

Best Behaviour @ Bridge

Surrey CBA has adopted Best Behaviour @Bridge to make bridge a more enjoyable game. Courteous behaviour is an exceptionally important part of that enjoyment.

This guide serves as a brief reminder of how to behave at the bridge table. We are sure that all players naturally follow this code of conduct but there are times when concentration and pressure can take their toll and it is for these situations that we issue this as a reminder.

- Greet others in a friendly manner prior to start of play on each round.
- Be a good “host” or “guest” at the table.
- Make your convention card readily available to your opponents and fill it out completely.
- Make bridge enjoyable for yourself, partner and opponents.
- Give credit when opponents make a good bid or play.
- Take care of your personal grooming.
- Ensure that your mobile phone is turned off.
- Enjoy the company as well as the game.
- Avoid persistent slow play or late arrival at the table.

Remember that it is rude to criticise your partner or opponents in public, to be less than polite at the table, to gloat over good results or object to a call for the tournament director or to dispute or argue about a director’s ruling.

***Please call the Director if you think you may have been affected by bad behaviour.
You will be helping others as well as yourself.***

As in all games that are governed by rules and regulations, bad behaviour *in County competitions* will be **penalised without the right to appeal**. Whilst it is up to the individual clubs to adopt their own policy, Surrey CBA strongly recommends following the EBU’s initiative in this regard.

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called immediately. Annoying behaviour, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A. Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties. This can include immediate disciplinary board penalties, and if future violation is incurred at the same event, disqualification from future participation in that event. Any further violations may result in a disciplinary hearing where player(s) future participation in tournaments will be considered.

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