

SUTTON COLDFIELD BRIDGE CLUB LIMITED

RULES

The Clubroom

1. a) The Clubroom shall not be used for gambling or playing any games of chance or other unlawful games. The Committee shall have the power to prohibit any games which, in their opinion, are unlawful or the playing of which could be injurious to the interest of the Club.
- b) The Clubroom shall be open for Members on such days and at such hours as the Committee shall determine from time to time.
- c) No equipment shall be removed from the Clubroom without permission of a Committee Member.

Visitors

2. a) Any Member may introduce a Visitor.
- b) The Committee may, without explanation, refuse to admit any person as a Visitor.
- c) The name and address of each Visitor shall be entered in the Visitors' Book.
- d) The Table Fees payable by such Visitors shall be determined by the Committee from time to time.

Club Competitions

3. a) The Committee may make such rules and regulations for Club Competitions and fix such charges as they may from time to time determine. In particular they shall designate the criteria for entry.
- b) Non-members arriving at a Members Only event will be allowed to play at the Tournament Director's discretion but they and any partnership or team having them as a member will not be included in any club ranking or prize award for that event. They may receive general awards such as master points.

Rules of Bridge

4. a) Duplicate Contract Bridge events shall be governed by the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge as promulgated by the World Bridge Federation ('WBF') and approved by the WBF Laws Committee, the Portland Club, the European Bridge League and the American Bridge League.
- b) Due regard shall be taken of The Laws of Duplicate Bridge as published (white, blue and yellow books) from time to time by the Laws and Ethics Committee of the English Bridge Union ('EBU'). The Committee shall advise Members of the category of Conventions applicable to events.
- c) Contract (rubber) Bridge events shall be governed by the laws as promulgated and approved by the Portland Club, the European Bridge League, the American contract Bridge League and the World Bridge Federation.

Standards of Attire

5. The Committee will use the recommendations of the EBU, made from time to time, in setting and judging the standards of attire of Members.

Assignment of Seats

6. In accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge, the seating of players is at the discretion of the TD. Early arrival or any other kind of "booking" is not accepted. Consideration will be given to those players who are disabled or otherwise restricted.

Eating in the Club

7. Eating whilst playing cards is not acceptable because it causes soiling of the cards.

Standard of Play

8. All bridge sessions are available for players of varying levels of experience and skill. However, it is important that all members get enjoyment from playing in a session. The Committee may guide members as to which sessions are most suited to their level of experience and skill and if, in its opinion, a member is attending a session that is inappropriate for his or her level of experience and skill may request that member to refrain from attending specified sessions.

Complaints

9. Any bridge related complaints should be raised with the TD at the session or can be referred to the Duplicate Sub Committee for consideration. Disciplinary procedures are set out in the Articles of Association.