

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** 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.