World Bridge Tour
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Online Contract Bridge League

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A new beginning

Schedule Today

JANUARY CUP

ROUND 1. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

Gupta	VS	Sugi
Lall	VS	Scotland/Norway
VUGRAPH Edmonds	VS	The Juniors
Black	VS	Amateurs
Champey	VS	Turkish Delight
Hill	VS	Skeidar
Apple	VS	Marupe
De Botton	VS	Israel Seniors
Israel Emerald	VS	Coppens
Gillis	VS	Alexander
The Optimists	VS	Lewis
Wilson	VS	Zaleski
Fredin	VS	Ferguson
Hunisr	VS	Harris
Salvo	VS	Ireland
Rippey	VS	Tilly

JANUARY CUP

ROUND 2. 17.45 CET / 11.45 EST

Gupta	VS	Scotland/Norway
Lall	VS	Sugi
Edmonds	VS	Amateurs
Black	VS	The Juniors
VUGRAPH Champey	VS	Skeidar
Hill	VS	Turkish Delight
Setton	VS	Israel Seniors
De Botton	VS	Marupe
Israel Emerald	VS	Alexander
Gillis	VS	Coppens
The Optimists	VS	Zaleski
Wilson	VS	Lewis
Fredin	VS	Harris
Hunisr	VS	Ferguson
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JANUARY CUP

ROUND 3. 19.30 CET / 13.30 EST

To be announced

Starting this year, the OCBL joins the WBT (World Bridge Tour), an arena for enjoyable and fair Bridge tournaments, whose values are Fairness, Adaptation, Integrity and Respect.

The OCBL shares these values and is very proud of its partnership with the WBT. All the OCBL events will be held under the WBT umbrella and will award WBT Points (ranking points), which are required to play some WBT events, such as the Masters tournaments and the Champions Cup Final (WBT Masters are prime events for the team owners who have collected the most WBT Points in the period leading up to a Masters event. Each season is rounded off with a Champions Cup Final where only the most successful teams in the season are invited).

The first event to award WBT points is the January OCBL Cup, which is starting today.

The detailed calendar of the upcoming OCBL events is published at page 2.

Play while using Zoom

Most of us have not played a face-to-face event for a long time.

Meanwhile, online play is itself trying to become more and more ‘face-to-face’: cameras and microphones can fill part of the distance and let us look and hear our opponent(s).

Besides trying to re-create the ‘live’ Bridge atmosphere and improve the social aspect of playing online, the use of cameras and microphones can also be good for security reasons.

Thus, we have decided to try to introduce the use of Zoom during the matches of all the OCBL events.

Zoom is a software widly used for online meetings and conferences. It is very easy to use.

During each match, North/East and South/West (screenmates) will be able to see each other and talk (in two separate meetings: one for N/E and one for S/W).

Given the short notice, **Zoom meetings will not be mandatory for the first event** (OCBL January Cup, 4-8 January 2021).

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Further details and a guide to install and set up Zoom are available at page 5.

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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE
12 January - 27 February 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/openleague1/

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE
9 January - 21 February 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/mixedleague1/

JANUARY OPEN TEAMS
18 - 22 January 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/januaryoteams/

OCBL FEBRUARY CUP
1 - 5 February 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/februarycup/

FEBRUARY OPEN TEAMS
15 - 19 February 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/februaryot/

MARCH OPEN TEAMS
8 - 11 March 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/marchot/

OCBL MARCH CUP
22 - 26 March 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/marchcup/

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE
30 March - 16 May 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/openleague2/

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE
27 March - 9 May 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/mixedleague2/

OCBL APRIL CUP
5 - 9 April 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/aprilcup/

APRIL OPEN TEAMS
19 - 23 April 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/aprilot/

OCBL MAY CUP
3 - 7 May 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/maycup/

MAY OPEN TEAMS
31 May - 4 June 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/mayot/

OCBL JUNE CUP
4 - 18 June 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/junecup/

About the OCBL Events:

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE
Play 3 days a week:
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
at 21.30 CET (15.30 EST)
Qualification + Knockout

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE
Play 2 days a week:
Saturday and Sunday
at 17.00 CET (11.00 EST)
Qualification + Knockout

OCBL CUP
Play 5 days
Qualification + Knockout

OCBL OPEN TEAMS
Play 5 days (4 in March)
Qualification + Swiss A

STARTING TODAY!

OCBL JANUARY CUP

4 - 8 January, 2021

FORMAT

QUALIFICATION

The qualifying stage will be played in the form of a Swiss tournament.
The qualification stage will consist of 108 boards per team, played in 9 matches of 12 boards each.
The top 8 teams will advance to the K.O.
(Quarter, Semi-final, and Final) 24 boards each match.

KNOCKOUT

At the end of the qualifying stage the top 8 teams will play the knockouts:
#1 vs #8 #2 vs #7 #3 vs #6 #4 vs #5
Each Knockout stage will consist of two rounds of 12 boards each.
There will be the following Carry Over:
in the Quarterfinal no. #1 & # 2 get a carryover of 8.1 IMPs and no. #3 & #4 get a carryover of 4.1 IMPs.
In the Semifinals and the Final there will be a carry-over of 0.1 IMP's as a tiebreaker.

REGISTERED TEAMS

GUPTA
Gupta N. (nareng), Zia Mahmood (zia), Muller B. (beukertje), Cope S. (copeyj), de Wijs S. (sm1), Crouch P. (pitiful)

LALL
Lall H. (hemantlall), Auken S. (jcmax), Hamman B. (tgbh3), Milner R. (reesem), Welland R. (roy), Weischel P. (devo)

EDMONDS
Edmonds J. (jodi e), Wooldridge J. (firechief), Klukowski M. (Skrzat96), Hurd J. (johnhurd), Gawrys P. (badaud4), Bathurst K. (Kmb24)

BLACK
Black A. (boggis), McIntosh A. (mcintosh), Hult S. (hultahult), Gold D. (dagold), Paske T. (thomas1000), Hallberg G. (rerack)

CHAMPEY
Kolton M. (Ladyko), Bilde D. (ballebo-jr), Grossack A. (nevereast), Bussink B. (bart3), Madala A. (septiembre), Grossack Z. (germs345)

HILL
Hill J. (JoyceSC), Rimstedt O. (olarim), Huang S. (precisebri), Dwyer K. (kdwyer), Rimstedt M. (mikaelrim)

APPLE
Setton H. (Ldase), Franceschetti P. (gewd), Brink S. (sjoertbr), Drijver B. (BasDr), Robert Q. (ptit)

DE BOTTON
De Botton J. (Capt Lulu), Malinowski A. (malisuper), Charlsen T. (tcharlsen), Bakhshi D. (Bakhshi), Townsend T. (mug), Hoftaniska T.E. (Kasper20)

ISRAEL EMERALD
Barel M. (mich-b), Bareket I. (bareket), Herbst I. (ilanh), Tal N. (nogatal), Ginossar E. (eldad), Zack Y. (yanivz), Lengy A. (lengy), Herbst O. (herbst), Tal D. (danat85), Reshef O. (oreshef)

GILLIS
Gillis S. (rayas78), Brogeland B. (boye), Bakke C. (Chrien), Saelensminde E. (skaal1), Lindqvist E. (stevieg), Svendsen O. (Pirrum)

THE OPTIMISTS
Greenspan B. (BernieG), Kranyak K. (kranko2013), Schenker F. (jbcoyle), Becker P. (badger49)

WILSON
Wilson A. (flyfalcon), Mendes de Leon G. (guymdl), Kiljan V. (vkill), Verhees L. (loukie), Van Prooijen R. (riccovp), Sprinkhuizen T. (thibos), Tijssen L. (luctijs), Gronkvist M. (Mike_G), Gronkvist I. (Halko)

FREDIN
Fredin P. (P_Fredin), Sylvan J. (JoppeSyl), Aa T. (aate), Gustwsson M. (lagom), Lagerman J. (jan_L), Livgard A. (livgard)

HUNISR
Winkler G. (winkiboy), Dumbovich M. (dumbovich), Szabo C. (csaboka13), Birman A. (hatol), Lakatos P. (nyul11)

SALVO
Zorlu N. (begse), Kubac N. (nezihk), Aslan B. (baylind), Gur O. (okaygur), Aluf S. (monk99), Ucar A. (no weak), Umur O. (ttlfb), Yılmaz G. (yilmaz_g)

RIPPEY
Rippey M. (radiators), Zatorski P. (dzeronimo), Wiankowski P. (vifon_e), Cima L. (100dog), Nowak K. (kamiln), Nawrocki P. (nawrot)

TILLY
Castner K. (Jafra), Tommasini S. (stefanot), Israeli D. (dan_ehh), King P. (philking), Kristensen (silversc), Warszawski A. (aran)

IRELAND
Baton G. (barton), Carroll J. (coppers), McGann H. (hmg2), Fitzgibbon N. (nickfg1), Moran M. (markpm), Hanlon T. (kinder1), Mesbur A. (amesbur), Amoils L. (amoils)

HARRIS
Root S. (AsNuttyAs), Malhasyan E. (Master dj), Tiholov T. (Polborta), Trendafilov R. (rumen), Igoe N. (ibraves), Gold M. (Marusab), Isporski V. (smileyv), Harris J. (Jdache)

FERGUSON
Ferguson B. (bruceferg), Van den Bos B. (berendbs), Korbel D. (dank), Nadel J. (juliejoy), Van Lankveld J. (ennaji)

ZALESKI
Zaleski R. (borno), Volcker F. (fred92130), Cronier P. (phicro2), Combescure F. (aphobiah), Lévy A. (evil)

LEWIS
Lewis L. (vegaslew), Smith R. (ronsmithsf), Eythorsdottir H. (Disa), Cohen B. (billycohen)

ALEXANDER
Bergdahl T. (lingonback), Elmroth G. (Turnip1), Övelius (Emma Sj), Molberg J. (juve_), Eliasson P. (PGEliasson), Sandin A. (stridsvagn), Larsson J. (jela79), Karlsson T. (charlie99)

COPPENS
Coppens P. (PimCop), Ros G. (rosgjw), Lesmeister J. (jlesme), Bakker K. (keesbak), Hermans R. (galileo60), Klaver N. (tttiger)

ISRAEL SENIORS
Orenstein E. (eitano), Engel Y. (engel j), Mintz Y. (ymintz), Yadlin D. (Netfar), Frydrich J. (yulek f), Limor D. (doron)

MARUPE
Antonovs J. (Mafuzz), Balasovs J. (Perkons), Bethers J. (Janis-B), Khyuppenen Y. (hupp), Bethers U. (Uldis), Bendiks J. (doks)

SKEIDAR
Andresen M. (Mime477), Helgemo G. (micelle45), Farstad A. (kha66), Johansen T. (Brulle), Berg E. (berg), Aaseng L. (lasseaa), Kristoffersen C. (stoffers)

TURKISH DELIGHT
Ekinci O. (Ekinci), Ozkurt K. (Kojiroo), Ultav E. (Simplyhi), Baskan B. (baskanb), Tatlicioglu S. (Sinantos), Serdar E. (Exerdar), Sofu S. (Serkansofu), Sohtorik Y. (yusufb)

AMATEURS
Ai-Tai L. (aitail), Stark A. (astark), Sheng M. (Kainsheng), Yang D. (hyang), Pettis B. (buffalo6), Baseggio F. (Baseggio), Jiang Gu (Jiang_Gu), Kolesnik A. (Kolesnik)

THE JUNIORS
Freeman J. (Jacob04), Lien O. (Olien), Chowdhury T. (Tilot), Li D. (Obbdw), Lavee D. (Thekid1), Bhatt A. (Anshul08), Derman E. (Ethansam)

SCOTLAND/NORWAY
Shenkin B. (barnets), Silverstone V. (Odysseus69), Diamond D. (Derekd), Levinson S. (Sc0tsteve), Kvangraven N. (Nils123), Lie T. (Terjel)

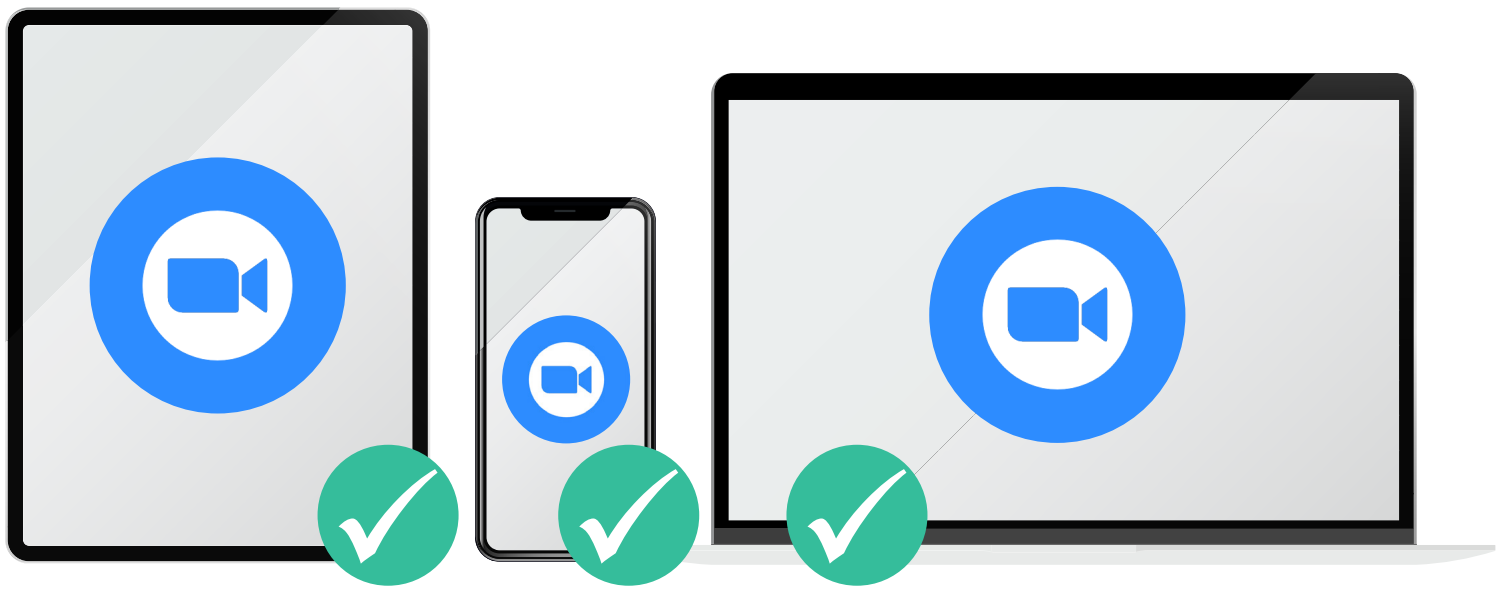
SUGI
Sugiharto (sugi), BeniJi (beni ji), Nurkunyil A. (nurkunyil), KhengHun S. (icycookie), Jazlene Ong (chocopiggy), Parasian Tobing R. (pangi), Kelvin N. (smoz), XuHeng T. (xhxhxh), Elwindra (gabrialsew), Reza M. (jakskal)

How to use Zoom while playing online Bridge

Since the CoViD-19 pandemic has hit the world, Zoom has become one of the most used softwares for online meetings. Zoom is extremely easy to use. Here is a quick guide.

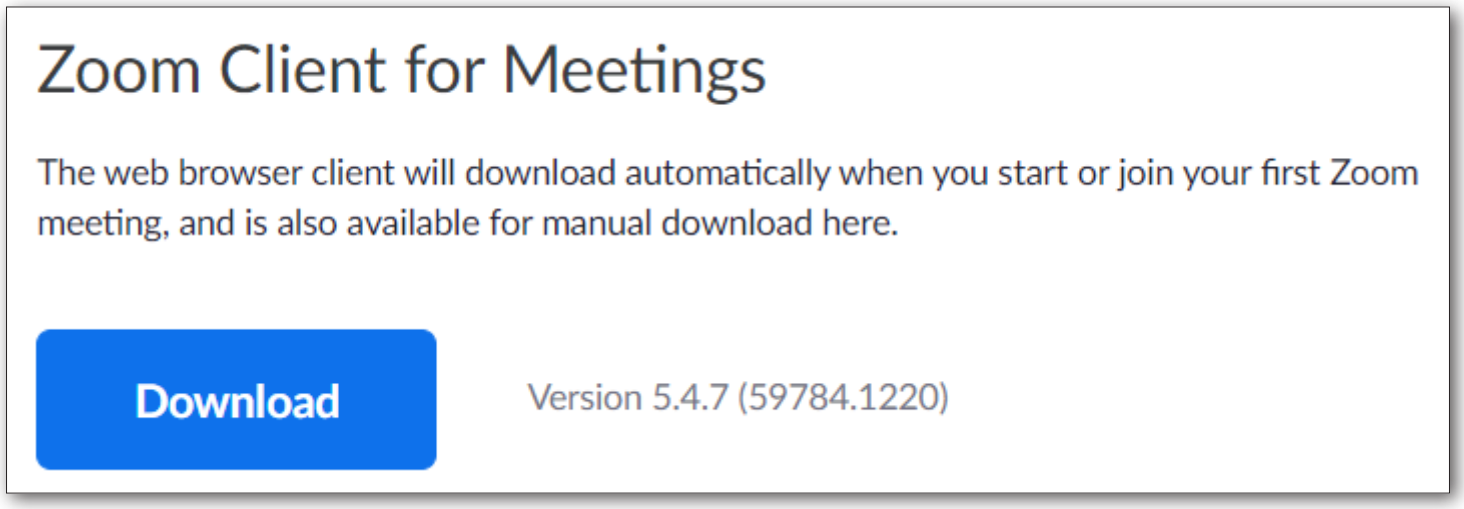
1. Devices

You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones and a camera.
You will have the opportunity to check your audio and video immediately upon joining a meeting.
You can use Zoom on the same device you are using to play online Bridge or on another device. It's your choice!
Your device just needs to be connected to internet.



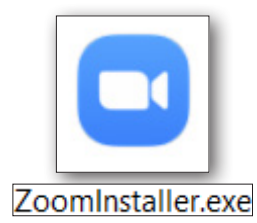
2. Download Zoom

Download Zoom from the Zoom official Download Center: **https://zoom.us/download**

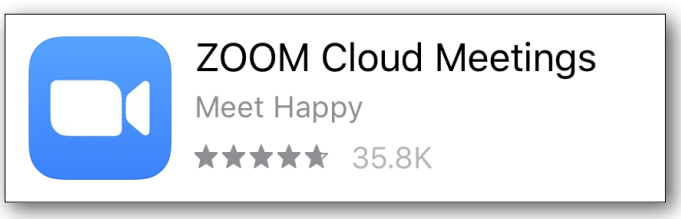


3. Install Zoom

From your computer: install Zoom by launching the file you have downloaded.

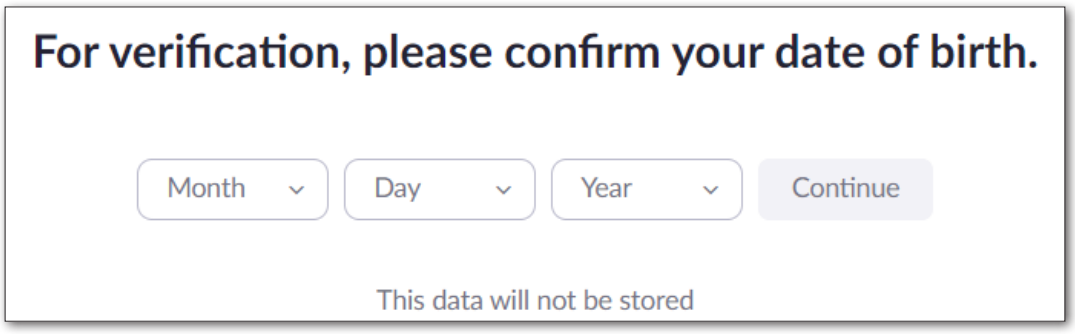


From mobile devices: install the Zoom app.



4. Create your Zoom Account

- Connect to: **https://zoom.us/signup**
  This is Zoom's official sign-up page.



- Select your birthdate and click Continue. You must be 16 or older to use Zoom.
- Enter your email address or select a sign-in method (You can Sign in with Apple, Sign in with Google, or Sign in with Facebook to easily create a Zoom account using your Apple/iCloud, Google/Gmail, or Facebook login info. If you sign in with one of these account types, you won't have to remember a new password, and as soon as you're authenticated, you can start participating in or hosting Zoom calls.)
- Click Sign up. You'll only have to do this if you entered an email address to sign up for a new account. Zoom will send a confirmation link to that address.
- Click the ACTIVATE ACCOUNT link in the email message from Zoom.
- The message is from no-reply@zoom.us
- Your account is now ready to set up.
- If you're having trouble finding the confirmation email, check your spam folder
- Zoom will ask you if you are signing up on behalf of a school. Say no and click on 'continue'
- Complete the form and click Continue to create your account.
- Enter your name and create a password. This password will be used to sign in later, so be sure to remember it. You may like to write it down somewhere if you tend to forget things easily. Also ensure that you create a strong password so others can't hack into your account. Your password must:
  Have at least 8 (but no more than 32) characters.[2]
  Include both upper and lower-case letters.
  Have at least 1 letter (a, b, c...)
  Have at least 1 number (1, 2, 3...)
- Click the orange Continue button. Once confirmed, your account will be ready to use

5. How does Zoom work

You can either create or join a meeting (see below).
Each meeting has a unique 9, 10, or 11-digit number called a 'meeting ID' that will be required to join a Zoom meeting

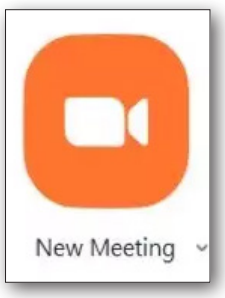
6. Zoom applied to Bridge

Each round, North and East (screenmates) will be connected via Zoom meeting.
South and West (screenmates) will be connected via a different Zoom meeting.

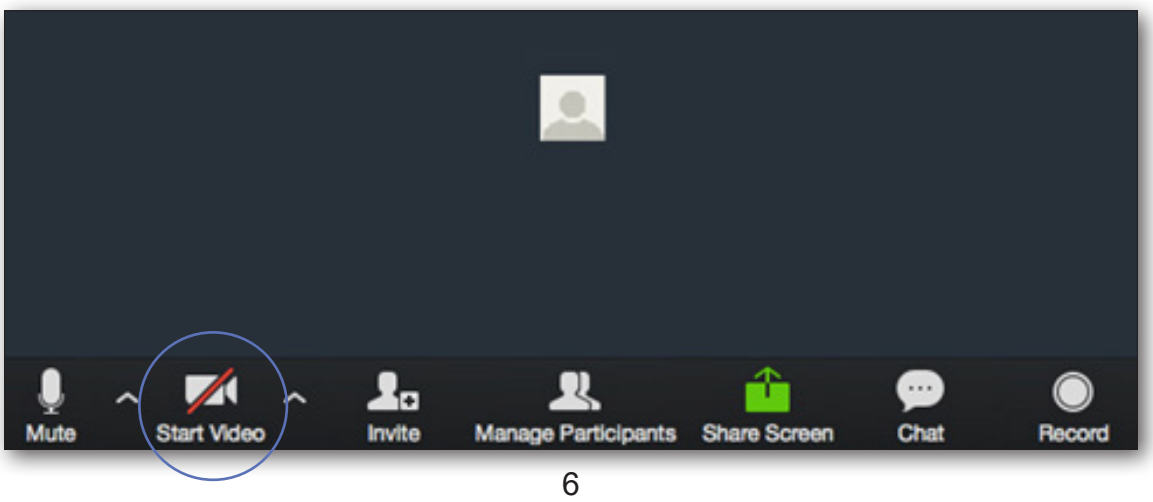
North and South will be in charge of creating the Zoom meeting and sending East and West the invitation to the Zoom meeting (preferably by e-mail or BBO chat). If North or South have difficulties doing this, East and West can step in to help, but every player is expected to know how to launch a meeting and how to join a meeting (See below).

7. How to launch a meeting and invite people

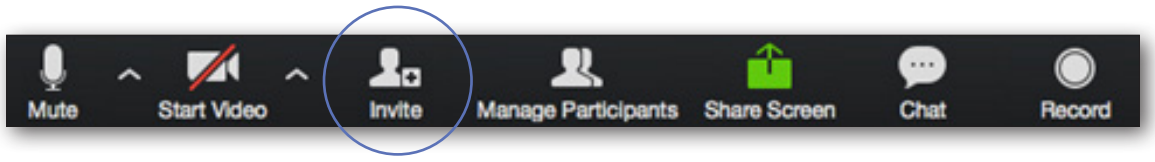
- Open your Zoom software or App and click on New Meeting



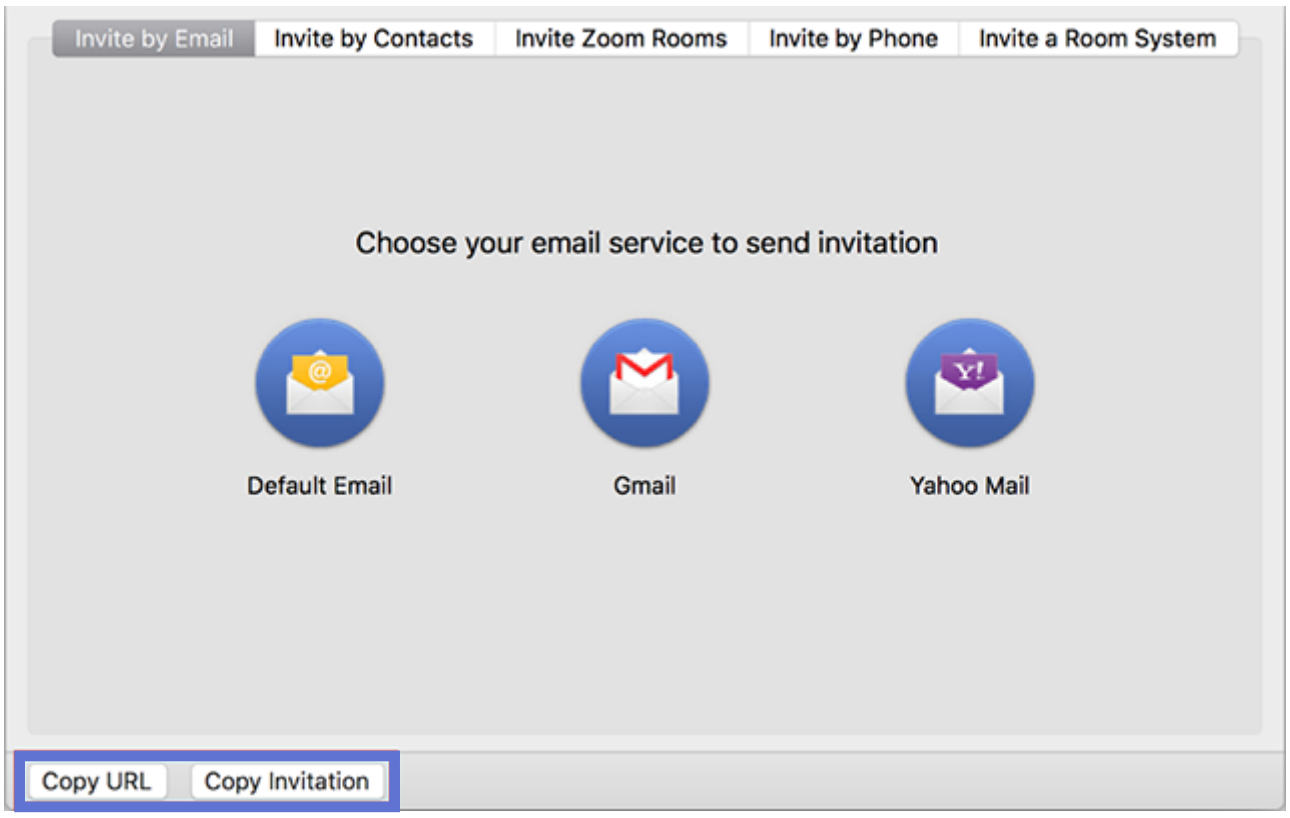
- You can join with the computer Audio or check the Audio quality
- After you open the meeting, you can enable the video by clicking on the camera icon (bottom of the window)



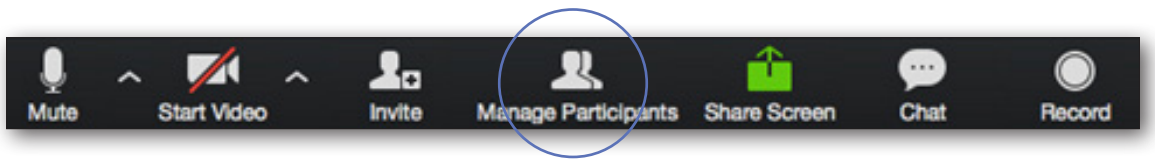
- You can invite your opponent by clicking on ‘INVITE’



- If you don’t have the ‘INVITE’ icon, just click on ‘MANAGE PARTICIPANTS’ and INVITE (or ALT+I from a computer)
- Select ‘e-mail’
- Select ‘Copy URL’ or ‘Copy Invitation’



- Paste the URL in a new e-mail or BBO message and send it to your opponent
- Make sure to accept your opponent’s request to join the meeting
  You can check requests to join by clicking on ‘Manage participants’



8. How to join a Zoom Meeting

Your opponent will be sending you a URL (link).
Just click on it to join his/her Zoom Meeting.

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