

Introduction to Bridge II Course Outline

This course is suitable for players who have some experience playing rubber bridge and for players who have completed the Introduction to Bridge I course.

November 5 to December 10, 2024

6 weeks, Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 12:00

Cost \$60 (Includes a copy of Bridge Basics 2 Competitive Bidding by Audrey Grant)

Week 1) Overcalls and Advances

- Overcall requirements
 - 1 Level Overcalls
 - 2 Level Overcalls
 - NT overcall requirements
 - Requirement to over call a NT bid
- Advancing an Overcall
- Rebids by Overcaller
- NT Overcalls

Week 2) Takeout Doubles and Advances

- Takeout Double Requirements
- Advancing a Takeout Double
- Rebids by the Takeout Doubler

Week 3) Competitive Auctions

- How to Respond after an Overcall
 - Negative Doubles
- How to Respond after Takeout Double
- Advancing in a Competitive Auction
- Rebidding in a Competitive Auction

Week 4) Pre-emptive Bidding

- Pre-emptive bid purpose
- Pre-emptive bid requirements
- 2, 3, and 4 Level Pre-emptive Bids
- Vulnerability
- Responding to a 2 level pre-empt
- Responding to a 3 level pre-empt
 - Rule of 17
- Pre-empt opener's responses
- Pre-empt Overcalls

Week 5) Conventional Responses to a NT Opening

- Stayman
- Transfers

Week 6) Other Useful Conventions

- Strong 2 Club Opening
- Using a Double to show a strong hand
- Responses to a 2 Club Opening
- Blackwood and Gerber