

2020 New York Metropolitan Open ABT Online! Tournament Procedures

Prior to the Tournament

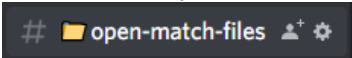
- ✓ **Make sure you are Discord ready.** You are responsible for knowing how to navigate Discord. If you are not fully comfortable with Discord, please watch the Navigating Discord tutorial on the <https://nybg.weebly.com> technology tab.
- ✓ **Make sure you are paid in full.** The cutoff time for adding events is different for each event but it is clearly marked on the schedule. Ask the Director if you have any questions.
- ✓ **Make sure your USBGF membership is current.** You must be a USBGF member to play in an ABT Online! event.
- ✓ **Make sure you have a quiet environment to play in.**
- ✓ **Save your Director's phone number.** All tournament communication will be on Discord. However, in event of disconnection or other technology issue, you may contact Rory Pascar @ 617-699-9100, via voice, text, or WhatsApp. Please keep phone communication to a minimum as your Directors will be engaged in Discord.

Special Procedures for the New York Metropolitan Open Main Event

1. **Arrive on Time:** Please be in the Discord "Tournament Room" at least 5 minutes prior to the official starting time. There will not be brackets for the 1st round, instead there will be random pairings. A public draw will take place at each of the official starting times.
2. **Side Pools:** If you enter the Side Pool and re-enter, you do not need to pay more for the side pool. You keep 100% of your side pool when you re-enter.
3. **Friday: Round 1**
 - a. **Starting Times:**
 - i. 1:00 PM EST (2 chances to re-enter)
 - ii. 3:15 PM EST (1 chance to re-enter)
 - iii. 5:30 PM EST (no chance to re-enter)
 - b. **Re-Entries:** If you lose your 1st round match in either the 1:00 PM or 3:15 PM start time you may re-enter for just 50% of the entry fee (\$50 for the Open Championship or \$30 for the Intermediate Division)

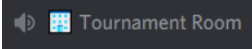
4. **Friday: Main Bracket Round 2 & Consolation Round 1**
 - a. **Starting Time:** 7:30 PM EST
 - b. **Main Bracket:** All players that won a 1st round match will enter the main bracket. This bracket will be a single elimination bracket.
 - c. **Consolation #1:** Players that do not win a 1st round match will enter a separate Consolation bracket. The winner of this Consolation bracket will feed into the Consolation Playoff bracket.
 - d. **Consolation #2:** All the players that lose in the Main Bracket Round 2 will be placed into a separate Consolation bracket. The winner of this Consolation bracket will feed into the Consolation Playoff bracket.
 - e. **Consolation #3 and #4:** Players that win their second-round match but lose before a cashing position will enter separate Consolation brackets with players with similar records. The winners of these Consolation bracket will feed into the Consolation Playoff bracket.
 - f. **Challenge Brackets:** About 30 minutes before this starting time you will receive an email from Challenge.

5. **Starting a Match:**
 - a. Players will meet in Discord at their assigned Voice Table, then proceed to Galaxy to start their match.
 - b. Make sure you are playing to the correct match length.

6. **If you win your match – Only winners report!**
 - a. **Report your win on Challenge bracket:** Hover over your name, click on the pencil icon, then click on your name.
 - b. **Upload your match file:** Download the match file from Galaxy and upload your match file to the channel for your event. For example, Open match files should be uploaded here  # open-match-files

Procedures for Each Side Event you are Participating In.

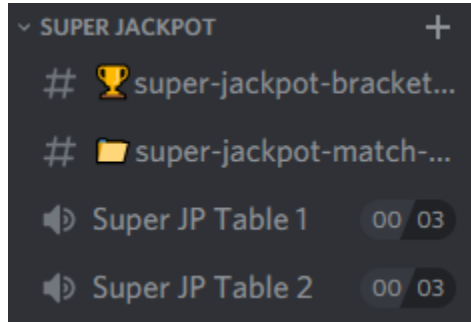
1. **Accept Challenge Invitation:** Challenge bracket invitations will be sent out, **at east, 30 minutes prior to event start time.** Make sure to accept the invitation by clicking the Challenge email invite, or by logging into the challenge.com website. If you do not receive your invitation and it is less than 30 minutes prior to your event start time, please reach out to your Directors! **NOTE:** Do not start playing prior to event start time and being directed to do so by tournament organizers.

2. **Be on Time:** Enter the  Tournament Room on Discord prior to event start time. Players who are late risk forfeiture. All times listed in schedule are in **Eastern Standard Savings Time (EST)**. A helpful resource for time zone conversion is worldtimebuddy.com.

3. **Listen Intently to Announcements:** Announcements will be given before the start of each event in the above-mentioned Tournament Room on Discord. You are responsible for listening to and understanding the announcements.

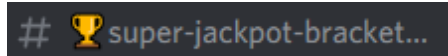
4. **How to Start Playing**

a. **Find your event name in Discord.** Each event has its own section. For instance, here is what the Super Jackpot section looks like:

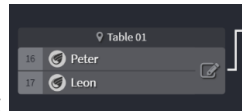


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b. **Find your event bracket.** A link to your event Challenge bracket will be posted to the bracket and payout Discord channel for your event. For example, you will find the link to the Super Jackpot bracket by clicking on



c. **Find your opponent and table assignment.** This information will be on the



Challenge bracket. It will look like this:

d. **Sit down at your table:** Come back to Discord and sit down at your assigned

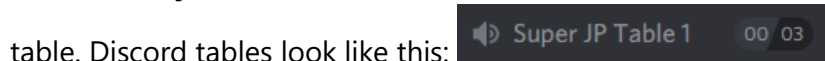


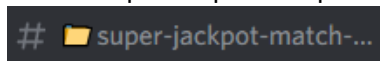
table. Discord tables look like this:

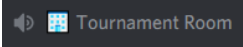
Make sure you are sitting on a table in the correct section for your event.

5. **If you win your match – Only winners report!**

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b. **Upload your match file:** Upload your match file to the channel for your event. For example, Super Jackpot match files should be uploaded here



6. **Come back to the**  **on Discord.** If you are still alive in any event but waiting on a match you must be in the tournament room or spectator lounge. Do not disappear. Directors should be able to easily see you in one of the Discord rooms.

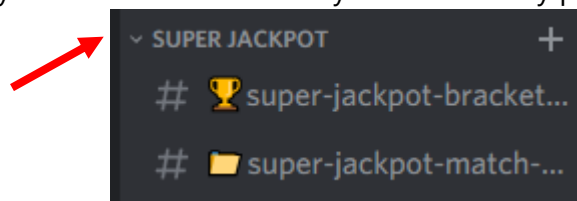
7. **If you need to take a break.** If you need to take a break, we understand, please just chat with the Director to inform them that you will be stepping away and for how long.

Then enter your phone number and what time you expect to return in the

  -sign-out channel. We will attempt to call you when your match is ready. You are responsible for answering our call and returning to Discord to play. Any player who does not sign out, or does not respond to a Director call-back, risks penalty points and/or match forfeiture.

Helpful Hints:

- Looking for a list of all brackets? You can find all event brackets here on our [Challonge New York Metropolitan Open Event page](#). Follow the action!
- There are 11 event sections in Discord, which can mean a lot of scrolling to find your event. You can collapse event sections and only leave the events you are playing expanded. Click the arrow next to the event name and it will expand/collapse the section. Or you can press Control + Shift + A. This will expand or collapse all groups. We suggest you collapse all groups and then expand only those you are using. i.e. The Tournament Category and the event for which you are currently playing.



- When you need a director type in "@Directors" in a Discord message. This will alert your Directors.
- You can also tag other players to get their attention. Type "@" and the first few letters of their first name. A list will pop up and you can click on the player's name.