



Canberra Bridge Club

MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

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

- support the Association's objects; and
- comply with the [Associations Incorporation Act 1991](#) and the Association's Constitution, Codes and bylaws.

This means that members are required to behave in a manner consistent with the Associations Member Code of Conduct. Visitors to the Canberra Bridge Club are requested to behave in a manner consistent with the Associations Member 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 which supports enjoyable experiences by treating all people associated with the Club, including other members and staff, with respect and courtesy.¹
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).
4. Comply with Law 74 of The Laws of Duplicate Bridge – 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. Gloating over good results.
 - e. Using facial or oral expressions, hand gestures or comments as guidance to partner play.
 - f. Arguing with the tournament director about a director's ruling.
 - g. Making psychic² bids against inexperienced players.
 - h. Rude or discourteous communication with the Director.
 - i. Varying the tempo of play as a means to disconcert opponents.
 - j. Making unwelcome sexual conduct or request for sexual favours.
 - k. 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 behaviour including consistent refusal or failure to comply with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

6. Respect the Club's dress smart semi casual dress requirements so that you do not cause offence or adversely impact others. Wear attire that is neat, and tidy with appropriate footwear. Attire that might reasonably give offence to another member includes:
 - Brief shorts, swimwear, lycra cyclewear, skimpy tops.
 - Excessively dirty attire or attire in dire need of repair.
 - Bare feet or inappropriate footwear, e.g. dirty shoes or boots, soiled sneakers, or rubber thongs.

¹ Courtesy includes punctuality, turning off mobile phones, avoidance of actions or remarks that might cause embarrassment, complying with the tournaments director's calls/ruling and if playing in an event making your convention card readily available.

² 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 may be regarded as bad sportsmanship.

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