

Good Bridge, Good Manners

Quick reminders for every table, every round

BE WELCOMING — OUR NUMBER ONE AIM

- ✓ Greet opponents warmly at every new table.
- ✓ Everyone was a beginner once - be patient.
- ✓ Strong players: your good grace sets the tone.
- ✓ No sneering, gloating or sarcasm - ever.

TAKE YOUR TIME — THEN BID CLEANLY

- ✓ Thinking before you bid is always fine.
- ✓ Avoid reaching for the bidding box and pulling back - bid in one movement.
- ✓ If partner hesitates, don't take advantage - bid as you would with no hesitation.
- ✓ STOP card down for a full 10 seconds on jumps.

TALK AT THE RIGHT TIME

- ✓ Only ask about a bid on your turn, and only if it affects your call.
- ✓ Ask the bidder's partner, not the bidder.
- ✓ Avoid discussing hand details at the table.
- ✓ Save post-mortems for the end of the session - and keep them quiet.
- ✓ Say nothing about the hand until it's completed.

KEEP IT FAIR — TABLE MECHANICS

- ✓ North: responsible for board orientation & score accuracy.
- ✓ Count your 13 cards before you look; recount and shuffle at end.
- ✓ Alert clearly so both opponents see the card.
- ✓ Board stays on the centre of the table, correctly oriented, till the hand ends.
- ✓ Show the score to everyone when you verify it.

WHEN THINGS FEEL DIFFICULT

- ✓ Problem at the table? Call "Director, please."
- ✓ Some players need extra patience - please be generous.
- ✓ Ongoing issue? Raise it privately with your Committee, not at the table.
- ✓ Strong feelings happen - keep them calm. It protects everyone, including you.

Play fair · Be patient · Be kind

Let's keep Ayrshire bridge a game everyone wants to come back to.