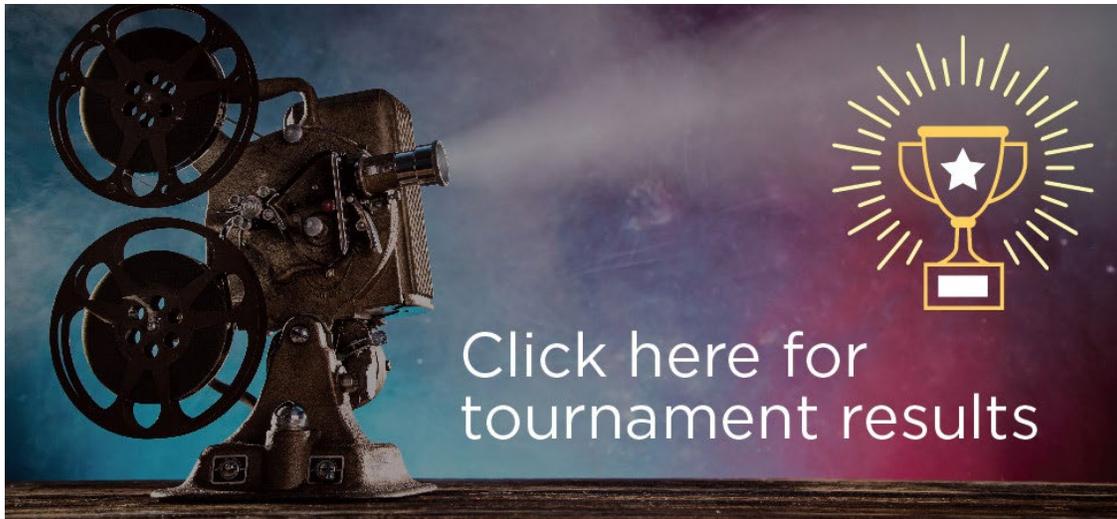




FEB. 18-21

Saturday, Feb. 20

Results from the Hollywood Magic Tournament



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

Donna Compton

My Favorite Play Technique

Patty Tucker

When To Bid Unusual Notrump

Friday

Barbara Seagram

Taking Tricks with Tiny Cards

Saturday

Adam Parrish

Declarer Play

Sunday

GS Jade Barrett

Why We Bid

Today's Speaker



Adam Parrish teaches bridge in New York City, where he also writes plays and musicals. He has published three bridge books, and he writes a monthly column for the ACBL's Bridge Bulletin. He is a partner and head of education at Bridge Winners.

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Questions?

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Daily Two-Session Events

Award Gold & Red Points - Must Play Both Sessions

\$30 per player/18 boards per session • Top/Mid-Flight events are 20 boards

Early Bird Two-Session Event Schedule

10:15 am & 1:45 pm ET • Golden Lights Gold Rush Pairs (750/400/200)

10:30 am & 2:00 pm ET • Back Lot Mid-Flight Pairs (3000/1250)

10:45 am & 2:15 pm ET • Box Office Top-Flight Pairs (unlimited/4000)

Twilight Two-Session Event Schedule

5:15 pm & 8:45 pm ET • Golden Age Gold Rush Pairs (750/400/200)

5:30 pm & 9:00 pm ET • Opening Credits Mid-Flight Pairs (3000/1250)

5:45 pm & 9:15 pm • Director's Cut Top-Flight Pairs (unlimited/4000)

Daily Single-Session Events

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Events

\$15 per player, per session/18 boards per session

**Award
Red Points
Only**

**10:15 am, 1:45 pm,
5:15 pm & 8:45 pm ET • Popcorn 99er Pairs (100/50/20)**

**10:30 am, 2:00 pm,
5:30 pm & 9:00 pm ET • Chocolate Raisin 499er pairs (500/300/200)**

Daily Side Games

Play in two sessions of the same series for a chance to win gold!

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Sessions

\$15 per player, per session/18 boards per session

10:45 am ET • Art Director Side Game Series (unlimited/1500/500)

2:15 pm ET • Set Designer Side Game Series (unlimited/1500/500)

5:45 pm ET • Prop Manager Side Game Series (unlimited/1500/500)

9:15 pm ET • Stunt Double Side Game Series (unlimited/1500/500)



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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



Online Bridge: Different Mechanics, Same Laws

By Robb Gordon, ACBL National Recorder

When we play online, we are still playing bridge. The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 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 Alerting only the opponents, and asking questions only of one or both opponents, partner does not “hear” your explanations or questions and that avenue of Unauthorized Information has been eliminated. This saves a lot of arguments and bad feelings.
4. Breaks in tempo are awkward. At the table, if somebody takes a lot of time, you can see that they (presumably) are 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 as well, except you need have only one card. To make a convention card, log in. Click Account on the right tabbed menu and select the Convention Cards heading. It is pretty easy to recall a saved card or to complete and save a new one. Remember to load your card by completing the Use With Partner blank with your partner’s BBO name.



6. The ACBL Convention Charts apply here. Make sure your convention is permitted in the game you are playing. For example, a 2♦ opening that shows 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. 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 screening for this.
8. Because you are playing in an ACBL game against human opponents, we encourage you to make sure your profile displays your real name.

Keep it Clean

Most of us are honest and want to play the game properly. When you play against an opponent you suspect is not playing in accordance with the Laws, or violating the Code of Disciplinary Regulations, please file a Player Memo. There is a version streamlined for online play reports available at www.acbl.org/bbomemo/. You may privately text your director as well, but making a public accusation is itself a violation of the CDR, so please report suspicious conduct in an actively ethical way!



“I’ve volunteered to be one of the investigators when there is suspicion of Unauthorized Information during online play. There are a lot of factors to consider, not least of which is the suspected player’s experience level.

Accusations of cheating are a serious matter. Anyone can do something strange on one deal; but when a pattern emerges, there is smoke. Where there is smoke, there is often fire. For charges to be filed, more than one investigator has to come to the same conclusion.

The game will be better and more popular if we all behave ethically.

Big Brother is watching you.” – Larry Cohen

Entry Fees

The entry fees for this online tournament are \$15 per player per session.



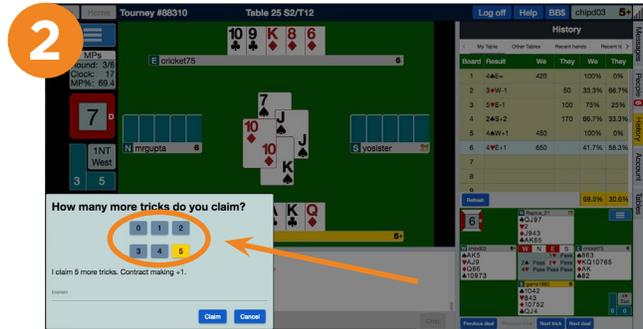


BBO Help Desk - How to claim

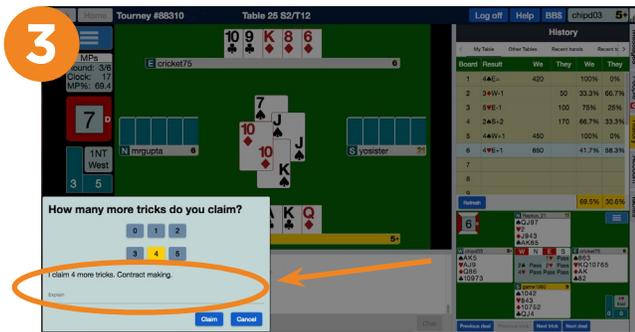
It's frustrating to have to follow or discard card after irrelevant card while a declarer runs winners. When the outcome of a deal is certain, it's good practice to save everyone's time and patience by claiming.



When you reach the point where you want to claim, click the Claim button on the left. Here, we are in 1NT. After starting with five spades, we are down to two good spades, two good clubs and a diamond loser.



A prompt will ask you how many of the remaining tricks you want to claim. The default is all of them, but you can select any number between that and zero. We have four good tricks, so we click 4.



The number of tricks you are claiming will highlight in yellow. Next, enter an explanation on the line below. If you have losers, specify what you're losing or how you are getting rid of them.



When you are satisfied with your explanation, click the Claim button.



Your claim statement will appear in a yellow box on the left while you wait for your opponents to accept it.



When your opponent makes a claim, the same yellow box will appear. Read it carefully to see the number of tricks they are claiming and confirm that it matches the number of tricks they are able to take, then click Yes. If you are certain the claim is wrong, click No and call the director. If you are unsure, ask for clarification.