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## Mind Sport Course (Level II)

# Becoming Junior Bridge Master (Phase I)

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**Application Deadline**

**14 Aug 12:00 noon**

**Result Release**

**21 Aug 2023**

## Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the programme, participants should be able to:

1. grasp the basic rules of contract bridge and participate in the game at beginner level;
2. engage in auction with simple biddings;
3. play the cards strategically in declarer play or defense;
4. strengthen mathematical ability and logical thinking skills through the study of card combinations;
5. build trust and teamwork with partner and teammates

## ◆ Introduction

Contract bridge is a card game with a long history that originated in England. It is well-known as an elegant mind-sport. It is also an event of Asian Games 2018 and 2023. While Hong Kong team accomplished 2 silver medals and 2 bronze medals in 2018 and is going to participate the Asian Games in 2023.

In the game of bridge, players pair up to compete with their opponents. On the table, North-South players will play against East-West players. Under certain restrictions, the partners could communicate and formulate strategies. It makes the game full of variation and possibility. The game emphasizes the collaboration and communication between the players, individuals' logical thinking and analytical skills, etc.. Unlike other card games, luck is relatively irrelevant in a bridge game. A skillful player could play a poor hand well and lead to good results.

In this course, students will master the fundamental techniques in bridge, develop their interest, learn the etiquette, and build a bridge partnership. Having extensive opportunities to play the games or matches, students will gain practical experience and become a junior bridge master progressively. If you consider yourself with extraordinary mathematical ability, logical thinking skills, and hoping to challenge yourself, contract bridge will certainly bring you to a whole new fascinating world.

The course consists of TWO phases. Phase II tentatively scheduled from Nov 2023 to Feb 2024. For Details, please refer to next page.

## ◆ Schedule

### Phase I

Session	Date	Time	Venue
1	16 Sep	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Room 403, HKAGE
2	23 Sep	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	HKAGE Classroom 27, Buddhist Kok Kwong Secondary School ( <a href="#">Map</a> )
3	7 Oct	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	HKAGE (To be confirmed)
4	14 Oct	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	HKAGE (To be confirmed)
5	21 Oct	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	HKAGE (To be confirmed)
6	28 Oct	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	HKAGE (To be confirmed)
7	4 Nov	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	HKAGE (To be confirmed)
8	11 Nov	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	HKAGE (To be confirmed)

## ◆ Target Participants

- S1 to S4 HKAGE student members in 2023/24 school year
- Class size: 32

This programme is same as Mind Sport Course (Level II): Becoming Junior Bridge Master (Phase I) (S2MSP001C) in 21/22 school year.

## ◆ Certificate

E-Certificate will be awarded to participants who have:

- attended at least 6 sessions; and
- completed all the assignments with satisfactory performance

## ◆ Screening

Please answer the screening question in the online application form.

\*The screening question is designed to help the applicant understands the course level and the course content. The question must be answered by the student applicant and it can only be attempted once. The answer cannot be changed once the application is submitted. Selection is based on students' performance in answering the question. Only students who can demonstrate motivation and the knowledge of mind sport in the screening question can be enrolled in the programme

## ◆ Pre-requisite

No special prerequisites are needed

## ◆ Medium of Instruction

Cantonese with Chinese Handouts

## ◆ Phase II Introduction

In phase II of this course, students will carry out a more in-depth exploration of bidding, declarer play, and defense so that they can gain a solid grasp of contract bridge.

Mathematical ability, logical thinking, and reasoning skills are of utmost importance to secure victory in an ever-changing game. More importantly, communication and trust between teammates are pivotal to success in this team game. Therefore, in addition to mastering techniques in bridge, their interpersonal skills, and self-reflection ability would be improved and learned to put themselves in other positions.

Phase II screening will be according to students' performance in Phase I, capacity is 24.

Students with outstanding performance, may be invited to participate in HKAGE school team that tentatively start from Feb 2024.

### Phase II (Tentative)

Session	Date	Time	Venue
1	25 Nov	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<a href="#">The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education</a>
2	2 Dec	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<a href="#">The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education</a>
3	9 Dec	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<a href="#">The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education</a>
4	16 Dec	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<a href="#">The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education</a>
5	13 Jan	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<a href="#">The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education</a>
6	20 Jan	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<a href="#">The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education</a>
7	27 Jan	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<a href="#">The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education</a>
8	3 Feb	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<a href="#">The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education</a>