

ETIQUETTE

The League prides itself in being a place where all standards of bridge can be played and enjoyed.

It is always nice to sit down at a bridge table and play with friendly people. Etiquette is generally defined as conventional requirements as to social behaviour. The popularity of the game of bridge relies heavily upon the players being well-mannered and courteous. **This attitude towards each and every player is expected and should be maintained at all times.** Unfortunately, this is not the case. We are only humans with emotions and we cannot be self-disciplined at all times under all circumstances.

We have all met those rude and obnoxious players in our bridge past. No one has ever escaped that certain look, that certain irony in the voice, that gesture which disturbs us emotionally and mentally. It is possible that we have been guilty of doing the same. Perhaps we let our emotions get the better of us, and we simply became rude and obnoxious. If we catch ourselves being less than polite, then that is the time to exercise self-discipline.

Therefore, if we all make that special effort to be courteous to one and all, perhaps the game, the play and the atmosphere can become more enjoyable for one and all.

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.

Law 74.B Etiquette (from the 2007 Laws of Duplicate Bridge)

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.