

Etiquette

General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember, bridge is to be enjoyed Please arrive in plenty of time as the Director needs to select the movement on the computer before play commences Greet partners and opponents and thank them afterwards Each partnership should have a convention card available for the opponents to look at North is in charge of the table and will operate the tablet, when each hand is complete, North will pass the tablet to East to confirm that the details (the correct board, contract, the score and the lead) have been entered correctly, East should Accept (or ask for correction) and then return the tablet to North Always call the Director if there is a debatable point at your table e.g., a bid out of turn, a revoke, insufficient bid, long pause before passing, lead out of turn etc; the director is there to help you
Bidding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count your cards (face downwards) before looking at them, this enables any problems with the cards to be corrected before they are seen Do not touch the bidding box or 'hover over it' until you have decided what bid you will make During the bidding sequence, only ask questions when it is your turn to bid and if you intend to bid, all other questions can be asked before the play begins; if an opponent asks a question about your bid, your partner should answer, and you should remain silent Be aware of when to 'alert' and when to 'announce' the meaning of a bid, if you alert your partner's bid, do not say anything unless the opponents ask Be aware of the correct use of the 'Stop' card, instructions are on the reverse of the card itself
Leads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is good practice to make a lead before putting your bidding cards away, writing the contract on your score card or entering a contract on the tablet Before you select your opening lead, ask any questions you have of the opponents' bidding When you make your opening lead, place your card face down on the table before asking your partner if they have any questions about the opponents' bidding
Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave the board in play on the table, pointing in the right direction until the hand is finished, this makes easier to put the cards back in the correct slots Try not to take too long over calls or when playing a card, best practice is to play in tempo Dummy should keep hands on lap until a card is requested by declarer As declarer, if you can clearly see that all the remaining tricks are yours, claim them rather than play on; you must specify your line of play, including a statement about drawing remaining trumps if relevant
End of Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the end of the board, make sure all players agree the result before putting the cards away You should shuffle your cards after the hand before returning them to the board Please do not discuss hands until you have played your allocated set, then discuss them QUIETLY, where there is time, as nearby tables will be playing the hands after you and may obtain information on the hands If a pair is discussing their bidding or play, do not join in unless your opinion is requested Before leaving, please give support with the clearing up – the club relies on all our members to help Thank the Director and scorer Whilst these points of etiquette are more applicable to F2F play, many of them are relevant to online play too.