

Bring Your Grand Child To Bridge Day:

Some facts to consider when deciding what day to run your BYGCTB day:

1. **The younger players:** We would encourage any player who is at school. YES... as young as 5!
Why? The day isn't just about Bridge, it is about having fun, spending time with grandparents and enjoying cards. *Most extracurricular activities are decided by age 6.*
2. **The older players:** Get a good feel for the age variety when signing them up. This will allow your teacher to plan better for the day knowing what the ranges of ages / experience are. You are considered Youth until the age of 26! However, for grandkids over 18 you might want to consider a separate session.
3. **Name Tags:** it is just good practice and will really help out the teacher
4. **Week Day in Holidays:** family dynamics have changed, grandparents are taking on more family responsibility particularly during holidays when parents can't get leave from work. Also for families that live away from grandparent's school holidays is a lovely time to take a holiday. After a number of surveys we have run a successful day on a week day of school holidays and would encourage clubs to use this as a starting point.
5. **Saving money:** We recommend fun activities to break up the card play and lesson if you are running a full day – especially if you have a young crowd.
 - To save money, why not ask children under 13 to bring a cling wrap / alfoil box? Then they can wrap them (so spikes don't get them) then colour in and turn into a card holder?
 - You can ask Grand Parents to bring Allergy free food to save on catering
 - You can run the session yourselves if you have a teacher in the club with a current working with children certification.
6. **Cost:** Our recommendation is to charge: (most holiday activities are a lot more money)
 - a. \$20 for 1 child – includes lunch
 - b. \$35 for 2 children – includes lunch
 - c. \$50 for 3 children – includes lunch
7. **Time:** We recommend a simple format if you are able to have the whole day.
 - a. **Example format:**
 - 10:00** Introduction, ice breakers, what is AKQJ10 (number order)
 - 10:30** Trick taking game – no bidding
 - 11:00** 2 Player Bridge – basic bidding – say what suit you have (choose trumps)
 - 11:20** morning tea
 - 11:45 – split into 2 groups if enough (younger / older)**
 - Make your card holder** for those who need (aim younger age group)
 - Introduce Majors / Minors – no fit NT**
 - 12:15** – Recap morning session; what is after lunch
 - 12:20 – LUNCH** (be aware of allergies)
 - 1:00 Game** - Burn off energy from lunch
 - 1:10 Build on 2 player** – basic bridge with 4 players
 - 1:40 Mini tournament with travellers** on the back (if you have at least 3 full tables)
 - 2: 15 Toilet / Snack break**
 - 2:30 Complete mini tournament**
 - 2:50 Snacks** while giving out attendance certificates.
 - 3: 00 Conclude day:** “if you enjoyed this you can do formal lessons”

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