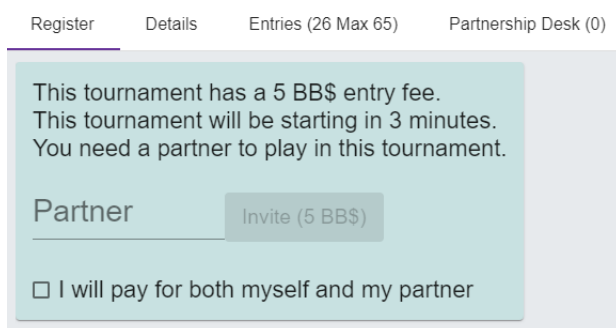


# TBC-V club partnership desk

This feature is built into BBO. If you are interested, follow these instructions to make yourself available to partner with someone else who may be looking or put your name on the available list.

## Finding the partnership desk

Once on BBO, proceed as usual through Competitive then ACBL Virtual Clubs. Once there, find TBC and click the tournament name at which point a screen similar to the following will appear:



The screenshot shows a web interface with four tabs: "Register", "Details", "Entries (26 Max 65)", and "Partnership Desk (0)". The "Partnership Desk" tab is active. Below the tabs, a light blue box contains the following text: "This tournament has a 5 BB\$ entry fee.", "This tournament will be starting in 3 minutes.", and "You need a partner to play in this tournament." Below this text, there is a label "Partner" next to a text input field. To the right of the input field is a button labeled "Invite (5 BB\$)". At the bottom of the box, there is a checkbox with the text "I will pay for both myself and my partner".

## Finding a partner or making yourself available

This is the same place you may have been before to register for a game. Click **Partnership Desk**. The screen showing next lists one person looking to partner up. Most of the time you will find yourself looking at a blank screen:



The screenshot shows the "Partnership Desk (1)" tab active. At the top, there is a header bar with the username "skg1943con2" and a button labeled "Invite (6 BB\$)". Below this, the main area is divided into four quadrants by a light blue line, with red numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 in each quadrant. At the bottom, there is a light blue box with the text "Add your name" and two buttons: "I will pay for only myself" and "Partner must pay for me".

A tour of this screen is warranted:

1. Shows the BBO username of a person looking
2. Shows how much it costs to play with this person
3. Click if you wish to add your name to the list but only pay for yourself

4. Click if you wish to add your name to the list, and are telling someone who chooses to play with you that you expect that person to pay for you as well

Whatever you decide, your name will be added to the list of available players. Next is how to find out when deciding whether to choose a player for a partner, whether you will pay for one or both of you.

### Asking someone to partner with you

If you see a BBO username looking for a partner, before you ask the person to play with you, click the BBO username and another window will pop up showing that person's name and skill level

Many players do not enter a name in their profiles, so it is possible that you may decide not to play with that person. If you are happy to play together, when you ask to play, that person will receive an invite which can be accepted or refused.

### Being asked by someone else

If someone picks you to play with, you will be sent an invite to accept or refuse. If you recognize the BBO username of the person asking, accept the invite. If you do not recognize you can either

- Refuse the invitation
- Accept the invitation, understanding that there is “no way out” once accepted

### Caveat of choosing a partner

Suppose player *xwhyzee* is looking for a partner and the text **Invite (6 BB\$)** is beside the username. This means one of the following:

1. The cost of the game is 3 BB\$ and the person expects you to pay for both
2. The cost of the game is 6 BB\$ and the person will pay own registration fee

The next question is “How do I know?” Back up to the registration tab and check on the game fee, for example:

The screenshot shows the BBO registration interface. At the top, there are four tabs: "Register", "Details", "Entries (35 Max 60)", and "Partnership Desk (0)". The "Register" tab is selected. Below the tabs, a light blue box contains the following text: "This tournament has a 6 BB\$ entry fee.", "This tournament will be starting in 2 minutes.", and "You need a partner to play in this tournament." Below this text, there is a "Partner" label next to a text input field. To the right of the input field is a button labeled "Invite (6 BB\$)". At the bottom of the box, there is a checkbox with the text "I will pay for both myself and my partner".

That would tell you that the example shown above means you will only be paying for yourself. Suppose the **Register** says the game is 3 BB\$ and the cost to play with that person says 6 BB\$ ... that means you will be paying for both.