

## SPBC CODE OF CONDUCT

All Club bridge events are run within the framework of Laws of Bridge which are shared with the state, national and international community. The same set of laws apply worldwide.

In the midst of the predominantly technical laws there is Law 74A which says:

**“Players should always be courteous and carefully avoid any remark or extraneous action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game”.**

***From this can be seen that good behaviour at the table is not a preference, it is a requirement.***

To be consistent with other clubs, SPBC has adopted a Players Code of Conduct which requires all players to:

- Be polite and courteous at all times
- Respect other people’s rights to have different opinions or ways of thinking
- Conduct their game in a proper, mature and inoffensive manner
- Show patience and understanding with new members and visitors

In upholding the intentions of this Law, SPBC has zero tolerance for rudeness, harassment, unwelcome physical contact, and intentional or unintentional discriminatory and offensive behaviour whether it relates to gender, ethnicity or religion or could be regarded as sexually suggestive.

More modest offences such as demeaning remarks about opponents’ or partner’s play or bidding, giving gratuitous advice at the table, arguing with the Director or being generally ungracious are also regarded as unacceptable.

If you believe that you have been on the receiving end of poor behaviour, you must call the Director immediately. The Director is empowered to assess the evidence and take a range of actions ranging from requiring an immediate apology, issuing a warning or awarding a penalty which will affect the offenders’ score for the session.

Significant breaches of the law will be referred to the Club Recorder for further investigation. You also have access to this same Recorder if you believe that any complaint by you or about you has not been dealt with fairly.

Our membership group is wonderfully diverse. Always show the same respect to others that you would like to receive yourself and remember that your concept of what is correct to say and how it is said can be viewed by others from a different perspective.