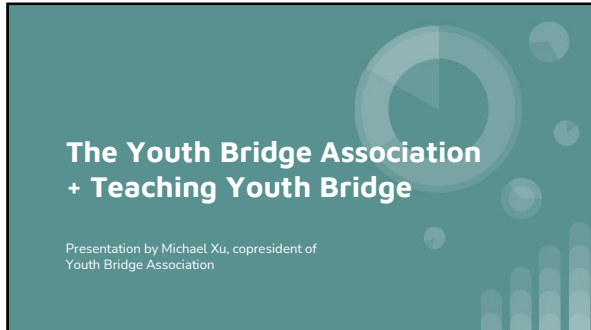


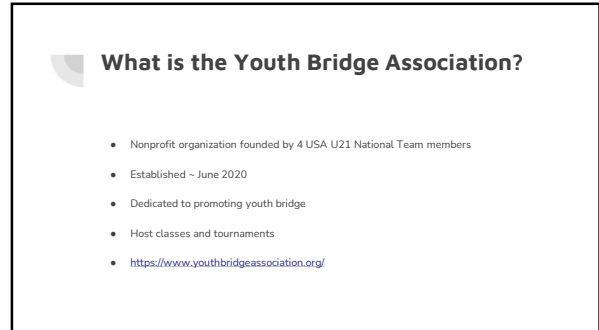
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**The Youth Bridge Association  
+ Teaching Youth Bridge**

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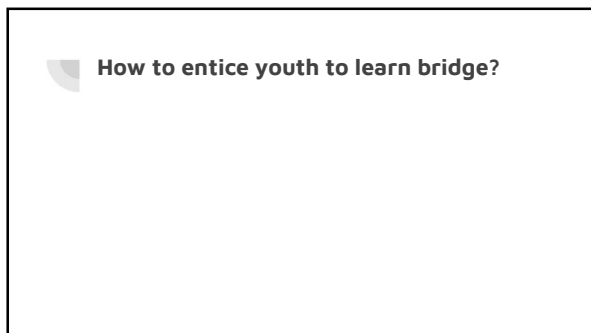
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## What is the Youth Bridge Association?

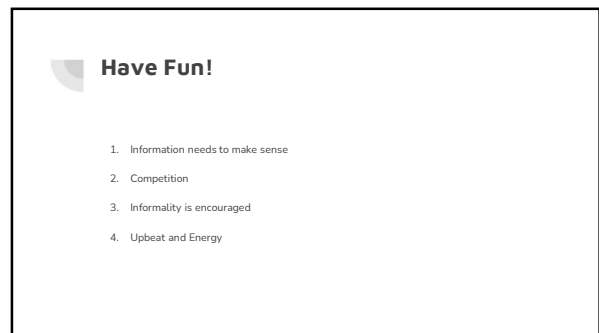
- Nonprofit organization founded by 4 USA U21 National Team members
- Established ~ June 2020
- Dedicated to promoting youth bridge
- Host classes and tournaments
- <https://www.youthbridgeassociation.org/>

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## How to entice youth to learn bridge?

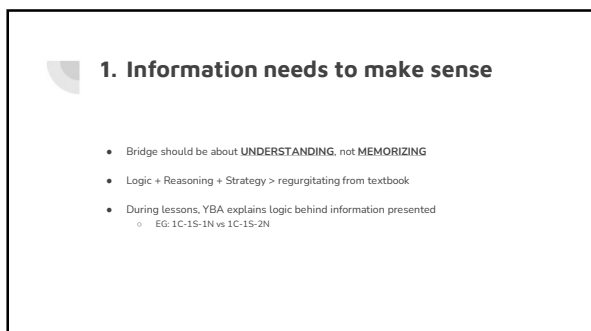
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## Have Fun!

1. Information needs to make sense
2. Competition
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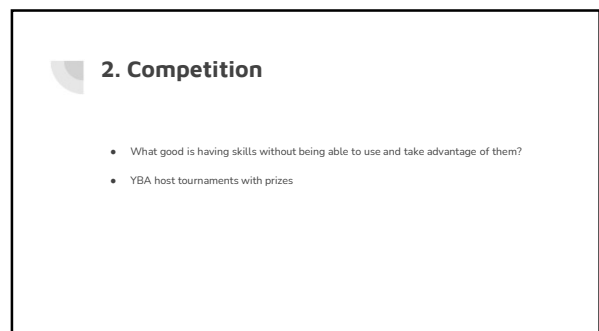
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## 1. Information needs to make sense

- Bridge should be about **UNDERSTANDING**, not **MEMORIZING**
- Logic + Reasoning + Strategy > regurgitating from textbook
- During lessons, YBA explains logic behind information presented
  - EG: 1C-1S-1N vs 1C-1S-2N

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## 2. Competition

- What good is having skills without being able to use and take advantage of them?
- YBA host tournaments with prizes

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### 3. Informality is encouraged

- Bridge = game, not academic subject
- There is no need to avoid slang and restrict oneself to impeccable grammar/vocabulary
- Don't sound like a boring, pedantic professor
- Feel free to put students in the positive spotlight
- YBA teachers try to playfully interact with students


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### 4. Upbeat and Energy

- Informality feeds well into energy
- When lecturing, be expressive and loose with your voice
- Don't be afraid to venture towards appropriate immaturity to establish an upbeat mood
- The YBA understands we're teaching a game and not biology

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### Conclusion?

Make it as fun as possible for the students. Don't try to teach as if your high school teacher is grading your teaching

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