

# General Club Rules

**Etiquette** Conduct, ethics, proprieties and etiquette are subject to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 (Laws 73 and 74).

## *Appropriate behaviour includes...*

- ❖ Being a good host or guest at every table.
- ❖ Greeting your opponents in a friendly manner.
- ❖ Making new players and visitors welcome.
- ❖ Having your system card readily available.
- ❖ Thanking your opponents when the round has ended.
- ❖ Refraining from any action or remark likely to embarrass or discomfort your partner or opponents.
- ❖ Not discussing hands or wasting time with post mortems between hands.

## *Inappropriate behaviour includes...*

- ❖ Criticising partner or opponents.
- ❖ Making negative comments on bidding or play.
- ❖ Discussing hands after a round is called.
- ❖ Rudeness, badgering, threats, profanity, insinuation.
- ❖ Disputing a Director's ruling during play (an appeal request is appropriate).

**Air Conditioning** Any desired alteration to A/C operation should be directed to the A/C nominees who are the only members with authority to alter settings. The A/C is set at 24°C, please dress accordingly.

**Alerting** Any artificial/ systemic bid that the opponents may misinterpret must be alerted and quickly circled by the bidder's partner up to the level of 3NT. Self-alerting bids and calls (eg doubles, redoubles, cue bids of opponents' suit) are excluded.

**Announcing** Conventional 1C opening bids (2-carded/ strong etc) are not alertable. Opener's partner must announce the length of the club suit (and strength if applicable). Point count range of opening 1Nt bids must also be announced.

**Car parking** is available, including disabled parking spaces and wheelchair access. Parking spaces closest to the club house should be left for more elderly and infirm members. A condition of entry is that parking is solely at the risk of the owner or driver. Neither the club, its officials, servants, or agents, shall be held liable in any way whatsoever for any personal or property loss, or damage to any person of whatsoever nature, caused or contributed to, by the parking of vehicles in the club grounds.

**Complaints** (and accolades) should be forwarded in writing to the Secretary and signed. Verbal or anonymous complaints will not be addressed.

**Dress Standards** Players are expected to observe a reasonable standard of dress. Singlets, thongs or bare feet are not acceptable.

**Division of Fields** (when necessary) should be such as to produce sections as close in number as possible. Players are obliged to co-operate with the Director in any division of the field or change of seating.

**GNOT** The club may limit the entry, and their contending status, of non-members in teams playing the Arana GNOT club heats.

**Membership Details** Members should advise the Secretary immediately of any change of address, telephone number or email contact.

**Mobile Phones** should be switched off in the playing area but some tolerance is allowed for emergency calls.

**Movements** Morning 30-36 (/40 Friday), Afternoon 24-28 (Monday), 27-36 (Saturday), Evening 24-28, Social (Thursday) 21-30 boards; finish night sessions by 10:30 pm; may split field into 2 sections @ 14 tables; where possible, do not play 2-board rounds and avoid 5-board sit-outs.

**No Table Fees** for members over 90 years of age.

**Not Played Boards** If bidding has not started between 2 and 3 minutes from the end of a round, the board will not be played. The Director must be called and an adjusted score awarded. Once bidding has started, the board must be played irrespective of the time remaining in the round.

**Notice Boards** No material may be placed on the notice board without prior approval from the President or Secretary.

**Opening Leads** must be made face down.

**Psyches** are discouraged and must be reported to the Director and recorded in the psyche register.

**Regulations** QBA regulations apply at all sessions.

**Scoring** Suspicious scores should be brought to the attention of a BridgeMate operator and the Director when noticed. Normally, scores will not be changed after results have been posted and the Scorer and Director have left the club house. Twenty-four hours is allowed for score correction in special events.

**Seating** Players should be seated 15 minutes prior to the start of the session.

**Smoking** is not permitted anywhere within the building or immediate surrounds.

**Special Two Session Events** Club Pairs and Teams Championships are restricted to members only. Visitors may participate (at the Committee's discretion) in other Pairs & Teams events but are ineligible to win any prizemoney or title on offer.

**Systems** Unless otherwise stated, only green, blue and brown sticker systems are permitted at novice and social sessions.

**System Cards** At club sessions, each pair is required to exhibit at least one fully completed current ABF simple system card. For congresses and competitions, two identical cards are required per pair.

**Table Reservations** for members or others are not permitted.

**Visitors** Members are asked to ensure that their guests sign the Visitors' Book including their ABF number, and advise the director that a visitor is in attendance.