

Rules and Ethics of Bridge



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Time for a Joke

A Senior's Version of FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

Our Friendly Adjudicator



New players should not be afraid to call the **Director**, or have him called by the opponents. He not only keeps the game on schedule, but also maintains civility and makes complicated rulings for which he is specifically trained and certified to do.

For example, consider this auction:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1NT	2S	2C	

South has made an insufficient bid. If he makes it sufficient by bidding 3C, would there be any further penalty?

Yes, North would be barred, since 2C was a convention (Stayman).

When you call the Director, raise your hand (since he won't know where the voice came from) and say, "Director, please," in a moderately quiet volume. If he (or she) doesn't respond, you may have to try again or fetch him.

A score was
incorrectly posted?
Yep, see the **Director**.

More About The Director



The **Director** also enforces the ACBL's Zero Tolerance Policy, which spells out:

- ✓ Good behaviors, such as being friendly and welcoming at the table and
- ✓ Bad behaviors, such as rudeness, profanity and threats.

Infractions of the latter type can result in matchpoint penalties or even suspension from the Club.

The **Director** also enforces the Ethics Policy, which includes:

- ✓ Full disclosure of bids' meanings
- ✓ Social behavior
- ✓ Allowable conventions

Rules and Ethics During the **Bidding**



- 1) Each pair must have at least one completed convention card with both players' names on it. If they have two, they must be identical.
- 2) Decide what to bid before you fiddle with your bidding box. Your partner is not allowed to witness your indecision.
- 3) Refrain from making remarks or gestures that might show your confusion over partner's last bid. (It is also illegal to try to mislead the opponents with such antics.)
- 4) Do not pick up your bidding cards before the auction is over. This may signal your partner to pass.
- 5) Report all psyches to the Director. A psych is when a player holds 4 or more HCPs less than his minimum range, or 2 or more cards fewer in a suit, as indicated by his bidding.

More Rules and Ethics During the **Bidding**



- 6) Alert when required and explain the convention's full meaning when asked.
- 7) Only ask for an explanation of a bid when it's your turn.
- 8) Announce failed alerts at the end of the auction, before the opening lead. Likewise, announce if there was an alert that shouldn't have been made. Some may want to call the Director.
- 9) 'Breast' your cards so no one can see them but you.

Another Joke

My dad died twenty years ago. My mother threw out or gave away most of his clothing and such, but she kept some of it too, just for sentimental purposes.

The other day, I was going through a closet and came across an old coat that belonged to him. In the pocket, I found an old shoe repair ticket. The shoe repair place was still in business next to the Safeway near my mother's house, so just out of curiosity I took the ticket to the shoe repair shop and gave it to the man behind the counter. He looked at the ticket, and went into the back of the store, and after a little while, he came back out, handed me the ticket back and said, "They'll be ready next Tuesday."

Rules and Ethics During the Play



- 1) Lead face down and ask partner if he has any questions.
- 2) Try not to observe where cards are taken from when a person plays from his hand.
- 3) If declarer plays from the wrong hand, either defender or the dummy may point it out. A lead from the wrong hand may be accepted by either defender. You may want to call the Director to be sure.
- 4) When a player shows out of a suit, his partner (including the dummy) may ask him if he's actually out.
- 5) Don't claim. If you do, play stops and the Director may be called, especially if there are still trumps outstanding.

More Rules and Ethics

During the Play



- 6) Do not hesitate to play (or bid) if you have no real problem (such as with a singleton, or no card to cover what card was led by an opponent. It is unethical to ‘fake’ problems to throw the opponents off. Try to play (and bid) with an even tempo.**
- 7) Refrain from using facial expression or comments during the play (or bidding) that would indicate disapproval to your partner.**
- 8) Wait for an agreement of the outcome before picking up your cards.**
- 9) Try to keep pace with the clock, if one is used.**
- 10) Do NOT select a card until it’s your turn to play.**

**Which of these pictures
are muffins?**



Time for the Game