

NOTES FOR PLAYERS

PROCEDURE AND ETIQUETTE

- Arrive punctually for the session.
- Listen attentively to the Tournament Director's instructions.
- Greet your opponents at each table and thank them when the round ends.
- Count your cards before looking at them.
- Adopt a consistent style and tempo with your bidding and your play.
- Leave your bidding cards on the table until the opening lead has been made.
- When making an opening lead put your card face down first.
- No information should be conveyed to your partner during bidding or play by way of gestures, mannerisms or hesitations.
- Agree on the number of tricks before gathering up your cards.
- Do not discuss the hands until the round has ended. Any discussion should be very quiet to help keep the noise level down.
- Do not gloat over good results, i.e. do not compare your results with those at other tables.
- Tidy up your table at the end of the session.

CALLING THE DIRECTOR

- Call "Director please" whenever an irregularity is thought to have occurred.
- Do not touch the cards or take any other action until the Director arrives.
- Accept the Director's ruling with grace.
- Inform the Director if you consider the ruling to be incorrect or unfair. The Director will explain the correct procedure for appealing.

HESITATIONS

If you hesitate and then pass, your partner is NOT prevented from bidding. However, it may compromise your partner's position ethically because further bids and play by your partner will be expected to be normal and not influenced by your hesitation.

ALERTING AND QUESTIONING

- Be aware of the situations where you will be expected to alert.
- When asked about your partner's bid, give a full and frank explanation.
- You may ask about a bid ONLY when it is your turn to call or play.
- Avoid asking questions if you have no intention of bidding.
- Do not alert your own bids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announce the minimum number of clubs shown when partner opens 1 Club.

Announce the HCP range when partner opens 1 No Trump.

SPBC PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

SPBC has adopted a Players' Code of Conduct. The full version is on the club website, and we encourage members to read the full document. A summary is below:-

- Be polite and courteous always.
- 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 towards new members and visitors.

The Club has zero tolerance for rudeness, harassment, unwelcome physical contact, and intentional or unintentional discriminatory and offensive behaviour. 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 you have been on the receiving end of poor behaviour you must call the Director at once. They will assess the evidence and decide proper corrective action at once. It may be an immediate apology, a warning or an adjusted session score.

Significant breaches of the bridge laws will be referred to Garth Scotford, the Club Recorder for further investigation. If you believe that any complaint by you or about you has not been dealt with fairly, you too can contact Garth on 0408-387-649.