



GNT quarterfinals begin today

All four flights of the 2021 Grand National Teams have been reduced to reduced to eight squads each: the quarterfinal round.

In the **Championship Flight**, District 2 (Ontario: Jacob Freeman, Daniel Lavee, Bruce Zhu, Darren Wolpert, John Carruthers, Martin Kirr) battles D24 (NYC: Robert Blanchard, Sam Lev, Fred Chang, Adam Wildavsky, Daniel Lev, Michael Polowan).

District 19 (British Columbia/Washington: Michael Roche, Daniel Lyder, Michael Hargreaves, Dan Jacob, Bryan Maksymetz) plays D25 (New England: Harrison Luba, Walter Lee, Zachary Grossack, Adam Grossack, James Streisand, Lewis Gamerman).

District 1 (Quebec: Marc Andre Fourcaudot, Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Zygmunt Marcinski, Kamel Fergani, Boris Baran, Pierre Daigneault) will face District 10 (Mid-South: Bryan Howard, Larry Sealy, Jim Munday, Jim Foster, Richard Oshlag), and District 9 (Florida: Jeffrey Wolfson, David Berkowitz, Kevin Dwyer, Shan Huang, Gary Cohler, Jeff Meckstroth) meets District 16 (Texas: Bart Bramley, Phil Clayton, Ira Hessel, Dan Morse, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold).

In **Flight A**, District 9 (Florida: Juan Castillo, Luisana Madueno, Maris Zilant, Linda Epstein) squares off against District 14 (Great Plains: Eric Hendrickson, Paul Gutterman, Andrew Caranicas, Richard Lawson, Mark Krusemeyer, Robert Schachter), as D21 (San Fran Bay Area: Qiang Zhang, Brian Zhang, Renjun Guo, Ren Wanwan, Jun Shi, Steve Chen) takes on D23 (Los Angeles: W. Reynolds, Lance Kerr, Carol Frank, Randy Howard, Edward Piken, Mark Leonard).

In the other bracket, D16 (Texas: Hua Yang, Yan Song, Danny Feng, Lunhui Lin), plays D19 (British Columbia/Washington: David Taylor, Marty McCune, Paul Schwaighart, Gary Haldane), while District 6 (Virginia/Maryland/DC: Mark Laken, Richard Baum, Joseph Trapani, Barry Ko) takes on District 7 (Southeast US: Nicolas Hammond, Steve Callahan, Edward Foran, David Schulman).

In **Flight B**, District 7 (Southeast US: Cyrus Hettle, Santhosh Karnik, Christian Jolly, Richard Jeng, Shengding Sun, Zhuangdi Xu) plays District 6 (Virginia/Maryland/DC: Richard Bingham, Ryan Connors, Thomas Peters, Ernie Schuler, Adam Gann, Will Colmer), while District 25

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Schedule

See full schedule at acbl.org/naobc.

	Premier KO All flights	Two-Day Pairs All flights	Grand National Teams All flights
Friday, July 16			Quarterfinals
Saturday, July 17		Qualifying sessions	Semifinals
Sunday, July 18		Final sessions	Finals
Monday, July 19	Opening Round		
Tuesday, July 20	Round of 32	IMP Pairs	
Wednesday, July 21	Round of 16	Qualifying sessions	Three-Day Pairs All flights
Thursday, July 22	Quarterfinals	Final sessions	
Friday, July 23	Semifinals	Two-Day Pairs	Qualifying sessions
Saturday, July 24	Finals	Qualifying sessions	Semifinal sessions
Sunday, July 25		Final sessions	Final sessions

GNT Championship Flight Round of 16 scores

1 D2 Freeman	40	77	141	150	2 D1 Fourcaudot	8	40	62	130
16 D18 Findlay	44	52	77	147	15 D12 Fleischman	26	67	93	120
8 D17 Tchamitch	21	37	70	101	7 D7 Fendrick	32	44	101	125
9 D24 Blanchard	28	70	89	119	10 D10 Howard	45	84	103	173
5 D5 Goulding	43	63	82	97	6 D6 Robinson	19	63	86	119
12 D19 Roche	31	93	128	170	11 D9 Wolfson	27	46	94	144
4 D21 Joel	31	68	89	130	3 D16 Bramley	26	74	115	147
13 D25 Luba	50	100	123	153	14 D11 Hinton	39	56	78	110

GNT Championship Flight quarterfinal pairings

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| 1 D2 Jacob Freeman, Daniel Lavee, Bo Han Zhu, Darren Wolpert, John Carruthers, Marty Kirr | 2 D1 Marc-Andre Fourcaudot, Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Zygmunt Marcinsk, Kamel Fergani, Boris Baran, Pierre Daigneault |
| 8 D24 (9) Robert Blanchard, Sam Lev, Fred Chang, Adam Wildavsky, Daniel Lev | 7 D10 (10) Bryan Howard, Larry Sealy, Jim Munday, Jim Foster, Richard Oshlag |
| 5 D19 (12) Michael Roche, Daniel Lyder, Michael Hargreaves, Dan Jacob, Bryan Maksymetz | 6 D9 (11) Jeffrey Wolfson, David Berkowitz, Kevin Dwyer, Shan Huang, Jeff Meckstroth, Gary Cohler |
| 4 D25 (13) Harrison Luba, Walter Lee, Zachary Grossack, Adam Grossack, Jim Streisand, Lew Gamerman | 3 D16 Bart Bramley, Phil Clayton, Ira Hessel, Dan Morse, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold |

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(New England: Brad Mampe, Steven Willner, Jay Tang, Leo Zelevinsky) takes on District 17 (Southwest US: W. Lakin Hines, Jim Wart, Donna Hofer, Kathleen Larson).

In the other bracket, District 24 (NYC: Stefano Merlo, Robert Forster, Christopher Moh, Jordan Lampe) squares off against District 14 (Great Plains: Diane Henson, Larry Henson, Mark Lasoff, David Trevor), as District 18 (Big Sky: Alex Heron Jr., Paul Erikson, Charles Roberts, Jason Dufault) meets District 12 (Michigan: Ching-Po Wang, Xingyu Zhang, Henry Zhang, Yanping Zhang, Tai Chan, Song Lin).

In **Flight C**, District 20 (Oregon: Jon Gassaway, Bruce Backup, Ryerson Schwark, Andrey Dashkov) plays District

16 (Texas: Lilly Justman, Kalyan Venkat, Aaron Denton, Peter Naimoli, Ben Klauder), and District 25 (New England: Guanghao Xiao, Jeff Xiao, Eric Xiao, Weican Xiao, Jianqiao Gu) plays D24 (NYC: Hengrui Xing, Tingran Wang, Jiaheng Hu, Yang Xu).

District 7 (Southeast US: Ron Niu, Ja Mi, Wufeng Luo, Bing Tong, Bindhu Aravapalli) meets District 22 (Southern California: David Liu, Nancy Leonard, James Bechtel, Christian Gilles, Andrew Rowberg, Danning Lu), while District 6 (Virginia, Maryland, DC: Thomas McGlynn, Janet McGlynn, Jim Dickson, Mark Valavanis) battles District 13 (Chicago area: Henry Shi, Zhijing Tang, Li Miao, Zhiqiang Hu).

GNT Flight A Round of 16 scores

1 D9 Castillo	57	89	142	142	2 D7 Hammond	16	52	95	116
16 D3 Shaye	6	33	55	w/d	15 D24 Cable	27	33	85	112
8 D19 Taylor	31	66	110	126	7 D5 Howard	17	33	60	100
9 D4 Bell	10	29	54	103	10 D23 Reynolds	4	52	80	106
5 D21 Zhang	23	59	129	182	6 D6 Laken	27	69	95	149
12 D22 Hartin	18	32	61	83	11 D15 Chan	11	40	79	104
4 D25 Chen	10	41	61	84	3 D16 Yang	10	67	106	164
13 D14 Hendrickson	40	49	69	101	14 D13 Karas	40	43	73	109

GNT Flight B Round of 16 scores

1 D7 Ga. Tech Wreck	28	86	129	183	2 D12 Wang	27	64	90	169
16 D8 Ashbrook	10	44	52	91	15 D17 Couchman	32	69	100	114
8 D6 Kelley	20	32	46	55	7 D18 Heron	38	63	94	137
9 D6 Bingham	37	53	80	98	10 D3 Linnemeyer	9	31	64	90
5 D17 Hines	16	47	65	101	6 D14 Henson	22	61	94	157
12 D21 Xie	44	56	70	98	11 D19 Hong	25	52	83	109
4 D25 Mampe	50	83	120	161	3 D21 McWilliams	41	53	70	108
13 D11 Koralewski	42	73	112	122	14 D24 Merlo	28	68	94	144

GNT Flight C Round of 16 scores

1 D20 Gassaway	71	124	164	211	2 D21 Ge	36	78	100	117
16 D17 Williams	22	37	69	81	15 D22 Santa Barbarians	20	39	72	123
8 D16 Justman	29	74	105	141	7 D15 Mingola	21	34	67	88
9 D24 Wagner	18	38	56	81	10 D7 Niu	50	84	95	151
5 D24 Xing	28	63	97	136	6 D13 Shi	14	56	84	92
12 D4 Fong	26	39	56	74	11 D18 Guo	13	25	40	80
4 D25 Xiao	30	84	133	133	3 D12 Cao	30	55	79	106
13 D16 Sharma	24	44	63	w/d	14 D6 McGlynn	45	89	118	136

▶ GNT Flight A quarterfinal pairings

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|---|---|
| 1 D9 Juan Castillo, Luisana Madueo, Maris Zilant,
Linda Epstein, Susan Fuller | 2 D7 Nicolas Hammond, Steve Callaham,
Edward Foran, David Schulman |
| 8 D19 David Taylor, Marty McCune, Paul
Schwaighart, Gary Haldane | 7 D23 (10) W. Reynolds, Lance Kerr, Carol Frank,
Randy Howard, Ed Piken, Mark Leonard |
| 5 D21 Qiang Zhang, Brian Zhang, Serena Guo,
Wanwan Ren, Jun Shi, Steven Chen | 6 D6 Mark Laken, Richard Baum, Joe Trapani,
Barry Ko |
| 4 D14 (13) Eric Hendrickson, Paul Gutterman,
Andrew Caranicas, Richard Lawson,
Mark Krusemeyer, Robert Schachter | 3 D16 Hua Yang, Yan Song, Danny Feng,
Lunhui Lin |

▶ GNT Flight B quarterfinal pairings

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| 1 D7 Cyrus Hettle, Santhosh Karnik,
Christian Jolly, Richard Jeng,
Shengding Sun, Zhuangdi Xu | 2 D12 Ching Po Wang, Xingyu Zhang, Henry
Zhang, Yanping Zhang, Tai Chan, Song Lin |
| 8 D6 (9) Rick Bingham, Ryan Connors,
Tom Peters, Ernie Schuler, Adam Kind,
Will Colmer | 7 D18 Alex Heron, Paul Erickson, Charlie Roberts,
Jason DuFault |
| 5 D17 Lakin Hines, Jim Wart, Donna Hofer,
Kitty Larson | 6 D14 Diane Henson, Larry Henson, Mark Lasoff,
David Trevor |
| 4 D25 Brad Mampe, Steve Willner, Jay Tang,
Leo Zelevinsky | 3 D24 (14) Stefano Merlo, Robert Forster,
Christopher Moh, Jordan Lampe |

▶ GNT Flight C quarterfinal pairings

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|--|---|
| 1 D20 Jon Gassaway, Bruce Backup,
Ryerson Schwark, Andrey Dashko | 2 D22 (15) David Liu, Nancy Leonard, Jim Bechtel,
Christian Gilles, Andrew Rowberg,
Danning Lu |
| 8 D16 Lilly Justman, Kalyan Venkat,
Aaron Denton, Peter B Naimoli,
Benjamin Klauder | 7 D7 (10) Ron Niu, Ja Mi, Wufeng Luo,
Wenjun Liu, Bing Tong, Bindhu Aravapalli |
| 5 D24 Hengrui Xing, Tingran Wang, Jiaheng Hu,
Yang Xu | 6 D13 Henry Shi, Zhijing Tang, Li Miao,
Zhiqiang Hu |
| 4 D25 Guanghao Xiao, Jeff Xiao, Eric Xiao,
Weican Xiao, Jianqiao Gu | 3 D6 (14) Tom McGlynn, Janet McGlynn,
Jim Dickson, Mark Valavanis |

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

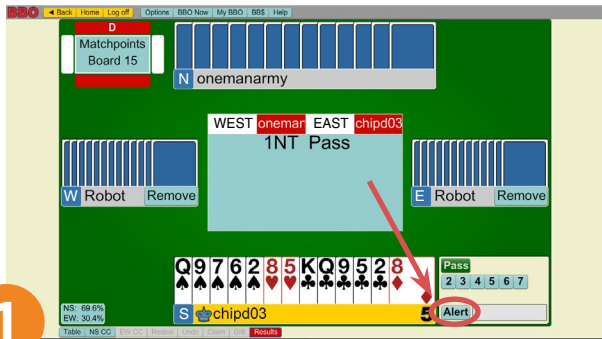
Entry Fees

Per player per session:
GNTs: Free
NAOBC+ events: \$20
NAOBC events: \$17
Regional events: \$15



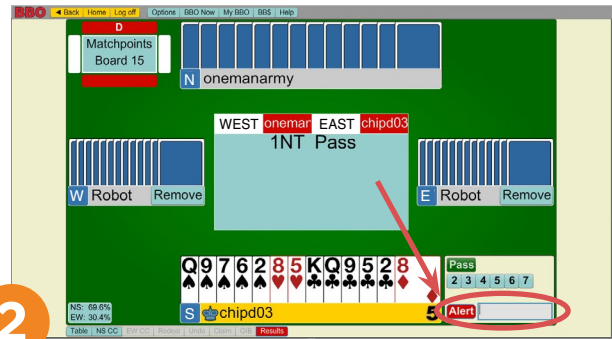
BBO Help Desk - How to Alert your bids

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.



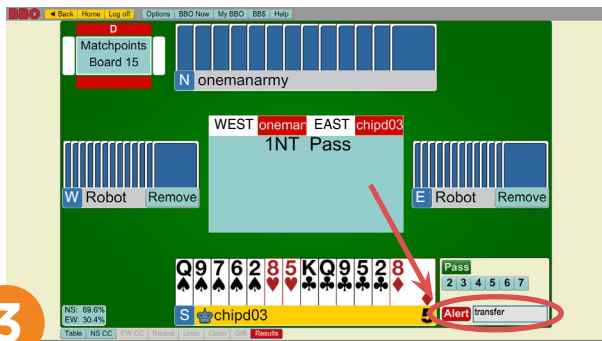
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It's your turn to bid, and you realize the call you're about to make requires an Alert. In this case, partner has opened 1NT and you want to transfer. Before doing anything else, click the Alert button.



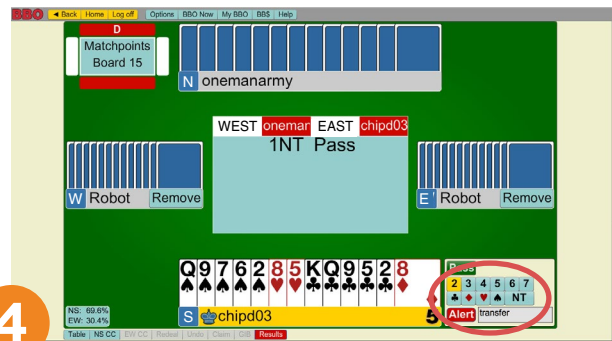
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The Alert button will turn red and a cursor will appear. Type an explanation for your call here. You can also fill in the explanation later by clicking on your bid after it appears in the auction diagram.



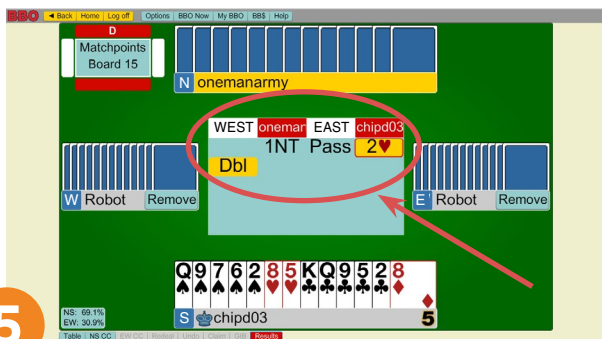
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After you have entered your Alert and explanation, you are ready to select your call. Once you bid, it's too late to Alert. Select the level of your bid.



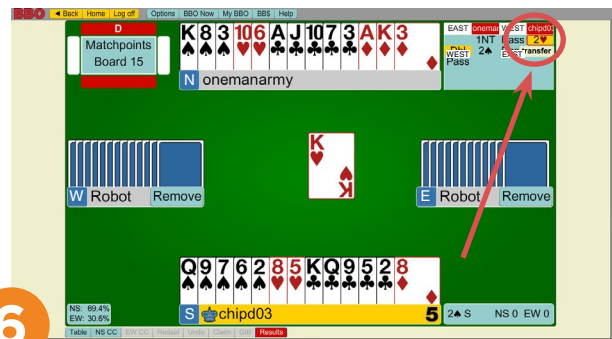
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Next, select the appropriate strain. In this case we bid 2♥ to transfer to spades. Note: Since January, you say "spades" rather than "transfer" to explain.



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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.



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During or after the auction, you can hover over any call 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.