Topic 2: BBO User Tips

How do I fill out my convention card?

You need a convention card filled out. In order to do this, log on to BBO. On the right hand side of the screen, you will find a vertical tab called "Account." Select it. Next, at the top you will find a tab called "Convention Cards." Select this tab. You can then fill out a convention card. At the top of the convention card is a line where you can put a partner's username. Put your partner's user name here. This card will now be automatically selected when you play with them! You can edit any convention card on file in this way as well. Bridge Base provides a number of stock convention cards (Standard American, 2/1, etc) if you want to use one of those. You and partner will be using the same convention card.

How do I alert a bid?

Alerting bids on BBO works a little differently than at the club. On BBO, we alert our OWN bids! This is done by clicking on the alert button in our bidding box. There is a little line where we can type out the meaning of the bid. When we alert, partner never gets to see! Only the opponents see the alert. Please do not explain bids in the text window for the table.

How do I call the director?

When playing, you will see three white bars in a blue box to the left side of the screen. Click on this box and you can call the director. When you do this, I get an alert and I will go to the table and see what's going on. You can chat with the director using the table chat box or you can send me a private message if you don't want anyone to hear you.

How do I see my opponent's convention card?

Click on the blue box with 3 white lines in it. One of the options will be to see either the NS convention card or the EW convention card.

My opponents asked what our carding is. How should I tell them?

The best way to do this is to send the opponents a private message so partner doesn't see it. At the bottom of your screen there will be a chat window with a blue box that says "… Table." Click on it and select "… opponents". This will allow your opponents to see a message that your partner will not see.

You can use the chat window at the table. Common Chat Abbreviations on BBO.

glp = Good Luck Partner
typ = Thank You Partner
sp = Sorry Partner
ntp = Nice Try Partner
gdo = Good Defense Opponents