

How to Play in the Eastern Iowa Bridge Clubs Online

Be registered on Bridge Base On-Line

Registering on BBO is free:

1. Go to www.bridgebase.com
2. Click on the "Login / Register" button on the far right side
3. Click on the "Become a member" button. Fill in the requested information. Be sure to enter your ACBL number, if you have one. (If you do not have an ACBL number, you will be scored in the A (top) strata.)
4. You will get a confirmation email from BBO. You must click the blue CONFIRM box in the email to be able to log in.

Be at least a little familiar with how to play on BBO.

If you would like to get familiar with BBO, you can play for free via their casual play. You can play with your own partner, or have one assigned to you. Or you can set up your own game with some friends (see the FAQ's). We encourage you to feel comfortable with the BBO software before joining a virtual club game.

Purchase some BB\$ to pay your entry fees.

BB\$ are simply credits that a player may purchase (through the BBO site), and they are the coin of the BBO realm. There are several methods by which one can purchase BB\$ (credit card, PayPal, etc). Information can be found on the BBO site by clicking on the BB\$ tab at the top right of your screen (next to your name) after logging on. We suggest buying them via your browser, as we have been told that purchases through your phone or tablet may include a service upcharge. You can pay separately, or one player can pay for the pair.

Register (preferably with a partner) when the game opens two hours prior to first deal.

1. Log into BBO.
2. Click on "Competitive" under "Play or Watch Bridge".
3. Click on "ACBL Virtual Clubs".
4. Our games will be clearly noted as **EASTERN IOWA BRIDGE**, and shown with one of these Hosts: **VACB269670** (Cedar Rapids), or **VACB148601** (Iowa City).
5. Our games will appear online and will be open for pre-registration beginning two hours before game time

Please see the attached Frequently Asked Questions document. If you have additional questions, please e-mail us at: EasternIowaBridge@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you online. Stay safe!

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