

Tip and Tricks for BBO

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Account Profile Tips:

1. You can get to your Account Profile by select the Account Tab,
2. This is where you can change your password.
3. Put in your real name (optional) so your friends will know who you are.
4. Suggested Skill levels
 - Beginner 0-50 MPs
 - Intermediate 50-500 MPs
 - Advanced 500-5000 MPs
 - Expert 5000+ MPs
5. To setup your Convention cards use the Convention Card Tab.

People Tips:

1. Select the People Tab to manage your Friends.
2. Add a Friend by putting their BBO user id in the Add Friend box at the bottom.
3. You can toggle at the bottom to see your online friends (preferred) or all your friends.

Playing Tips:

1. The round clock above the Board number, tells you how many minutes are left in the round. When it reaches zero, the round is over. Either the computer will assign you a result (normally) or the director will assign you a result. You don't need to worry about it. If there is not enough time after you finish 2 boards to play the third board, you will not be presented with your third board, and will receive an average (50%).
2. The colors around the Board number indicate the Vulnerability. The top and bottom indicate your vulnerability, the left and right, the opponents vulnerability. Note, this doesn't indicate your direction. Even though your vulnerability is the top and the bottom, you may be East/West or you may be North/South. The vulnerability is also indicated in the bidding area by the color of your direction letters (red=vul, white=not).

3. When it is your turn to bid or play, your User ID will appear in Yellow.
4. If you are declarer, when your partner is Yellow, it is your turn to play from dummy!
5. You must self-alert or self-announce your own bids. You should key in your explanation BEFORE you bid or it will be too late. Do not say Bergen, say 4+hearts (or spades) and LR. If you forget, you can chat but do not chat to the TABLE. In the CHAT area click on TABLE and select OPPONENTS and explain your bid.
6. Assume your partner has alerted and alert any of your bids, if necessary.
7. When you know you have all the remaining tricks, you should claim using the CLAIM button.
8. If you want to review the bidding at any time, you can click on the contract that shows under the board number. While not legal in normal duplicate, it is allowed on BBO.
9. There is an area with 3 solid parallel white lines. Clicking on these lines allow you to:
 - a. See the Opponents Convention card
 - b. See your Convention card
 - c. Call the director

History Tips:

1. Select the History Tab to review and replay hands you have recently played.
2. If you are currently playing a tournament, the hands you have played so far will appear.
3. If you are returning to review previous tournaments, then your recent tournaments will appear under Recent Tournaments. Select the tournament you want to review.
4. Select the Board you want to review or start with Board 1. The bidding will appear in the center of the window. You may have to scroll up to see the start of the bidding.
5. Actions you can perform (at the bottom of window):
 - a. Next Trick – Shows you the play of the next trick.
 - b. Previous Trick – Shows you the play of the previous trick.
 - c. Next Deal – Moves on the next deal.
 - d. Previous Deal – Returns to the previous deal
 - e. Other Tables – Shows the results of the play at the other tables in the tournament. You can select one of these tables and then review how the hand was bid and played at that table.