



Slow Play

The committee is concerned that the enjoyment of the majority is being prejudiced by the slow play of some members.

The recommended times are 14 minutes for 2 boards and 20 minutes for 3 with a 1 minute table changeover. We have in general been managing 22 boards in just under 3 hours – starting at 7-05 and finishing just before 10pm.

The EBU rules are for a hand to be completed once it has been started (removed from board) Hence the “Clock” requesting you not to start a board if less than 4 minutes remain.

We have the “Clock” loaded on the scoring computer and will bring it back into action. If a hand is started after the permitted time the Director will apply a procedural penalty awarding both pairs 40%. (or -3 IMPs for IMP scoring). If the hand is “skipped” then there is no penalty and no change in the average score achieved on the other hands.

Good Habits that preserve playing time

- 1) Stop Talking! Greet your opponents and get on with the game!
- 2) Lead and then write up score card/tablet whilst dummy spreads hand.
- 3) Don't discuss results in detail when other boards are still to be played.
- 4) Let dummy get coffee/tea rather than at changeover
- 5) If you have a slow partner encourage (nag!) them to be quicker
- 6) If you have lost time then take a “skip” and catch up. Better you lose the chance of playing 1 board rather than the whole room loses out on playing a hand.

Actions

The scorer will arrive no later than 6.40 to set things up.

All seated for play at 6.55 for prompt 7pm start.

Run with the clock timing even if this puts pressure on some slow players.

We will plan to play 24 boards and play to 10.15pm if necessary.