

ACBL Unit 502

MENTOR PROGRAM

MENTEE'S INFORMATION SHEET

The mentorship program is designed to match less experienced players with more experienced players so that they may play together and learn from each other. For simplicity, we will refer to the players as the “mentor” and the “mentee”. For you as a mentee it is an opportunity to gain knowledge, confidence and assistance to enjoy your bridge even more.

The commitment is for 6 sessions of bridge and some formal and informational discussion at other times over the next 6 months. You may agree to play weekly, bi weekly or on an irregular schedule. You and your mentor make these decisions together. You can play in any game for which you are both eligible. Regular card fees apply for both mentor and mentee.

There should be a time set aside before and /or after the game to discuss specific hands, bidding, ethics and other problems. Discussions at the table should be minimal and as a courtesy should include the opponents. The mentee should refrain from asking too much at the table. Make a note on your convention card or other paper and discuss it later.

At your first meeting with your mentor, you will need to explore your goals and priorities. These may change as time goes on. After five or six sessions, find a time to discuss your accomplishments and future activities. At the end of the program you may mutually agree to continue the partnership or you may just want to receive occasional advice and support.

Some possible goals you the mentee may choose are:

- To feel more comfortable playing up,
- To mix and get to know more players,
- To understand table etiquette and proper behavior
- To understand directory rulings
- To explore basic conventions,
- To solidify bidding understandings
- To recognize your weaknesses and gain strength
- To recognize your strength and receive encouragement.
- Others

Please note that if your personality does not mesh with that of your mentor, or your mentor is not as helpful as you hoped, you should contact the Mentor Program Chair person so they can help work out a solution or find another match for you.

Thank you for your interest and commitment.