



Canberra Bridge Club

CODE OF CONDUCT

It is a requirement of the Constitution of the Canberra Bridge Club Inc (the Club) that members:

- support the Association's objects; and
- comply with the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991* and the Club's Constitution, Codes and bylaws.

This means that members are required to behave in a manner consistent with the Club's Code of Conduct. The purpose of this document is to set out standards and desirable behaviours for members of the Canberra Bridge Club.

As a member of the of the Canberra Bridge Club, members agree that they will:

1. Assist the Club develop and maintain a friendly, harmonious, and sociable culture by treating all people associated with the Club, including other members and staff, with respect and courtesy.
2. Respect members' rights to express opinions and seek clarifications from the Director.
3. To the best of their abilities, consistently comply with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 as amended (the Laws).
4. Comply with Law 74 – Conduct and Etiquette.
5. Behave ethically and act with competitive integrity. This includes refraining from:
 - a. Bullying, harassing, arguing with or berating partners or opponents
 - b. Discussing the bidding, play or result of a board, which may be overheard at another table.
 - c. Making gratuitous comments during the auction and play.
 - d. Using facial or oral expressions, hand gestures or comments as guidance to partner play.
 - e. Making psychic¹ bids against inexperienced players.
 - f. Using psychic bids which have the potential to lead to implicit understanding between partners (which is illegal under the Laws).
 - g. Discourteous communication with the Director
 - h. Making unwelcome sexual conduct or request for sexual favours
 - i. Socially inappropriate physical contact with players.

Note: A member's behaviour may be considered misconduct or unethical conduct under the Club's bylaws in cases where it is established there is a pattern of behavior including consistent refusal or failure to comply with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

6. Have the best interests of the Club and its members in mind at all times.
7. Comply with the requirements of the Constitution and bylaws of the Club, for example, the requirements of the Dress Code.
8. Where possible and practicable, actively participate in Canberra Bridge Club social and volunteer activities.

¹¹ A psychic bid is deliberately deceiving opponents by grossly misstating the power and/or suit lengths of one's hand. Whilst legal under the Laws a psychic bid should only be used when playing against players of equal or higher standard. Making a psychic bid against inexperienced players is regarded as extreme bad sportsmanship.