

Re: Secret Bidding approved on Ebay

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Blame Me! wrote:

> It must register at Ebay for others to react to. Sniping is illegal.

As much as I enjoy watching you make a fool of yourself, it's time to put an end to your nonsense, so here's some info from eBay's Help pages that may interest you regarding your view of sniping (that's my polite way of telling you that it proves you're full of crap :-):

<http://pages.ebay.com/help/buy/outbid-ov.html>

"Is it permitted for another bidder to bid on an item I was bidding on at the very last second and win it?"

Yes, it is.

Within the eBay Community, this practice is called "sniping" and it means to place a high bid in the closing seconds of an auction-style listing.

As frustrating as it can be to lose an item you really wanted, sniping is part of the eBay experience, and all bids placed before a listing ends are valid – even if they're placed only one second before the listing ends.

One way to help avoid disappointment is to ensure that the maximum bid you enter on the item page is the highest price that you're willing to pay. The eBay proxy bidding system automatically increases your bid up to the maximum price you specify, so entering a higher maximum may help prevent you from being outbid in the closing seconds of a listing."

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 - ◇ *From:* Brian Tung

- *References:*

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