

By-Law Number 2

Policy on Unacceptable Behaviour

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Definition of Unacceptable Behaviour

Unacceptable behaviour at the Maleny Contract Bridge Club is:

1. Any action which contravenes Bridge Law 74 – Conduct and Etiquette per the World Bridge Federation 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge copied below.

A. Proper Attitude

- 1 A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.
- 2 A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.
- 3 Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing.

B. Etiquette

As a matter of courtesy a player should refrain from:

- 1 paying insufficient attention to the game.
- 2 making gratuitous comments during the auction and play.
- 3 detaching a card before it is his turn to play.
- 4 prolonging play unnecessarily (as in playing on although he knows that all the tricks are surely his) for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
- 5 summoning and addressing the Director in a manner discourteous to him or to other contestants.

C. Violations of Procedure

The following are examples of violations of procedure:

- 1 using different designations for the same call.
- 2 indicating approval or disapproval of a call or play.
- 3 indicating the expectation or intention of winning or losing a trick that has not been completed.
- 4 commenting or acting during the auction or play so as to call attention to a significant occurrence, or to the number of tricks still required for success.
- 5 looking intently at any other player during the auction and play, or at another player's hand as for the purpose of seeing his cards or of observing the place from which he draws a card (but it is appropriate to act on information acquired by unintentionally seeing an opponent's card).
- 6 showing an obvious lack of further interest in a deal (as by folding one's cards).

- 7 varying the normal tempo of bidding or play for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
 - 8 leaving the table needlessly before the round is called.
2. Any other action which, in the opinion of the Management Committee, a reasonable person would consider to be unacceptable.

A Disciplinary Subcommittee of three comprising

- 1 The President
- 2 Directors' Representative
- 3 Respected Independent Club Player as selected by the President and Director's Representative

Disciplinary Procedure

- Matters raised must be in writing
- Matters can be referred to the Director or Directors' representative.
- Matters can be referred directly to the Disciplinary Committee
- Matters can be raised by Directors or players
- The Disciplinary Subcommittee will investigate the alleged unacceptable behaviour to determine whether it is proven to have occurred. During this investigation, all parties have a right to state their case.
- If the Disciplinary Subcommittee is satisfied that unacceptable behaviour has occurred, it will then recommend to the Management Committee what further action to take. Depending on the severity of the unacceptable behaviour, such actions may include:
 - Reprimands
 - Warnings
 - Suspensions
 - In extreme cases, termination of membership of the Maleny Contract Bridge Club in accordance with Clause 9 and 10 of the club's constitution
- All parties have the right to appeal a termination decision at a full meeting of the club.