Castle Rock Bridge
Policy on Slow Play
Effective May 2017

Duplicate bridge is a timed event. To ensure that fairness is maintained in bridge competition, all pairs must observe the time limits for each round. Slow play is not only discourteous to your opponents and other competitors in the field, but a VIOLATION OF ACBL LAW and therefore subject to penalty.

Castle Rock Bridge observes the standard policy on slow play that is in effect at ACBL sanctioned events. The policy is outlined below so that all players are aware of the procedure:

- Standard time allotted per board is 7 to 7.5 minutes. For a typical round of three boards, for example, players have 22 minutes to complete the play.
- Depending on the number of boards being played per round, the round is called with 2-3 minutes remaining.
- When the round is called (short warning tone on the club timer), you may finish up any board in which the auction has already begun, but you may not begin the play of any new boards.
- When the round is officially over (long tone on the club timer), you must move for the next round. If you continue to play beyond the end of the round, you are late and will receive a slow play warning. It is possible that either one or both pairs at the table will receive the warning, depending on circumstances.
- Once a warning has been issued for a session, the warned pair has two rounds to get caught up.
- If, after two rounds, the pair that has been warned is still late, a penalty of one-quarter board will be issued. Example: If the top score on a board is 8, then 2 matchpoints will be deducted from the pair's overall score.
- If a pair fails to get caught up after the first penalty has been issued, that pair will receive a second penalty of one-half board.

UNPLAYED BOARD
To avoid penalties and get caught up when behind, players may take (or the director may require) a "no play" result on a board. A no play result DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR SCORE. Matchpoints are factored so that your percentage does not change and is based only on the boards you played.