

## VBA Bridgebase Online Tournament

### Prerequisites

- To play in VBA online tournaments, you should be familiar with the way BBO works.
- You will have created a BBO username and password, and have had at least some experience.
- You will understand about:
  - Chat – how to communicate in BBO with:
    - the table
    - the opponents
    - others such as the tournament director
  - Alerting – you must alert all of your artificial bids, below 3NT

### Protocols

- Number one – these games are supposed to be fun. Make them so for your opposition. We will not tolerate unpleasant behaviour
- Please please please make sure your BBO profile has *at least* your first name, so we know who you are. Remember that these are private games among friends. We will start publishing results soon and we need to be able to say who you are, not just **ABC49**.
- No robots allowed – we are doing this to bring people together – play with a person!
- No kibitzers allowed
- Play as smoothly and quickly as you can – always watch the clock

### Playing a VBA Online Tournament

- VBA Matches become active for registration 2 hours before starting time
- Login in to BBO.
- Click on **Competitive** You will see the following:



- Select **Free Tournaments**

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- You will see a list of Pending, Running and Completed tournaments.

Host	Title	Type	Start	Entries	Entry Fee
BBO	Free Super Sunday Daylong (Mar 29)	Individual	Running	22757	Free
BBO	Express - Free Automated Fun #9951	Individual	3	51	Free
Kengamble	Pairs Santa Cruz Bridge Club #9769	Pairs	3	6	Free
BBO	Express - Free TCR 90 Automated Fun #9963	Individual	7	0	Free
AnnC8	Pairs Lion and Lambs Goulash #9064	Pairs	23	46	Free
vic bridge	Pairs VBA Monday Pairs 30/3 #9338	Pairs	26	14	Free
beamnd	Ind. CamBridge #9782	Individual	27	6	Free
pottsca	Ind. LBC&Friends Individual #9102	Individual	27	2	Free
vacb238899	Pairs PBC Sun test #6588	Pairs	27	0	Free
cods3003	Pairs WBC Monday 20200330 14-00 #9416	Pairs	85	3	Free
rockstar1	Pairs Sunday Night Foulash in the Rockies #9401	Pairs	86	3	Free
aledbrook	Pairs Townsville Members only #6271	Pairs	112	0	Free

- All of the VBA tournaments will be hosted by a user called 'Vic Bridge'
- You can see this ID followed by the title of the game. This will always have VBA in the title.
- Games will not appear in the pending list until 2 hours before they are due to start.
- When you find our game, click on it and you will see:

This is the registration screen for pairs events – you need to register your partner's ID here

- If you do not have a partner, you can add your name to the **Partnership Desk**

- Once you have registered with your partner, check the **Entries** tab to make sure your names are there.
- Next, sit back and wait for the tournament to begin, which it will do automatically, and take you to your seat.

## While playing...

- Claim whenever you can – the clock is ruthless and we are reluctant to adjust scores on boards where you simply run out of time. It is *everyone's* responsibility to make sure this happens. Please call the director if you feel things are getting away from you.
- Alert all of you own artificial bids up to 3NT by typing an explanation of the bid before you click on it. Your partner is not able to see what you type when you explain your bid.

The following link is useful if you encounter problems <https://www.bridgebase.com/help/v2help/>.