

Gold Coast Bridge Club

Best Behaviour at Bridge – A code of conduct expected of all bridge players

Bridge is an extremely enjoyable game. Courteous behaviour is an important part of that enjoyment. The acceptance and observance of this code will help encourage our members to take up and continue to enjoy this great game.

Commendable Behaviour includes:

1. Greeting your opponents at the start of each round.
2. Being a good host or guest at the table.
3. Giving credit to the good bidding or play of your opponents when this occurs.

Unacceptable Behaviour includes:

1. Criticising opponents (or their bidding or play).
2. Criticising partner (or their bidding or play).
3. Gloating over a good result.
4. Badgering, rudeness, intimidation or profanity.
5. Having an extended lesson or hand analysis discussion during the round (especially if asked to stop!).
6. Any remark or action which causes annoyance or embarrassment to another player or person in the club, or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.
7. Objecting to calling the director.
8. Summoning or addressing the director in a manner discourteous to them or other contestants.
9. Disruptively disputing a director's ruling during the play. (Filing an appeal is the appropriate action).

If unacceptable behaviour occurs:

Please call the director immediately if you think you or someone else at the table may have been affected by unacceptable behaviour. You will be helping others as well as yourselves.

You can also make a formal complaint to the Club's board or raise the matter informally with the club's Recorder.

Penalties

If the director is satisfied that unacceptable behaviour has occurred the offending player will usually be immediately penalised 25% of the board or 3 IMPS (in a teams match). If both partners are guilty, the penalty will usually be doubled.

Further action may be taken by the director or, where required, the club's formal disciplinary process will be invoked.