

Howick Bridge Club

Best Behaviour at Bridge

Best Behaviour at Bridge is a code of conduct expected of all bridge players

Howick Bridge Club feels confident that acceptance and observance of this code will help encourage and importantly, keep new players in the game

Bridge should be an extremely enjoyable game.

Courteous behaviour 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

- Ensure that your **mobile phone** is turned **off**.
- **Greet others** in a friendly manner prior to start of play on each round.
- Be a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table.
- Make bridge enjoyable for yourself, partner and opponents.
- Give credit when opponents make a good bid or play.
- **Enjoy** the company as well as the game.
- Do **your** very best to catch up if experiencing SLOW PLAY.

Remember that it is rude to criticise your partner or opponents, to be less than polite at the table, to gloat over good results or object to a call for the Director or to dispute or argue about a director's ruling.

The Laws of Contract Bridge allow the Director to rule against bad behaviour, Please call the Director if you think you may have been affected by bad behaviour.

You will be helping others as well as yourselves

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner the Director should be called immediately.

Annoying behaviour, 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.

Help make bridge enjoyable for yourself, partner and opponents.