

Good Behavior Policy

Bridge is an extremely enjoyable game. Courteous behavior 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.

Fill in your convention card completely and make it readily available to your opponents.

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.

Remember that it is rude to criticize 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 behavior. You will be helping others as well as yourselves

As in all games that are governed by rules and regulations, bad behavior will be penalized

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called immediately. Annoying behavior, 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 a future violation is incurred at the same event, disqualification from future competition in that event. The guilty party or parties will be deemed not to have played in that event. No masterpoints will be awarded and no refunds received. Any further violations may result in a disciplinary hearing where the player's) future participation in tournaments will be considered. A Best Behavior Report Form shall be available for players to report incidents which occur away from the table; and for directors to document complaints and action taken.

..... enjoy your game!

With thanks to the ACBL for the work they have done in this area.
