

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The HBC Mentor Program will provide guidance and direction to mentees and provide mentees with a stress-free way to obtain answers to their bridge questions.

Obligations of Mentor

Interact with the mentee and agree on a convention card appropriate for the mentee.

Be available for advice in person at HBC or by email to answer specific questions.

Play with the mentee at HBC at least three times. HBC will provide each mentor with three free-game cards to use while playing with his or her mentee over the course of the session.

Be cognizant that your mentee is also your partner and make comments, suggestions, etc. only at an appropriate time (either away from the table or after the game).

Provide guidance in an appropriate manner focusing on play of the hand, defense (leads, signals, etc.) and bidding. Reinforce ACBL and HBC zero tolerance culture. Recommend books in the HBC library.

Be appropriate for the skill level of the mentee.

Obligations of Mentee

It is the mentee's responsibility to make the initial contact. We suggest you do this within the first week.

When asking questions, be specific. If the question is about a specific hand, have available the game's hand record or the reference from HBC's website. Make sure you have all the information.

Accept constructive criticism. It is okay to discuss for clarity, but not to argue.

Be reasonable in how often you contact your mentor. Be patient when interacting via email.

Your mentor is donating his or her time. Take suggestions seriously and incorporate your mentor's advice into your game.