



SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC.

Club No. 4-566

CLUB HOUSE RULES – amended 19th January 2022

For the benefit of members and visitors alike, our club aims to promote a reliably enjoyable atmosphere at all our bridge sessions. We wish to encourage commendable behaviour as the norm. Bridge Law is quite clear in this area:

“Players should maintain a courteous attitude at all times and should carefully avoid any remark or action that could cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player.”

Our Directors have been instructed not to tolerate unacceptable behaviour.

If you become aware of unacceptable behaviour PLEASE CALL THE DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY.

These rules apply during all sessions (available on web-site) and at any time a member is in the club rooms.

1. DIRECTORS

As the official representative of the sponsoring organization, in this case the Sunnybank Bridge Club Inc., the Director has overall responsibility for conducting the movement and will be guided at all times by the International Code Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge and QBA Tournament Regulations for all card events except where specified.

The Director is responsible for deciding on the movement to be used. He must ensure that at least 24 boards are in play and that each player plays at least 75% of the total boards in play. This meets the ABF requirements for Masterpoints to be awarded.

Players must co-operate with the Director at all times, particularly with the following:

- a. Division of the field.
- b. The calling for any infraction of the laws including rudeness and unethical behaviour
- c. The self-reporting of psyches (opponents should check that this has been done).
- d. The checking of scores on the CompScore Scoring Programme.

2. PLAYERS

- a. Players should not remove themselves or the boards to the next table until the move has been called by the Director.
- b. All players are responsible for making sure the correct boards are being played.

- c. Players are expected to leave their last table and surroundings , *as well as the club house (including toilets, tea/coffee/food preparation areas)* clean and tidy.

3. SYSTEMS

Only blue and green systems will be permitted at Club Sessions. This may be varied from time to time when additional systems may be allowed. Bids must be alerted where appropriate.

4. SYSTEMS CARD

- a. A fully completed current ABF Systems Card is required to be on the table for each pair at Club Sessions.
- b. For congresses and red point sessions two identical fully completed approved ABF Systems Cards are required per pair

5. OPENING LEAD

The opening lead should be recorded on the Bridgемate.

6. SIT OUTS

If there is a sit-out, where possible, the maximum number of boards played per round shall not exceed four unless agreed by the Director and players.

7. SEATING

- a. Players should be seated 10 minutes prior to the start of the sessions.
- b. Players may NOT reserve tables or seats for other players who are not present in the Clubrooms.

8. TIME ALLOWANCE

The time allowed per board is six minutes. The Time Clock should be used at all sessions where section movements are compatible. If the opening lead is not faced at one minute before the end of play or the director calls the move, the hand should not be played and the director should be called.

9. RULINGS

Under Law 9 of the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge 2007, the Director should be summoned at once when attention is drawn to an irregularity.

10. AVERAGES

Averages can only be allocated by the Director and the Director should be called to the table to enter the average on the Bridgемate. Constant slow play may be allocated Average Minus or Zero to the offending slow pair with the opposition being given Average or Average Plus.

11. APPEALS

The ruling of the Director must be accepted without argument. However, an appeal against the decision may be lodge with the Director as soon as possible or within thirty minutes of the end of play, so that an Appeals Committee can be convened.

12. COMPLAINTS

Any complaints should be forwarded in writing to the Secretary, signed and dated. Any verbal or anonymous complaints will not be addressed.

13. ETIQUETTE

- a. Courtesy at the bridge table means doing nothing to discomfort others.
- b. Greet your opponents upon arrival at your table.
- c. Make new players and visitors welcome.
- d. Do not make any remarks to embarrass or discomfort your partner or opponents.
- e. Do not discuss hands or waste time with post-mortems between hands.
- f. Players are encouraged to wear name tags.

Serious breaches of etiquette should be reported immediately to the Director.

14. BEHAVIOUR

- a. Walking out of a session will automatically incur a ONE MONTH SUSPENSION from play.
- b. The Club enforces a zero tolerance of abuse directed towards the Director or players and repeat offenders may be subject to suspension from one to four weeks as determined by the elected Committee.
- c. The Club Constitution states that you do have a right of appeal and if you wish to follow this procedure, a written request must be lodged with the Secretary within 7 days of the Suspension Notice.

15. CLUB COMPETITIONS

- a. When specified, prior entry on-line as well as full payment of entry fees if requested must be made by the specified closing date to ensure a place.
- b. Competitions that carry red masterpoints may charge extra fees to cover this cost and provide for prize money. Titles, trophies and prize money can be won only by SBC members and these events may be subject to additional qualifying conditions.
- c. Any player may enter Green Point Events.
- d. No competition will be run with fewer than four full tables entered.
- e. In a two-session event, if a substitute player is required for one of the sessions, the pair/team will not be eligible for the overall result.
- f. The Convenors of a club run competition may invite an additional pair or team to play in an event. The invited pair or team will play under the same competition rules as other players taking part.

16. SMOKING

No smoking is permitted anywhere in the club rooms or within 5 metres of any entrance to the club rooms as per government regulations.

17. NOTICE BOARDS

Other than Club notices, no material should be placed on the notice board without prior approval from Committee members.

18. MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are not to be used within the Clubrooms during play. Exceptions may be made by the Director in case of an emergency.

19. DRESS STANDARDS

Players are expected to observe a reasonable standard of dress.

20. CHANGE TO MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Members should advise the Membership Secretary immediately of any change of address or telephone number.

21. NON MEMBERS

An additional table fee may be charged as determined by the Committee.

22. GOVERNMENT HEALTH REGULATIONS

Players must follow all directions which are as a result of Government Health Regulations particularly as they impact players' health and safety.