

# D16 0-20 Game

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### *Is an ACBL membership necessary? If so, how do I join?*

Yes, and we have great news for you. The ACBL now offers a Guest Membership, which is free for 120 days and only \$29 for a full year after that. Getting one is easy:

1. Go to [www.acbl.org/guest-join](http://www.acbl.org/guest-join).
2. Fill in the blanks and follow the prompts.
3. The ACBL will assign you a player number.

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### *How do I set up a player account with BBO?*

All games are played on Bridge Base Online (BBO). If you haven't yet played on BBO, you will find it to be a nifty platform for online bridge.

1. Go to <https://www.bridgebase.com>.
2. Click on the red "Login/Register" button at top right.
3. Click "Register" in the pop-up dialog box, then fill in the blanks and follow the prompts.
4. Don't forget to add you ACBL number to your BBO profile.

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### *I have an ACBL membership, a BBO username, and less than 20 masterpoints. Am I automatically eligible to play?*

Almost, but not quite. Because a district-wide game like ours is not an ACBL norm, we have to create our own an eligible player list. Your part of the process is very easy:

1. Email our director Kim ([beginner20bridge@gmail.com](mailto:beginner20bridge@gmail.com)) to let her know you'd like to play.
2. In your email, give her your ACBL number and BBO username. She'll take care of the rest.
3. Once you've played in the D16 0-20 Game, you won't ever need to bother with this step again.

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### *I'd like to play. Where can I find the game listed on BBO?*

The first time you look can be a little tricky; after that, a piece of cake.

1. Log onto BBO.
2. On the **Homepage**, under the blue "Play or Watch Bridge" banner, click on "Competitive."
3. On the **Competitive** page, under the green "Tournaments" banner, click on "All Tournaments."
4. On the **All Tournaments** page, locate the tiny "Search" line on the right side of the nameless white stripe near the top.
5. Enter "D16 0-20 Game." The game will appear. (But only some of the time. Please see below.)

Caution: The game won't always show up. It is listed only for the two hours preceding a game, when you can sign up to play, and while the game is in progress.

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### *How do I sign up to play in a game?*

Both you and partner need to have emailed Kim ([beginner20bridge@gmail.com](mailto:beginner20bridge@gmail.com)) well before the game (as described above). By the time you want to sign up for a game, she will have taken care of the preliminaries.

1. Log onto BBO at the same time as your partner. You can do this up to two hours before the game.
2. Find the D16 0-20 Game listing and click on it.
3. You will be greeted by a baby blue pop-up window. One of you fills in partner's BBO username and clicks "Invite."
4. The other of you receives an invitation to play and clicks "Accept" to complete the sign-in process.

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### *How do I pay the game fee?*

You will need to add a few bucks to your BBO bankroll. When you play, BBO will automatically deduct the game fee. Here's how it works:

1. Log onto BBO.
2. On the **Homepage**, click on the blue "BB\$" button at top right.
3. Follow the prompts.
4. Note that BBO can be set up to automatically replenish your account when it gets too low.

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### *I don't always have a partner. How can I find one?*

The tried-and-true way involves personal contact.

1. Talking to your teacher, mentor, or a game director might get you a good recommendation.
2. Letting others know you are looking might connect you with a friend of a friend.
3. Checking your unit website might steer you to one or more leaders whose job it is to help newcomers.
4. You might meet someone in an upcoming face-to-face game.

Keeping your eyes open and ears to the ground will land you a new partner in no time.

Another way is to find a partner online.

1. Click on the D16 0-20 Game listing well before the 4 pm start time.
2. Above the baby blue pop-up window, you will see the "Partnership Desk" tab.
3. Click on it to see if others, like yourself, are seeking a partner for the day.

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*Where can I find the game results and hand records?*

While D16 runs the 0-20 game, it is graciously hosted by the Denton Bridge Studio.

1. For game results, hand records, and hand replays, go to <https://my.acbl.org/club-results/258798>.
2. Glance down the list until you find "D16 0-20 BEGINNER GAME." Everything you want is there!
3. Moving even further down, you will find all previous D16 0-20 Games listed one by one.

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*I have a question that isn't covered here. How can I get it answered?*

Email Kim ([beginner20bridge@gmail.com](mailto:beginner20bridge@gmail.com)). She'll do her best to provide the information you need.

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