

**ACBL Unit 502**  
**MENTORING PROGRAM**  
**GOALS**

The goals of a Bridge Mentoring Program are the following:

- To help aspiring bridge players become members of the local bridge family
- To help the Mentee improve his/her bridge skills.

**BENEFITS OF A BRIDGE MENTORING PROGRAM**

- Increased social interaction between players of all levels.
- Mentored players are more likely to stay with the game.
- Increased table count at club/unit games.
- Opportunity to house a new event at local tournaments
- Opportunity for the unit to work with the local clubs
- Opportunity for all players to give back to the game.
- Reduces the frustration that comes with learning and playing the game.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MENTEE**

- Respect your Mentor's time.  
Your Mentor will allot sufficient time before the game to fill out a convention card. After the game, your Mentor will discuss difficult hands and other problems that occurred during the game.
- Learn from the information provided by your Mentor.  
Do not be overly sensitive to constructive criticism.
- Show respect for your Mentor's efforts.  
Your behavior and follow-through are how you express respect for your Mentor. Since all human relationships involve some form of conflict, it is possible that you and your Mentor may have basic personality differences. In this case, the Mentor Program Chair will be happy to assign you another Mentor.
- Become a Mentor yourself.  
This may be a requirement of your program.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MENTOR**

- Give your time unselfishly  
Please allow sufficient time in making out a convention card prior to your first game. It is recommended that you start with simple agreements and proceed toward more complex systems as the partnership matures. You should spend a reasonable amount of time discussing the problems that came up during the game. Analyze some of the hands as a learning tool.
- Be willing to share your knowledge and experience.
- Make a commitment to play a certain number of times per month.  
It is recommended that the commitment be to play with your Mentee at least twice a month. This may be a requirement of your program.