

JSOB Mentor/Mentee Program

Mentee Guidelines

Introduction:

The JSOB Mentoring Program is designed to help individuals who have not yet achieved Life master status improve their bridge skills. The program provides a wonderful opportunity to increase a developing player's skill in all facets of the game by working and playing with a more experienced partner (Mentor) in an Open play environment.

The Primary Objectives of the program are:

- To provide a safe learning environment so that developing players can gain comfort and confidence while playing in a highly competitive environment.
- To help the Mentee develop their game - to teach and instill sound bridge fundamentals and judgement in bidding, defense, and play of the hand.
- To aid and facilitate the transition of players to the open section.
- To teach and model bridge ethics and etiquette.
- To help developing players meet their bridge goals.

There are general requirements that apply to all individuals enrolled in the program as well as some specific requirements depending on the number of years in the program, all of which are indicated below.

General Requirements:

1. The program period is from January 1 through December 31.
2. A mentee must be a current paid member of JSOB.
3. In order to participate, a Mentee must have no more than 500 masterpoints and not have attained Life Master status by Jan 1.
4. You should be able to play with your Mentor once a month, or a minimum of 10 times during the year. Any month missed may be made-up during the program year as schedules allow.
5. Mentees must arrange play with their Mentor at a time that is convenient to their Mentor.
6. In addition to the times you play with your Mentor, you must play at least an additional 12 times per year at JSOB (significantly more for second and third year participants). Tournaments and Chat bridge are not included.
7. Your full commitment will enable you to have a successful year in the program.

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Additional Specific Requirements:

- 1st year: A desire to improve one's game
 Open to learning new concepts, conventions, and strategy
 A desire to play bridge on a regular basis (2+ times week) as schedules allow.
 In addition to the 1 game/month with your mentor, you are encouraged to play at least 1 additional game/month in the open game at JSOB.
- 2nd year: Must have played at least 12* times in the Open section in the prior year that were not Mentor/Mentee games.
 A strong desire to improve ones game
 An interest in transitioning to the open play environment
 A willingness to put in extra effort to learn and apply what is being taught
 A desire to play against stronger competition and in local tournaments
 In addition to the 1 game/month with your Mentor, you play at least 2-3 additional games/month (30/yr) in the open game.
- 3rd year : Available for those starting the program prior to 2020

 Minimum 75 Masterpoints
 Must have played at least 12 times* in the Open Section in the prior year that were not Mentor/Mentee games.
 A strong desire to improve ones game
 A strong willingness to put in extra effort to learn and apply what is being taught
 A strong desire to transition to the open play environment
 In addition to the 1 game/month with your Mentor, you play at least 2-3 additional games/month (30/yr) in the open game.
- 3rd year: Available for those who have fully transitioned to Open section
(Alt.) (Dependent on Mentor availability)

 Less than 500 masterpoints and NLM
 Must play regularly at club (typically 2x/wk)
 Must have played in 3 different sectionals/regionals during prior year
 (STAC games do not count)