

Annual report by Laws and Ethics Committee for year ending 31st March 2025

The Law & Ethics Committee (LEC) did not meet formally during the year.

The LEC continued to provide enough trained directors to run regular weekly sessions both on-line on RealBridge and face-to-face throughout the year, coping as the mix between on-line and face-to-face sessions was amended.

The demands on directors are different between face-to-face and on-line events so all changes to the bridge schedule need careful planning before implementation. The main issue currently is to ensure that the pool of trained directors is kept topped up to allow current directors to step back as and when they wish or need.

Two refresher sessions for trained directors who had not directed at the club since Covid were arranged in June and October 2024. An EBU-led training course for new directors has been scheduled for May and June 2025 at the clubhouse.

No psychic bids were reported during the year, which is below historical norms; this is certainly the result of lack of reporting rather than lack of psychic bids. No disciplinary penalties were imposed during the year.

Martin Illingworth

Chief Tournament Director

24th May 2025