

New procedure for entering tournaments from 1st August:

Payments and accounts:

- ♥ Choose between paying BBO directly with a credit card / PayPal account, or carry on paying into The Links account (minimum R750), who will transfer BB\$ into your account. Rate at which The Links will convert \$ will be set each Monday, and will be valid for the week.
- ♥ For a guide to paying BBO directly for \$, go to [https://www.bridgebase.com/help/v2help/bb\\$.html](https://www.bridgebase.com/help/v2help/bb$.html)
- ♥ Each tournament will cost \$2.50.
- ♥ 1 BB\$ = 1 US\$.
- ♥ All paid tournaments between different clubs can be entered and paid for with the same BB\$.
- ♥ Any positive accounts in credit will be converted to BB\$ and transferred to that player's BBO account, unless otherwise requested.
- ♥ Conversions may take several days, so please make any payments as early as possible before 1st August, to ensure a positive BB\$ balance.
- ♥ The Links Teams League will continue at the current entry fee, to be paid separately.
- ♥ Please avoid using the BBO "Shop" within the BBO app, as the cost/\$ is highly inflated.

Entering for tournaments:

1. After logging in, go to "Virtual Clubs".
2. Then "SABF – South Africa".
3. Click on the appropriate Links tournament and enter as usual.
4. The system will ask if you want to pay only for yourself, or you and your partner, or if your partner should pay for both of you. Select whichever would apply.
5. A box will pop up to input your NBO number. If you have a SABF #, fill it in, otherwise leave it blank and accept. You'll now be entered.
6. Please continue to ensure you and your partner are online and waiting 5 minutes before the tournament is scheduled to begin.

Things to be aware of:

- ♥ If you register for a tournament, and are not online for the start and the system deregisters your pair, you or your partner will **not** be charged.
- ♥ As soon as you start a tournament, the entry fee is taken immediately and is non-refundable. Therefore, if you lose connection after having joined the tournament at board 1, and are unable to reconnect, this will be your loss. We therefore appeal to all of you to have backup solutions for internet and electricity, and to check your load shedding schedules accordingly.
- ♥ If you register with a robot, the system does not allow this robot to be substituted for a real player.

Thank you for your continued support!

- The Links Committee ♥