

Here are the steps.

**1. Register with the ABF as a BBO User via this link**

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/forms/signup/>

Via this form you let the ABF know you are a BBO user and what your Username is. This links your BBO identity with your ABF number so that any Masterpoints earned online can be added to your tally.

You can still play in our games without completing this step but will NOT receive your Masterpoints unless you complete this step.

**2. Purchase some BBO\$ on the BBO website.**

Like our sessions at the club, there are table fees associated with these online tournaments. These table fees are paid using BBO\$ (Bridgebase Online dollars),

- BBO\$ are equivalent to US dollars but since players play on BBO from all around the world and need to pay in their own currency BBO\$ are the mechanism by which Bridgebase makes all the currency exchanges work out.
- You buy BBO\$ in multiples of 10.
- 10 BBO\$ will cost you roughly \$16 Aussie dollars and with this amount you can play 2-3 sessions of our online games.
- I suggest that purchasing 10 BBO\$ is a good amount to start with.
- Please note that BBO\$ are NOT REFUNDABLE so don't purchase a large amount.

Our committee will advise final pricing for our online tournaments by the end of the week and I'll update then.

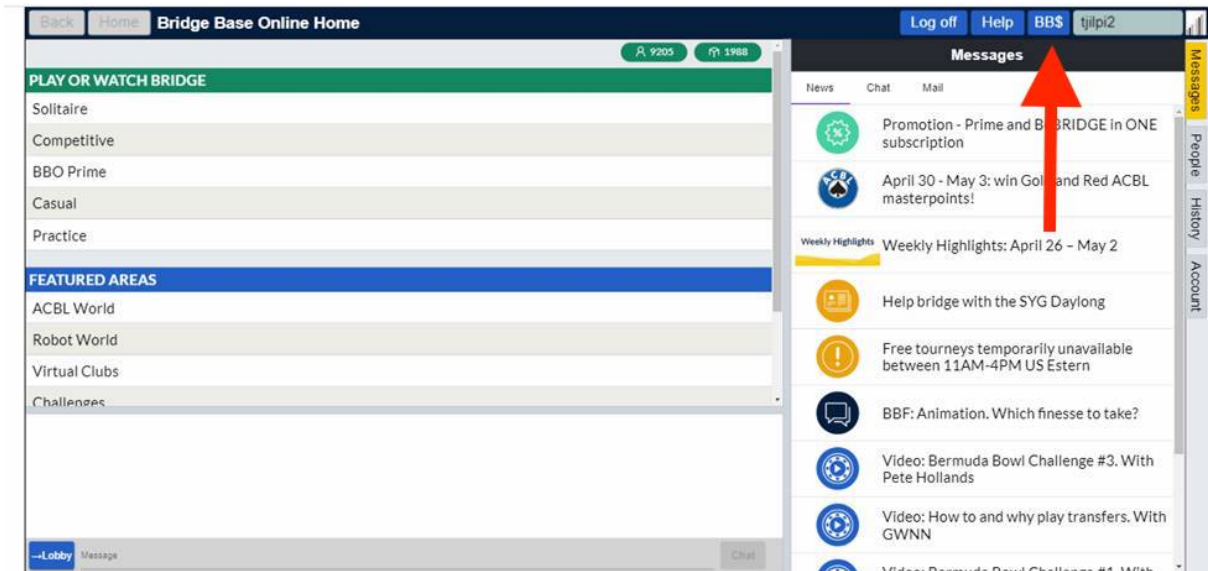
***NOTE : It is recommended that you use a laptop or PC rather than a iPad or tablet to make a purchase of BBO\$ as there are extra fees added when using an iPad or tablet. .***

At the present time, BBO\$ 1.00 will cost about AUD\$ 1.60 via a PC or laptop. However, if purchased on a mobile phone or tablet, the cost of BBO\$ 1.00 rises to somewhere between AU \$ 2.10-2.50.

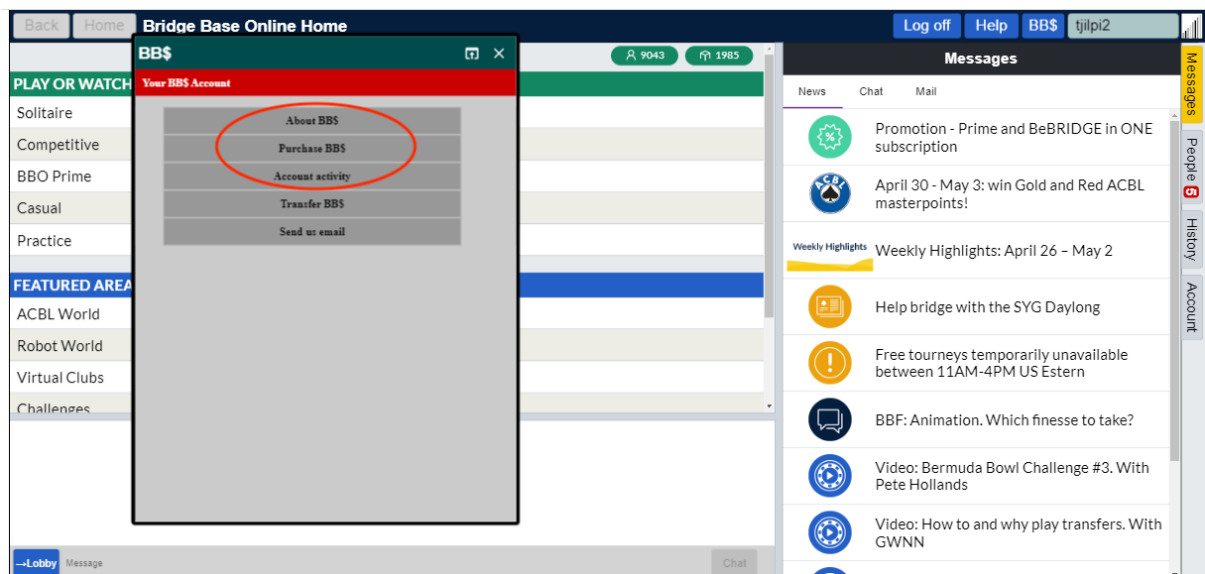
This is not something over which we have any control but just be aware of the difference and make your own decision.

## STEPS TO FOLLOW TO PURCHASE BBO\$

On laptop or computer you purchase BBO\$ by clicking on the blue BBO\$ tab that is situated next to your username in the top right corner of your BBO home screen.



A box titled “BB\$” will appear on your screen – click on the option marked “Purchase BB\$”



Follow the instructions to make your purchase.

You can use a credit card or PayPal to complete the transaction.

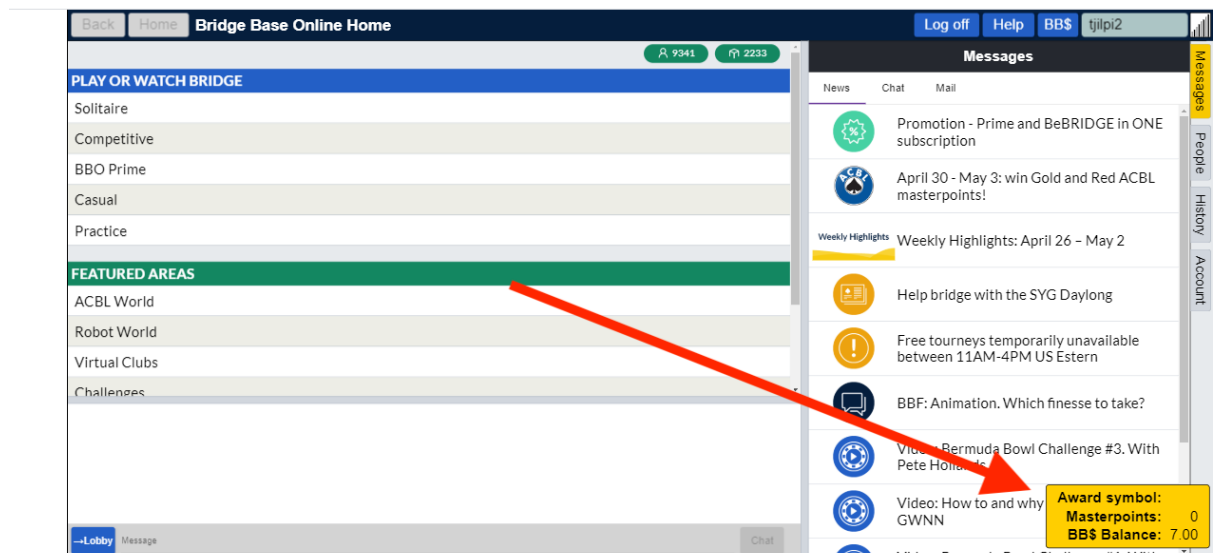
I am not so familiar with purchasing on an iPad or tablet.

You begin by using the button marked “Shop” in the bottom right of the screen. Click on this then choose the amount of BB\$ that you wish to purchase and follow the prompts.

On you make a purchase BBO\$ are added to your user account on BBO and when you enter a paid tournament the amount for the tournament is deducted from your account.

At any time you can check your current balance of BBO\$ by looking in the bottom left of your screen when you first login.

A yellow box which includes BBO\$ balance appears for a short time before disappearing.



These steps get you organised to earn masterpoints and to be able to pay for tournament entry fee.

Once a Rockingham Bridge Club online tournament is organised you need to :

### 3. Register for the Tournament:

To play in the tournament you need to register prior to the tournament beginning.

NOTE : This is different from our recent casual play on BBO in that the Director does not invite you all to tables. Rather you register yourself as a participant.

Registration is open for a tournament two hours before the starting time of the tournament and closes just before the tournament starts.

I have attached a set of instructions to this email which tell you how to register for a Tournament.

The instructions were initially written for a different club to ours but the only difference you need to be aware of is a Point 5 of the instructions. For our tournaments look for name which includes "Rockingham Bridge Club" in the title rather "NSBC".

**Important Notes** – (most of this is in the instructions which you **MUST** read – but I am highlighting some important points)

- Please note that our tournament will be found in the Free Tournament Tab. **Yes I know that sounds strange** – even though it will cost you 3 BBO\$ to play they are listed as Free Tournaments.
- Usually you register with your partner. Both of you need to be online at the time and ONE of you registers your pair. The person not doing the registration will be invited and needs to accept the invitation to be a partner.
- If you don't have a specific partner but want to play you can seek a partner by placing your name at the Partnership Desk (see the instructions).
- We need full tables to play. Unlike regular club sessions there are **no sit outs**. We cannot run a session with part tables so that may mean some juggling or that a pair misses out. I will try not to let that happen but can't guarantee it until we see how it all works. You can help and get a free game by registering as a substitute. Substitutes are invited by the tournament director to fill an empty seat and do not need to pay a fee. If you are willing to be a substitute please let me know and be online at the time the tournament is due to start. PLEASE NOTE – a substitute will not necessarily get to play.