

BEVERLY HILLS BRIDGE CLUB BASIC BRIDGE ETIQUETTE AND PROCEDURES

1. Each partnership must have at least one convention card that is completely filled out, placed face up on the table.
2. Greet your opponents with a smile and friendly words of welcome.
3. Do not touch the bidding box until you're prepared to make your bid. All bids are to be made "in tempo." Do not take advantage of partner's hesitations in bidding or play.
4. Bids designated in **RED** on your convention card must be ALERTED by the Bidder's partner.
5. Bids written in **BLUE** must be "announced" by Bidder's partner. For example: "15-17" when your partner opens 1NT, or "transfer" when Opener's partner has bid 2H to transfer to spades.
6. Alerted and announced bids must be explained by the player making the alert or the announcement, if requested by either opponent.
7. When a bid advances more than the level required, a skip-bid warning, while not mandatory, is advisable and should be announced by the Bidder verbally or by placing the **STOP** card on the table. A partnership that utilizes these warnings must do so in all appropriate instances.
8. Observe skip-bid calls by the opponents, whether announced or not, by waiting 10 seconds before continuing.
9. During play of the hand, there is to be no emphasis on the play of any card by the defenders that would suggest to partner either pleasure or displeasure.
10. Do not comment on any player's bidding, play of the hand, or defense. Do not discuss the results of a hand after it has been played or after the score has been entered.
11. Since Duplicate Bridge is a timed event, make every effort to complete each round during the time allotted. If you are a moving pair and have completed the round before the new round has been called, stand or sit away from the next table until that table has completed play



***IF ANY IRREGULARITY OCCURS DURING THE BIDDING
AND/OR THE PLAY OF THE HAND, CALL THE DIRECTOR!***

***BE COURTEOUS AND RESPECTFUL TO YOUR PARTNER
AND THE OPPONENTS.***

ABOVE ALL --- HAVE FUN!