

Extracts from The Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge

LAW 74 - CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE

A. Proper Attitude

1. Courtesy:- A player should maintain a courteous manner at all times.
2. Etiquette of Word and Action:- A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.
3. Conformity to Correct Procedure:-Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing.

B. Etiquette

As a matter of courtesy a player should refrain from:

1. paying insufficient attention to the game.
2. making gratuitous comments during the auction and play.
3. detaching a card before it is his/her turn to play.
4. prolonging play unnecessarily (as in playing on although he/she knows all the tricks are surely his/hers) for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
5. summoning and addressing the Director in a manner discourteous to him/her or to other contestants.

C. Violations of Procedure

The following are considered violations of procedure:

1. using different designations for the same call.
2. indicating approval or disapproval of a call or play
3. indicating the expectation or intention of winning a trick that has not been completed.
4. commenting or acting during the auction or play so as to call attention to a significant occurrence, or to the number of tricks still required for success.
5. looking intently at any other player during the auction and play, or at another player's hand as for the purpose of seeing his/her cards or of observing the place from which he/she draws a card (but it is appropriate to act on information acquired by inadvertently seeing an opponent's card).
6. showing an obvious lack of interest in a deal (as by folding one's cards).
7. varying the normal tempo of bidding or play for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
8. leaving the table needlessly before the round is called.

LAW 73 - COMMUNICATION

A. Proper Communication between Partners

2. Correct Manner for Calls and Plays.

Calls and plays should be made without special emphasis, mannerism or inflection and without undue hesitation or haste (however, sponsoring organisations may require mandatory pauses, as on the first round of auction, or after a skip-bid warning or on the first trick).