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)

Facilities

- Venue (Usually club), Screens?
- Skype
- WhatsApp
- Google Doc
- BBO
“Face to Face” Training

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

Monthly Meetings
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✓ 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!!!!

Table Presence Example

How would you Play?

Dummy

♥K83

Declerer

♥AJT
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.

**Internet training – Logistics preparation**

- 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
- Scheduling
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Internet training - Advantages

✔ The Coach has full control
✔ Good matches, Serious training atmosphere
✔ All hands are being recorded
✔ Unlimited "bank" of hands
✔ "Volume" of practice
✔ No logistical limitations
✔ There are no excuses why not to train 😊

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Self work
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✓ Home work - Sets

1. West deals, None vul
   • 3
   • A J 5 4
   • Q 6 5
   • A Q J 9 3

2. West deals, E-W vul
   • K 7
   • A Q 7 4
   • A Q 7 5 3
   • J 6

3. West deals, N-S vul
   • A 5 4
   • K J 4 2
   • J 4 2
   • A 7 2

4. West deals, None vul
   • A 5 3 2
   • 8 5
   • K 6 5
   • K 9 7 4

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Self work

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

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Self work – Partnership Bidding

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

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

Lets Demonstrate

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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