



Hosting an ABF Teacher Training Workshop

The ABF offers teacher training events around Australia each year to help new bridge teachers prepare for their first lesson and inspire current teachers with new ideas. These free workshops, which are made possible by the ABF and the state bridge associations, aim to provide teachers with the necessary skills to run successful bridge lessons and help with play sessions.

This document outlines everything your bridge club needs to know about hosting a Teacher Training Workshop.

What's involved in hosting an event

Usually, one TTP or CPD workshop is offered per day, with two workshops covered in a weekend, or back to back on weekdays. In the past, single workshops have also been offered in conjunction with a major bridge congress.

The host bridge club provides the premises - a room set up to play bridge. Ideally, the club also provides a microphone for the teacher trainer. There is no need to organise a whiteboard, but if your club has a projector or screen, it may be used to show videos. This is a bonus and is not required.

The host club also organises morning and afternoon teas and lunch. Your state association may reimburse, or contribute to, the cost of providing food and drinks.

The club also nominates an event organiser who will:

- liaise with the teacher trainer to confirm event details
- receive and distribute event flyers and forms
- act as a contact person for attendees if they need to register manually
- coordinate with the teacher trainer to ensure an attendance sheet and feedback forms are printed
- ensure lunch, tea and coffee is available
- keep everything running smoothly on the day, so the teacher trainer can focus on teaching.

ABF Education will provide flyers, Facebook and website listings to promote the event.

Attendees are encouraged to register online so they can receive a reminder email, including materials to download and print, in the lead up to the event.

How to nominate your club as a host bridge club

Bridge Clubs that want to host an ABF Teacher Training workshop must complete the Expression of Interest form available at:

abf.com.au/education/workshops

If it is possible to host a workshop at your club, you will be contacted by an ABF Teacher Trainer to lock in a date.

They will need to confirm the date, club street address, email and phone number for the club liaison and if your club has a Facebook Page that can be used to promote the event.



ABF Teacher Trainers

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ABF Teacher Accreditation Programme

The ABF TAP Curriculum

All ABF Teacher Training Workshops are free to attend and are open to all bridge teachers and players keen to be bridge teachers, or supervisors.

Teacher Training Programme

This six-hour workshop aims to prepare prospective teachers for their first class and to assist experienced teachers with new ideas for their classes. Each Teacher Training Program offers a closer look at teaching methods and presentation and contains resources for beginners, help with play and card play courses.

CPD 1: Competitive Bidding

This four-hour workshop will cover everything teachers will need to deliver a five-lesson course focused on Competitive Bidding. The workshop uses the new Competitive Bidding Teacher Resource Pack materials and covers:

- Overcalls & Responses
- Two-Suited Overcalls
- Overcalls over their 1NT
- Takeout Doubles
- Responding to Takeout Doubles

CPD 2: Defence

In this four-hour workshop bridge teachers learn more about presenting the ideas of defence to their students. Starting with the fact that the defenders are doing the same thing as declarer, the day covers opening leads and signalling methods.

CPD 3: Two Over One Game Force

Two Over One Game Force is a bidding style that refines parts of Standard. It doesn't mean you change your whole system, you just improve parts of it. It's easy to teach, even for new players. Even if you don't play it yourself, this four-hour CPD Day will help you learn more about 2/1 which has become very popular around the world.

CPD 4: Declarer Play

This four-hour workshop focuses on how to teach students the discipline of making a plan, the techniques for making extra tricks, and the order in which they will play their cards. Teachers need to spend more time showing students that bridge is a trick-taking game.

CPD 5: Slam Bidding

Slam Bidding is a job that demands effective tools. This four-hour course demonstrates those tools and the logic behind them. Fit, values, splinters, controls, keycards & high level asking bids are all covered and their logic discussed. ABF Teacher Trainer Ed Barnes will take you through the presentation of these steps, one by one.

CPD 6: Help With Play

This four-hour workshop will help teachers to develop a structured approach to Help With Play sessions. Effective Help With Play sessions are vital for growing bridge club numbers and retaining new members as they transition from beginners lessons to the next stage.

Stay in Touch

ABF Teacher Update

All bridge clubs are invited to join the ABF Teacher Update mailing list. Each month you will receive a newsletter containing teaching news, tips, and announcements. You can find past editions of the Teachers Update in the Stay in Touch section on the website.

ABF Education Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/ABFTeachers

Clubs are encouraged to share photos, news or tips related to bridge education on the ABF Education Facebook Page. This is your place to share club news and to contact other teachers, we'd love to hear from you!

Becoming Accredited

Once an ABF TAP participant gains 65 points, they gain Teacher Accreditation. Both the teacher and their club will be sent a certificate of accreditation and letter from the ABF.

Clubs are encouraged to display the certificates, advertise itself as an ABF Accredited Teaching Club and celebrate their teacher's achievement.

Contact Details

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www.facebook.com/ABFTeachers