

Briter Bridge Club 2 – Membership Policy

Do you want to play duplicate bridge in Bromley in a friendly relaxed atmosphere? We are a duplicate bridge club based in the [Parklangley Club](#) on Wickham Way, Beckenham - located between West Wickham and Beckenham and on the 352 bus route. We play on a **Tuesday** afternoon and evening. Visitors are always welcome but members will take priority if there is insufficient room. For more details and contact information [click here](#).

We welcome new players, subject to the limitations of our playing facilities.

Our Membership Policy:

We are open to players at a wide range of playing standards.

New players are welcome to play as visitors initially, although we ask regular players to become full members.

Members benefit from:

- a lower table charge;
- priority in the event that a playing session is full;
- access to the membership pages of the website including contact details of other members and aids to finding a partner;
- participation in the decision-making processes of the club.

An application for membership can be made to the Membership Secretary once a player has participated in at least 3 sessions.

The Committee will consider all applications and determine whether they can be accepted, declined or deferred. The prospective member will then be advised accordingly. If the Committee decides upon a period of deferral, then it is at their discretion whether playing rights are granted during this period.

After a visitor has played 3 times in any period of a year, the Membership Secretary/Committee can ask them to apply for membership, or revoke/suspend their playing rights irrespective of whether they have made an application or not.

We are not equipped to provide tuition, nor to accommodate players who do not yet demonstrate that they understand the basics of the game. We would recommend that beginners should first undertake a course of tuition, then progress to playing in a club environment such as ours. There are a variety of such courses offered locally and the website provides links to some sources of information.

We typically find that players who have completed a beginners/intermediates' bridge course are equipped to become club members. However, on occasion we may advise a player to undertake further tuition or practice at a novice club before taking this next step. This could arise primarily where their standard or speed of play affects the enjoyment of others. In this situation we would advise the prospective player accordingly, giving them an opportunity to respond and/or to demonstrate in further playing sessions that any concerns had been addressed. After seeing a prospective member's response and/or a further 3 playing sessions the Committee can then choose to accept or reject an application. In the latter case a time period would be set after which their admission could be re-considered. In the interim the Committee may elect to suspend their playing rights. We would always hope that such a period of further tuition/play would lead to a situation where the prospective player could be admitted.

Our aim is to ensure that all players can enjoy participating, in a friendly environment.

We therefore retain the right to defer, suspend or revoke membership and/or playing rights.

In accordance with the constitution of the club, the Membership Secretary may defer or decline an application in the event of insufficient playing facilities or any other reason agreed with the Committee. Such reasons can include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A standard of play that affects the enjoyment of other players;
- Slow play;
- Rude, discourteous or aggressive behaviour;
- Failure to follow the instructions of the session director at all times;
- Failure to follow the EBU conduct guidelines.

Non-Discrimination Policy:

Briter Bridge Club will not allow discrimination against any member, or prospective member, due to their race, colour, nationality or ethnic origin, age, religion, lack of religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or any other characteristic protected under applicable law. All club officers and committee members who are responsible for the administration of the club are charged to support this policy and to respond promptly and appropriately to any concerns that are brought to their attention.

If you have any concerns or issues relating to a disability that you feel could be better addressed by the club then please bring these to the attention of a Committee Member at the earliest opportunity. We will endeavour to make suitable provision, subject to the practicalities and limitations of our premises and playing equipment.

Data Protection and Personal Information

Our main method of communication is via email and the website. Your email address will normally be visible to other members and your postal address and telephone number to members of the Committee. You can choose to make additional details visible to other members to facilitate finding a partner. We take reasonable precautions to protect this information. If you do not have access to the internet or do not wish any or some parts of your contact information to be made known to either the Committee or other members please inform the Membership Secretary when applying to join.

Membership Secretary

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