

Oxford Bridge Club CIO - Club rules

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We ask all players to follow these Club rules to allow us to play bridge safely and enjoyably.

1 Health and Safety

- 1.1 Please keep fire exits clear of obstructions at all times.
- 1.2 Any objects that might constitute a hazard to rapid evacuation, such as handbags/rucksacks must be placed in the lockers provided.
- 1.3 Smoking is not permitted in the building or near the front or rear doors.
- 1.4 Smokers may only smoke in the rear yard to the left of the garages.

2 Parking

- 2.1 Parking is reserved for:
 - seriously disabled drivers or passengers, who are unable to walk to and from a public parking place
 - the scorer and TD intending to stay late after club duplicates
 - course/seminar teachers
 - for the delivery of goods
- 2.2 If you meet these criteria please send your Car registration number to the Premises Manager before parking.
- 2.3 Please take care not to park in spaces reserved for the residents of the flats above the bridge club, nor to block access to their parking spaces.
- 2.4 Bicycles should be taken to the rear courtyard.

3 Best behaviour at bridge *(incorporating the EBU code of conduct <https://www.ebu.co.uk/documents/laws-and-ethics/articles/best-behaviour-at-bridge.pdf>)*

- 3.1 Members are expected to:
 - greet others in a friendly manner prior to the start of play on each round
 - be a good host or guest at the table
 - make the game enjoyable for their partner and opponents
 - give credit when opponents make a good bid or play
 - avoid being rude to other players
 - never to criticise other players' bidding or play.
- 3.2 Members are expected to observe the laws of bridge and be familiar with the rules on announcements and alerts and on the functions of the "alert" and "stop" cards.
- 3.3 Members should have a completed system card (<https://www.ebu.co.uk/laws-and-ethics/system-cards>) that shows the conventions played and should make it available to opponents at the start of each round.
- 3.4 Members are expected to make the game less stressful, especially for less experienced opponents; avoid giving rulings themselves. Members should always call the Director if there is any problem with the game after explaining to others at the table why this is necessary.
- 3.5 Members are expected to refrain from arguing with the Director. Players have the right of appeal if they do not agree with a ruling.

- 3.6 All members should switch off any mobile phone or keep it on “silent” during play.
- 3.7 No food should be consumed at the bridge tables; Hands should be washed (please) after consuming food elsewhere, to avoid making the playing cards sticky.

4 Legal requirements

- 4.1 A register of all members must be kept on the premises. This is currently done electronically.
- 4.2 No function shall be permitted to which admission may be obtained by payment of money at the door.
- 4.3 Alcohol may be sold only to OBC members, members of teams visiting OBC for a match, or bona fide guests of OBC members.
- 4.6 Alcohol is sold for consumption within the premises.
- 4.7 Alcohol must not be sold to a person under the age of 18.
- 4.8 Alcohol may be supplied only within the hours permitted by the licensing authority. These may be found on the Club noticeboard and on the Club website.