

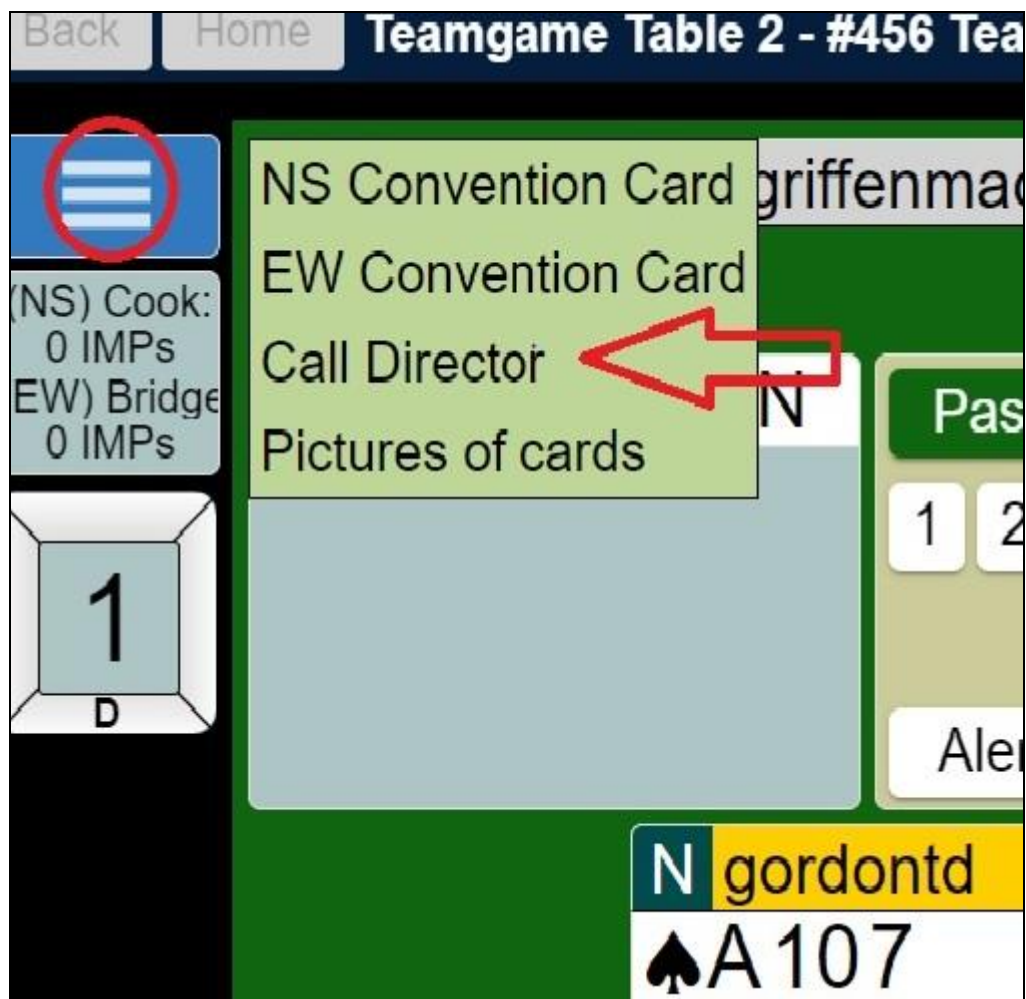
Alerting in EBU online games on BBO

The screenshot shows a BBO online bridge game interface. The top navigation bar includes "Back", "Home", "Log off", "Options", "BBO Now", "My BBO", "BB\$", and "Help". The player's name "gordontd" is visible in the top right corner. The game board displays "IMPs Board 45". The current hand is for the East player, with a score of 4. The East player's hand is shown as: ♠A87, ♥1043, ♦KJ82, ♣QJ6. The bidding sequence is: South (S) Pass, North (N) 1NT, East (E) 2♣, South (S) Pass, North (N) 3NT, East (E) 4. The alert box is open, showing "Pass" and "Dbl" buttons, and a text input field with the placeholder "Write alert here". The bottom of the interface includes a chat area with a message: "What you wrote in the alert box will appear here when you make your call - it will only be seen by your opponents, not your partner. Write the alert BEFORE you make the call." and buttons for "Chat" and "Options".

Our online games use “self-alerting” – you alert your own calls, not your partner’s. You should alert any call that would be alerted or announced in an EBU offline game – so that includes NT opening ranges, transfers, Stayman and opening two-bids, as well as more obviously conventional calls. You must do this even if you have a system card uploaded, as you should.

You type the explanation of your call in the box as shown above, BEFORE you make the call, and when you select your call the message will automatically be sent to your opponents. Your partner does not see the alert, so you can never do any harm by alerting too much. You should of course also answer any questions from your opponents about your agreements or your carding methods.

Calling the TD in EBU online games on BBO



In the desktop web version, click on the blue box with three white lines, as shown above, and then click on Call Director.



In the mobile version, click on the Table button, as shown above, and then click on Call Director.