

## **BAND Mentor/Mentee Program**

### **Join the BAND Buddy Program Today!**

BAND Mentor/Mentee Program provides partnership assistance for Intermediate/Newcomer players. If you have between 20 and 500 masterpoints, then to be a mentee, you must be a mentor. The following structure will be used to arrange partnerships. You may, however, be placed with players of different levels depending on everyone's schedule.

**500+ Masterpoint Mentors play for free in return for their time as a mentor.**

<b>Mentee</b>	<b>Mentor</b>
0-5	5-20
5-20	20-50
20-50	50-200
50-100	200-300
100-200	300-500
200-500	500+

Mentor/Mentee partnerships must be pre-approved. The Mentor/Mentee partnerships are invited to play in any games in which both players are qualified. This is a six-game commitment assuming you enjoy the experience. See participating details on reverse side.

BAND Team Member Linda Jimmerson is our Mentor/Mentee Coordinator. She will be happy to arrange partnerships and monitor your progress. You may talk with Linda while at BAND or email her at [Mentor@BridgeAcademyofNorthDallas.com](mailto:Mentor@BridgeAcademyofNorthDallas.com). She will need your name, current masterpoint holding, days/times available to play and email/phone number.



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The BAND Mentor/Mentee Program is designed to match less experienced players with more experienced players so that they may play together and learn from each other. For the mentee, this program is an opportunity to gain knowledge, confidence and assistance to enjoy your bridge adventure even more. For the mentor, this is your opportunity to give back to the game we all love. To be a mentee, you must also be a mentor if you have 20 or more masterpoints.

The commitment is for six sessions of bridge and some formal and informal discussions at other times over the next two to three months. You may agree to play weekly, biweekly or on an irregular schedule. You and your mentor make these decisions together. You may play in any game for which you are both eligible. Please present your mentor/mentee punch card each time you play as a pair.

Regular game entry fees apply to all mentees. Mentors with 500+ masterpoints play for free. Mentors with less than 500 masterpoints pay regular entry fees the first five games and play for free for sixth game. Mentors may play up to four games per month with no more than two different mentees.

There should be a time set aside before and/or after the game to discuss specific hands, bidding, ethics and other problems. Discussions at the table should be minimal as a courtesy to the opponents. The mentee should refrain from asking too many questions at the table. Make a note on the convention card or other paper and discuss it later.

At your first meeting with your partner, you will need to explore your goals and priorities. These may change as time goes on. After five or six sessions, find a time to discuss goal accomplishments and any future activities. You may mutually agree to continue the partnership or you may just want to give/receive occasional advice and support.

Some possible goals for the mentee:

- to feel more comfortable playing up,
- to mix and get to know more players,
- to understand table etiquette and proper behavior,
- to understand director rulings,
- to explore basic conventions,
- to solidify bidding understandings,
- to work on fundamental play and defense techniques,
- to recognize your weaknesses and gain strengths,
- to recognize your strengths and receive encouragement,
- others...

Please note that if your personalities do not mesh with that of your mentor/mentee, respectively, you should contact BAND Team Member Linda Jimmerson to help work out a solution or to make a different match.

Thank you for your interest and commitment.

Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_ Mentee: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Finish Date: \_\_\_\_\_