

ACBL Unit 502

MENTOR PROGRAM

MENTORS 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”. This program is a venue for you, the mentor, to share your love of the game and your experience and to be part of the growth of bridge in your club or unit.

The commitment is for 6 sessions of bridge and some formal and informational discussion at other times over the next two to three months. You may agree to play weekly, bi weekly or on an irregular schedule. You and your mentee 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 mentor is expected to show a high level of decorum and ethics at and away from the table.

At your first meeting, you will need to explore the goals of the mentee for this partnership. These may change as time goes on. After five or six sessions, find a time to discuss your accomplishments and any future activities. You may mutually agree to continue the partnership or just to be available for occasional advice and support.

Some possible goals the mentee may choose from:

- 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

You may realize that you do not have the knowledge required to be a mentor or that your personality does not mesh with that of your mentee. Please talk with the Mentor Program Chair person to see if a solution can be found or a different match made.

Thank you for your interest and commitment.