



Playing on Thursday



Guide for new players

Aide memoire

A player is not entitled to any aids to his memory. You may not consult any notes or ask for help when you are not sure what to bid or play.

Alerting / Announcing

Please alert or announce partner's bid when necessary. You either alert or announce but not both. Never alert or announce your own bid. Do not say anything if your partner has given the wrong explanation to your bid or failed to alert.

Bidding Box

Try to bid "in tempo": neither excessively slowly nor quickly. Think about what you are going to bid before you make your bid. Do not fiddle with your bidding box while you are thinking about your bid.

Once you have pulled a bid from the box, you may not put it back in the box. Avoid hesitating and then passing, which may give unauthorised information to your partner. Use the Stop Card before any jump bid.

Director

The director is here to help and apply the rules so the results are fair. When things go wrong the correct procedure is to then raise your hand and call "Director please!". It is never a bad thing to call the Director.

Dummy

Must not participate in the play or communicate with declarer about the play; must not suggest a card to be played or begin the play of a trick without instruction.

Is allowed to tell partner if he is about to play from the wrong hand by saying "table" or "your hand".

Dummy may not call attention to an irregularity during play, but may ask declarer (but not a defender) when he has failed to follow suit to a trick whether he has a card of the suit led.

Questions at the table

You can ask a question about the opposition's bid, but only when it is your turn to call. Only ask partner or player whose call you want information about

Timer

Please complete a round within the time allocated. You have 7 minutes to play a board.

Undo

Once you have made a bid or played a card, you may not change it. Please call the Director if you have realised you did not follow the suit lead in error (this is called a "revoke")



Most importantly enjoy a game of duplicate bridge!