

## **How to sign up to be a Bridge Base Online (BBO) user & join the IBA Virtual Club**

The Management Committee has agreed to take up the ABF offer to set up a virtual IBA bridge club, using Bridge Base Online (<https://www.bridgebase.com/>) as the platform. This has been in use by the club since MAY 2020. Many IBA members have already joined and use BBO regularly. If you have not used it before you need to do **four** things:

1. **Get a BBO username** if you are not already playing on BBO by:
  - 1.1. downloading the app (search the app store for BBO) if on iPad or find and bookmark the site on your computer <https://www.bridgebase.com/>;
  - 1.2. Register and set up an account by following the prompts.
  - 1.3. You need a log-in name, a password and a unique USER NAME - make your username as close as possible to your actual name (eg FirstnameLastinitial).
  - 1.4. To play in an IBA session you need to deposit money (BB\$) into your BBO account - it is \$AU5 per game, some of which is returned to IBA via the ABF)
2. **Register your BBO username with the ABF @ [www.abfevents.com.au/forms/signup](http://www.abfevents.com.au/forms/signup).** If you are currently registered with the ABF to receive newsletters, you will need to update your profile and include you BBO username
3. **You can then join any IBA BBO Online session – the times are listed on our website.**

### **Further information re purchasing BB\$'s**

BB\$ are not cash nor are they refundable. They are like game tokens to play. Unused BB\$ will stay in your BBO account for 3 years. However, BBO allows players to transfer BB\$ to another player. The table money fee that you pay to play in these online sessions will return a small percentage to the club.

Because of the bank fees involved, we suggest that you purchase a lump sum (e.g. BB\$30 which covers 10 games) from the BBO payment portal using your credit card.

PLEASE - do NOT purchase them via Apple Pay or Google on your tablet or phone, as these online payment handlers charge large surcharges. Also, do NOT use the Shop tab on your BBO screen on a tablet or iPhone, as this invokes the same large surcharges

If you need any assistance, or further clarification relating to any of the above, please phone any committee member - we are all happy to help.

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Happy bridging and stay safe and well.