

BRIDGE ETIQUETTE/PROCEDURE

- **Always leave bidding cards open**, so the full sequence of bids can be seen, until the lead has been made. This includes **X** (double cards)
- **ALWAYS BE POLITE TO YOUR PARTNER AND THE OPPOSITION.** No one deliberately makes a mistake!
- A **STOP CARD** should be placed on the table before you make a jump bid and then returned to the bidding box. The next player cannot bid until you have returned it.
- **DO NOT touch your bidding box** until you are ready to bid. If you do touch any cards beforehand you are giving illicit information.
- **Always** keep the boards on the table and in the correct orientation
- **It is your partner who announces** 'no hearts' etc. not you
- **Always call the director with a query.** There is no stigma. It is always better to have impartial rules-based decisions.
- **Ask what a bid means** only when it is your turn to bid and address the partner of the person bidding. Don't hesitate to ask for an explanation. (Similarly, If an explanation is requested of your bid it is your partner who replies not you.) It is acceptable to say you are not sure, don't give false information.
- **Respect other people in the room** who may still be playing, by being quiet and only move boards when asked at the end of the round.
- **Do not discuss the hands at the table.**
- **Check the Bridgemate carefully** including the table number especially when sharing.