

Mentor-Mentee (M-M) Season 2023 in Unit 169: Some General Guidelines

Playing bridge with a Mentor is one of the best ways for new players to learn the game and advance in their skill and enjoyment of duplicate bridge. Here are some guidelines on how the M-M Season works:

- **A Mentor** is usually someone with >500 Masterpoints, but this is not essential (e.g., if you've developed good bridge skills and would welcome this role). **A Mentee** is usually someone with <500 Masterpoints, and Mentees must be non-life masters. The M-M Coordinators can help you decide which role is best for you.
- The M-M Coordinators will be signing people up to participate in this program as either a Mentor or as a Mentee. Unless you already have a Mentor (or Mentee) to play with, they'll make the pairings for this upcoming game (1 mentor with 1 mentee).
- Once pairings are made, the Mentor-Mentee pairs are encouraged to play together (if possible) ahead of the December 9 M-M game.
- Mentors should also aim to arrange time to go over the results of a game in Live for Clubs, and see which boards the pair did well, and which ones they did not, and advise on how a better outcome could be achieved on the bad ones.
- M-M pairs should not be regular partnerships; we want people to play with someone new.
- Traditionally, Mentees have offered to pay the game fee for their Mentors since they are investing their time, but this is not a requirement. This is up to the decision of the pair.
- Mentors who have regular partners might wish to coordinate with their regular partners so that both become Mentors for a few games and the Unit M-M game.

Mentor-Mentee Coordinators for Dec. 9, 2023:

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Questions? Ready to sign up? Email or call/text one of the M-M Coordinators!

Note: in early 2024, we plan to announce the regular 2024 Mentor-Mentee Season, which culminates in a big Mentor-Mentee Unit Game in April 2024. This December 9, 2023, M-M game is a recently added 'extra', since the 2023 M-M Season was such a popular event. Hope you will come join the fun!