

Causeway Coast Bridge Club

Playing in a Tournament

Registering for a Tournament

1. Registration for a tournament should be open 2 hours in advance
2. Both members of a partnership must be logged on to BBO for registration to be successful. It is advisable that partnerships decide a time when both will be online and which member is to perform the registration
3. The member not performing the registration just has to log on to BBO and wait in the Main Bridge Club for an invitation to play. **NB do not go to 'Casual' area**
4. The member doing the registration should:
 - a. Logon to BBO and go to 'Virtual Clubs'
 - b. Click on 'CBAI & NIBU – Ireland'
 - c. Look for pending tournament for Causeway Coast BC
 - d. Click on the tournament description; a registration form will appear
 - e. Type in your partner's BBO Username and click invite. Your partner will get a notification which they must accept to complete the entry.
5. Both you members of the partnership can logout but should login again about 10 minutes before the start of the tournament.
6. When the tournament starts you will automatically be taken to your seat.
7. Tournaments will normally be 14,16 or 18 boards with a time allowance of 8 minutes per board

Playing

8. This 10 minute video gives a good introduction to playing on BBO:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MldFbBdea90>
9. Alerting; in online play you alert your own bids – this can be seen by the opposition but not by your partner
10. To alert a bid press the Alert BEFORE you make your bid. You can type a short explanation in the box next to the alert button – e.g. tfr if a transfer bid
11. You can ask for the meaning of an opponent bid by clicking on the bid in the auction box
12. To clear a box from the screen click in it
13. If you have any problems the call director tab is within the 3 horizontal bars top right or left of the table.
14. This box also contains an undo request. Use this if you misclick. The opponents can accept or reject your undo request. Please accept in most cases. Unfortunately, this will not work in the passout seat. To avoid undos switch on 'Confirm Bids' and 'Confirm Plays' in your account settings
15. At the bottom left of the playing area there is a claim button. If you know you are going to make or lose a definite number of tricks, use this as it speeds up play. Both opponents have to click the yes button to agree within a certain amount of time or the claim is rejected, and play continues.
16. If your screen freezes or unwanted boxes pop up which you can't get rid of, log off and log straight back on again. The programme will automatically take you back to the table you were playing at.

17. Once all tables have finished you will move on to the next round. But it will automatically move you on when time runs out, even if you haven't finished playing the board
18. Don't worry about this, your host will assign a score based on what tricks you already have and the projected result by double dummy analysis
19. Chat; to chat to the table click in the box at the bottom of the screen, enter your message and <Return> . You cannot chat solely to your partner.

Paying to Play

After the first 3 free tournaments BBO require a fee of \$BBO2 (about £1.60) to be paid by each player

To pay for events players need to open a BBO account and deposit some money in it via PayPal or a Debit/Credit card. It is possible to auto-renew, ensuring one won't be deprived of a game, being out of credit.

To register you need to go to the BBO main site - You cannot do so directly from a tablet app, but can do so on a tablet using the web browser.

At the top of the screen at the right is BB\$. Click on this and follow the instructions. Alternatively follow this link:-

<https://www.bridgebase.com/purchase/pay.php>

Refer to the club website bridgewebs.com/uuc/ for latest news, results and information