

NOTES FOR PLAYERS

PROCEDURE AND ETIQUETTE

- Count your cards before looking at them
- Adopt a consistent style and tempo with your bidding and your play
- When making an opening lead put your card face down initially
- 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
- No information should be conveyed to your partner during bidding or play by way of gestures, mannerisms or hesitations
- Players should maintain a courteous attitude at all times and carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game
- If a player feels that another player has not abided by the above procedures, the Tournament Director should be approached immediately or as soon as possible to enable the matter to be dealt with promptly. If this is not possible, nor felt appropriate, the player may discuss the matter with the Club Recorder.

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 subsequent 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.