

Bidding Tempo

Bidding too fast, or too slowly, gives everyone at the table information. Remove your cards from the board, sort them into suits, and then take 5 seconds to make a call. Cards need not be in perfect order to count points, tricks and to make a decision. This is especially true for the dealer who should try to get the game going as quickly as possible. He/she should not take 10+ seconds and pass because they have now added an extra burden on their partner. If you do take too long and pass, your partner is not barred from bidding but they must be sure to only bid their hand and not take advantage of the information conveyed by your extra thought time. Your opponents may call the director before your partner does make a bid to protect their rights, and you should not be upset with them if they do.