

TOPIC 1: Signing up to play and earning points!

How do I find the games at the CBA?

First log in to BBO, then select “Competitive” and finally “ACBL Virtual Clubs.” Our games show up 2 hours prior to the start of the event. Key in Charlotte in the search field or look for a game called something like this:

VACB254920 Charlotte Mon 12:30 PM Open Pairs (This is Monday Open Pairs)

VACB254920 Charlotte Wed 12:30 PM Open Pairs (This is Wednesday Open Pairs)

VACB254920 Charlotte Fri 12:30 PM 499er Pairs (This is Friday 499er Pairs)

VACB273748 7NT + Charlotte Sat 12:30 PM 299er Pairs (This is Sat 299er Pairs)

How do I sign up?

Select the game you want to play in. Your partner **MUST** be online and logged in to their BBO account at the same time you are. Only one of you signs up. Enter your partner’s user name and register. Partner will receive an invitation which will pop up on their screen. The cost is \$6 per game. Once you are registered, you don’t have to stay on BBO. You and partner can come back 10 minutes prior to the game and you will be automatically seated at game time. **If you BOTH aren’t back on BBO by game time, you will be automatically dropped and your money will be refunded.**

I tried to sign up but the tournament said it was private. What do I do?

Only players who have played at the CBA in the last year are automatically approved. If you have not played at the CBA in the last year I can manually approve you but I need your BBO username. You **MUST** have some connection to the CBA or live in the area. An unknown pair from Alaska cannot play in a CBA game, for example.

How do I enter my ACBL number?

VERY IMPORTANT. If you do not enter your ACBL number two bad things will happen. First, you won’t get your Masterpoint award from the game. Second, BBO will automatically flight you as an “A-Player.” Avoid this by putting in your ACBL Number! In order to enter your ACBL number, first click on ACBL World. Then click on “Update Your ACBL Number.”

How do I pay for the games?

Games are paid for using BB\$. You can buy BB\$ by logging on to Bridge Base and then clicking on BB\$ at the top of the screen. It will ask for your username, password and then your credit card information. I recommend adding at least \$30 at a time to your account. That way you don’t have to repeat this process too many times. If you like, you can select the option that refills your BB\$ automatically.

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