

# ONLINE ETIQUETTE

*Thank you to Director Al Smith for these points.*

On BBO, since interaction with other players at your table is very limited, some suggested online etiquette:

- **Do** post a complete convention card (click Account and Convention cards).
- **Do** be patient. Some hands are hard. It is not slow play when someone takes a little time to think.
- **Do** call the director when there is an issue or quest. That is why we have directors.
- **Do** greet your opponents each round. Click on their BBO names to see their profiles.
- **Do** put your own real name in your BBO profile (click Account).
- **Do** put a system summary and carding in your BBO profile (click Account).
- **Do** compliment your opponents when appropriate.
- **Do** compliment your partner when appropriate *by private chat* (you can chat privately to your partner only after finishing the last board of a round and starting the next round). Even sending a simple “wpp” (that’s “well played, partner”) →Table can seem like gloating.
- **Do** play quickly, be aware of the clock, and claim when you can. If you finish a round with time to spare, that’s a good time to chat.
- **Do** self-alert your own bids.
- **Do** make required announcements, including your agreed range when opening 1NT (yes, even if it’s 15-17), forcing and semi-forcing 1NT responses, and transfers. (Note that transfers should now be announced by naming the target suit.)
- **Do** promptly answer opponents’ queries by typing in the explanation box or chatting →Opponents (not →Table).
- **Do** try to register at least 10 minutes before the game starts.
- **Do not** tell the table or opponents if there is a mis-click. There are no undos. You must play the hand as if you meant to make the bid. If you have an opportunity per your CC to make an escape bid, do so. **If there is a mis-click, Do**, after the hand is completely played, send a chat to the table explaining the mistake. It helps head off controversy.
- **Do not** logoff or leave the table when you finish a round early. This generates an automatic director call and drives the directors crazy.
- **Do not** register in multiple tournaments that will be held in the same time period.
- **Do not** register and then unregister in a game because you think it won’t be bid enough. Many people register in games with only 2-3 minutes left in the registration period.
- **Always** report abuse and when it happens.
- **Always** report outside solicitation to join another game after you have registered.