



NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT

Bridge is an enjoyable game and we ask that you follow the guidelines below to ensure a positive playing experience for all

Attitude

- **Courtesy** – a player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times. This involves greeting and interacting with each other in a friendly way as well as refraining from criticising partner or the opponents. Badgering, intimidation, profanity, threats and violence are unacceptable
- **Encouragement of Less Experienced Players** - experienced players should help novice players feel at ease and make allowances for lapses or errors

Table Etiquette

- As a matter of courtesy, a player should refrain from:
 - Paying insufficient attention to the game
 - Making distracting comments or noises during the auction or play
 - Detaching a card before it is his / her turn to play
 - Taking too much time in bidding or playing a hand
 - Loud or lengthy discussion of hands that delay the game or give information to adjacent tables
 - Showing an obvious lack of further interest in a deal (as by folding one's cards)
 - Leaving the table at the end of the day's play without clearing away cups, paper, etc

Inappropriate Actions

- It is inappropriate 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

Inappropriate Actions

- The following are considered breaches of procedure:
 - Touching another player's cards at any time (before, during or after the hand is played)
 - Commenting on the auction or play while it is in progress, particularly indicating approval or disapproval
 - Conveying information to partner by gestures, hesitations, or mannerisms
 - Varying the normal tempo of bidding or play for the purpose of transmitting information or disconcerting an opponent



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- Staring intently at any other player during the auction or play in an attempt to gain information or intimidate an opposition player
- Looking at another player's hand with the explicit purpose of seeing his/her cards or of observing the place from which he/she draws a card (it is, however, appropriate to act on information acquired by inadvertently seeing an opponent's card or cards)
- The Director is to be called upon any irregularity or breach of procedure

Role of the Director

- The Director is in charge of all aspects of running a session of play including:
 - the initial organisation (where players are seated, the particular movement to be used, etc)
 - time management (calling moves, etc.)
 - making rulings when irregularities occur and approving final results of the session
- Players are to be cooperative with and respectful towards the Director in all interactions (summoning, explaining, questioning, etc.). Any disagreement with the Director's management of any aspect of the game (including rulings) should be addressed after the conclusion of the session.

Disciplinary Action

- Behaviour that is considered seriously detrimental to an individual or the NSBC in general should be referred to the Management Committee, preferably in writing, and will be dealt with according to [Section 12](#) of the Northern Suburb Bridge Club Rules April 2025