

Setting Up a Convention Card on BBO

BBO recently changed the settings for ACBL games. Previously, ACBL SAYC was the default convention card if a partnership had not completed a card. Now the default is no card.

If you play regularly with a particular partner, please take a few minutes to set up your convention card. Either of you may do the setup, then share it with your partner. Having a card set up is convenient for you, **and courteous to your opponents**, who can then quickly see your bidding and carding agreements. With the self-alert bidding approach used on BBO, carding agreements are the most commonly checked by opponents.

Silvana Morici has recorded a brief (3½ minutes) tutorial on BBO convention cards [here](#) that covers the main points.

A few tips:

- there are two SAYC cards on the list. The first labelled "ACBL SAYC" is in the familiar format used on our preprinted scoresheets. The second, labelled "SAYC - Standard American Yellow Card" is in a more cryptic format.
- if you and your partner play the "ACBL SAYC" card as it is set up, all you need to do is click on the ACBL SAYC card, and then fill in your partner's BBO username on the "use with partner" line.
- If you would like a blank card to work with, click on the "new ACBL convention card" button. Alternatively, you can edit the ACBL SAYC for your particular partnership agreements.
- when you are playing and would like to see the opponents convention card, just click on the blue "hamburger" button that you use to call the director; if a pair has a convention card set up, there will be a link there to see it.