APBF NBO Officers’ Seminar

Being a Youth Bridge Coach

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Who are we going to coach

✓ Coach ↔ Teachers
✓ Talented Kids: “Pisga Projects”
✓ International Teams (Girls, 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

✓ 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!!!!
How would you Play?

Dummy

♥K83

Declerer

♥AJT
Internet Training
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 Amount
✓ Scheduling
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 😊
Self work
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 ✓ Home work - Sets

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Self work

- Playing in the BBO
- The coach can see the hands.
- Special APP – BID72.
Self work – Partnership Bidding

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

✓ Find the hand of your student.
✓ Building hands.
✓ Save hands.
✓ Teaching / bidding table.
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Youth Camp
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- 3-4 days
- Can be a camp or meeting in the same place
- Additional activity
Thank you for listening