

BCA Zero Tolerance Policy

In the spirit of good gaming, the Bridge Center of Austin fully supports the American Contract Bridge League's (ACBL) Zero Tolerance Policy against bad or inappropriate behavior. The purpose of the policy is to help us maintain a pleasant atmosphere conducive to playing bridge and to foster an environment for growth and development of all players.

Violators will face penalties in accordance with the ACBL's Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Some examples of bad behavior that will not be tolerated are:

- Rudeness, badgering, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence
- Malicious comments concerning opponents' or partner's play
- Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table
- Loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling

If any player violates this policy, call the director immediately. If warranted, the director will assess a 1/4 board disciplinary penalty (3 IMPs for team play) for the first offense. Penalties can be additive. If both players of the same pair misbehave, the total deduction for the board will be 1/2 a board. If the same player commits a second offense during the same event, that player will be barred from playing bridge at the BCA for a period of 14 days. The offender's name and reason for the ban will be documented and forwarded to ACBL Headquarters.

Making bridge at the BCA a pleasant experience is everybody's responsibility. Please do your part by displaying good behavior and etiquette. And if you feel that any complaint has not been adequately addressed by the director, please contact the BCA's Ethics and Conduct Chairman, Jack Lacy: jack.o.lacy@gmail.com, 512.633.8728.