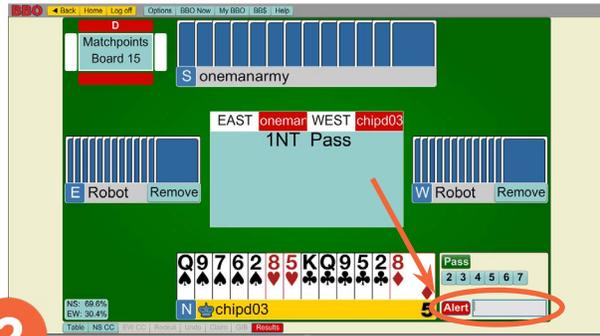
When you play against an opponent who you suspect is not using “best practices” in the ethical sense, please file a Player Memo at [www.acbl.org/conduct-and-ethics/player-memo/](http://www.acbl.org/conduct-and-ethics/player-memo/). You may privately text your director as well, but public accusations are the furthest thing from best practices, so please do it the actively ethical way!

## BBO Help Desk - How to Alert your bids

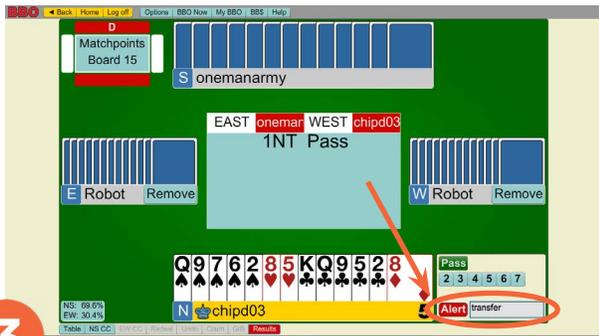
In face-to-face bridge, you Alert your partner's bids. In online bridge, you alert your own bids. Here's how to do that.



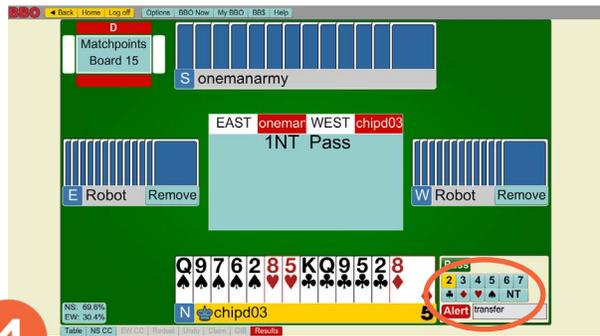
1 It's your turn to bid, and you realize the bid you're about to make requires an Alert. In this case, partner has opened 1NT and you want to transfer. Before doing anything else, click the alert button.



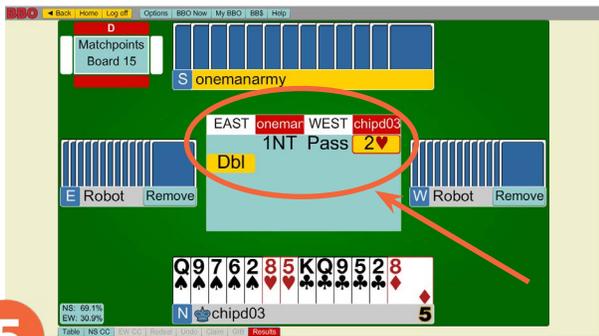
2 The alert button will turn red and a cursor will appear. Type an explanation for your bid here.



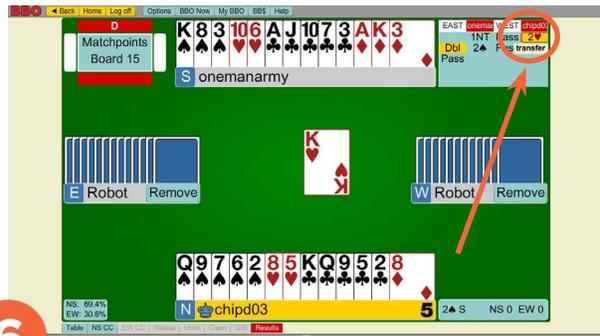
3 After you have entered your alert and explanation, you are ready to select your bid. Once you bid, it's too late to Alert. Select the level of your bid.



4 Once you select a level, the strains appear. Select the appropriate strain. In this case we want to bid 2♥ to transfer to spades.



5 When you click the suit symbol, your bid appears in the auction diagram highlighted in yellow and outlined in red. The auction continues. Note that although partner Alerted his 1NT bid as 15-17, you don't see his Alert and he can't see yours.



6 During or after the auction, you can hover over any bid highlighted in yellow to see the explanation. If there is a red outline but no yellow, you can click the bid to prompt the person who made the Alert to fill in the explanation.