



IN HOUSE RULES

- Players must be seated at least 15 minutes prior to the time scheduled for the start of play.
- If a player has not arrived 10 minutes before the start of play and has not notified the Director of his/her late arrival, the pair will not be included in the session.
- Players are obliged to co-operate with the Director in the division of the field.
- The reserving of any seat or table may only be done by the Director.
- Mobile phones should be turned off or put on silent mode.
- Alcohol is permitted to be consumed on the premises ONLY at the discretion of the Management Committee.

ETHICS AND PROPRIETIES

The Director must be called to rule on any infringements during bidding or play and is the only person permitted to alter or adjust a score, award an 'average' or impose a penalty.

If the allotted time for playing boards expires before dummy has been tabled, then no play may continue, and the Director must be called.

Communication between partners during the auction and play should be effected only by means of bids and play, not through the manner in which they are made.

It is unethical to:-

- Convey information to partner by means of a bid or play based on special partnership agreement unless such information is fully available to opponents
- Ask questions about an opponent's suit in order to suggest values or a certain suit in your hand
- Ask questions about an opponent's suit or bid when it is not your turn to bid or play
- Reply to questions directed to your partner
- Volunteer information which should be given only in reply to a question
- Give by word, manner or gesture an indication of your hand or show approval or disapproval of partner's play or bid
- Attempt to deceive an opponent by deliberately hesitating in play to suggest a particular card holding
- Pass or double with excessive haste or delay
- Play a card with undue delay when it does not need such consideration.

QBA REGULATIONS

Systems and System Cards

It is mandatory for each player to have a neatly completed System Card on the table before play begins. All players should familiarise themselves with the strength of opponents' openings. Opener's partner must verbally advise minimum cards held for 1C and point range for 1NT openings.

Alerting

Any bid up to the 4 level, which opponents may misinterpret, must be alerted and **quickly** circled by the partner of the one making such a bid.

Opening Leads

All opening leads must be made **face down**.

Psyches

Psychic bids must be reported to the Director of the session and recorded in the NSBC Psych Book. In the interests of fair play we would ask all players to refrain from using psych bids against novice and inexperienced players.