

Being a Youth Bridge Coach

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Who are we going to coach

- ✓ Coach ⇔Teachers
- ✓ Talented Kids
- ✓ International Teams (U16, U21, U26) 4 pairs for each team.



Coaching Youth Model

- √ Face to Face Meetings
- ✓ Internet training
- ✓ Self Work
- √ Youth Camp (Optional)



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Facilities

- ✓ Venue (Usually club), Screens?
- ✓ Skype
- ✓ WhatsApp
- √ Google Doc
- ✓ BBO



"Face to Face" Training



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Monthly Meetings

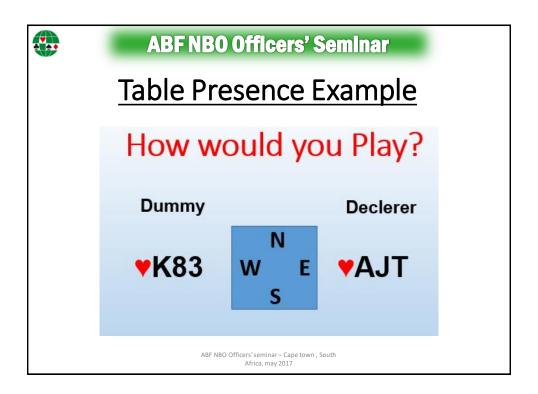
✓ Online practice cannot be a "stand alone" training format.





Monthly Meetings

- ✓ Choose the Venue (Israel is small country)
- ✓ Getting low budget OR volunteers.
- ✓ Playing Duplicated Boards!
- ✓ Analyze the hands with hands record.
- √ Improve the "Table Presence"
- √ Homework!!!!





Internet Training



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Why to Use online bridge to practice?

- ✓ Unlimited hands and useful tools
- ✓ Flexible Anywhere, Anytime
- √ Faster playing more productive!
- ✓ Fully hand record
- ✓ Custom hands Practicing new agreements.



Internet training Model

- ✓ Weekly
- ✓ Analyze with the coach Skype!
- ✓ Matches VS other international team.

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<u>Internet training – Logistics preparation</u>

- ✓ 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 set the amount Amount
- ✓ Scheduling



<u>Internet training - Advantages</u>

- √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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Self work







Self work

- ✓ Playing in the BBO
- ✓ The coach can see the hands.



Self work – Partnership Bidding

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

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BBO

- ✓ Find the hand of your student.
- ✓ Building hands.
- ✓ Save hands.
- ✓ Teaching / bidding table.

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Lets Demonstrate





Youth Camp



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Youth Camp

- √ 3-4 days
- ✓ Can be a camp or meeting in the same place
- ✓ Additional activity



Thank you for listening



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