

# Teaching Bridge @ Internet

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## General review

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2. **Official training**
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## Why to Use online bridge to practice?

- ✓ Unlimited information- Practicing and improving.
- ✓ Flexible - Can Practice online much more often (almost every day)
- ✓ Less time – more productive!
- ✓ “Guest” Coach
- ✓ Custom hands

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## Official training

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## Description

- ✓ Group of 3 pairs and 2 more extra pairs
- ✓ Coach and NPC – Michael Barel
- ✓ The training program includes:
  - Online training (1-2 matches per week)
  - Face to Face (FTF)
  - Self-working
- ✓ BBO as main part of the Team training
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## Logistics preparation – Before the training

- ✓ CC - Exchange Convention Cards with the opponents before the match
- ✓ Pre-arranged international matches and strong opponents – Coordinating few weeks in advance with other NPC
- ✓ Hands – Amount
- ✓ Scheduling

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## During the match

- ✓ Hand Records
- ✓ Discussing during hands – Finding solutions

## After the tournament - Analyzing all the hands

- ✓ Hand diagrams + Coach comments
  - ✓ Hand discussion
  - ✓ Group/Pair work
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## Additional Training using the Internet

### Playing

“Spontaneous” practice matches

Record hands

Send it to the coach

Download and analysis

### System

Define particular hands

System design

Trying new agreements

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## Advantages

- ✓ The Coach has full control
- ✓ Good matches, Serious training atmosphere
- ✓ All hands are being recorded

<http://www.bridgebase.com/myhands/index.php>

- ✓ Unlimited "bank" of hands
- ✓ "Volume" of practice
- ✓ No logistical limitations
- ✓ There are no excuses why not to train 😊

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## Face to Face training

- ✓ Online practice cannot be a "stand alone" training format.
- ✓ Unique elements for FTF training

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## “Learn to play bridge”

- ✓ Interactive lessons for the beginner
- ✓ Fast learning
- ✓ All the basic bridge elements
- ✓ A very good and easy way for auto-learners

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## “Partnership bidding”

- ✓ Best way for Pairs to practice bidding.
- ✓ Focused on bidding
- ✓ Hand generator
- ✓ Private lesson

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## “Teaching mode”

- ✓ Define table as “teaching mode”
- ✓ The teacher can see all elements of all players
- ✓ The teacher can play in any seat.
- ✓ The lesson can be public - kibitzers
- ✓ Using random hands or pre-dealt hands.

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## “Teaching mode”

✓ In order to train with pre-dealt hands the teacher has to:

1. Open a table in Teaching Mode
2. Choose “movie” (this choice can be made anywhere in the BBO).
3. Build the hands (all 52 cards - must!).
4. Save in a file.
5. Open the table in teaching mode.
6. Uploading the file of pre-dealt hands.

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## Playing

- ✓ Playing at all levels - Easy, free, available 24/7.
- ✓ Practicing with a partner or without.
- ✓ Playing against friends or at tournaments.
- ✓ Possibility of cheating.

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## Non-BBO for the teacher/player

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## The web is full of valuable tools for teachers

- ✓ Interactive online lessons
- ✓ Live forums for all levels
- ✓ Links
- ✓ Practice bidding options
- ✓ Bridge puzzles
- ✓ Free hands generators

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## Unlimited information on the web

- ✓ Building lessons
- ✓ Writing
- ✓ One disadvantage - a lot of incorrect materials out there.

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## Recommended sites

<http://bridgewinners.com>

<http://www.rpbridge.net/>

<http://www.greatbridgelinks.com/>

<http://www.bridge-academy.com/>

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# Thank You

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