

CABOOLTURE BRIDGE CLUB INC.

CLUB RULES/BY-LAWS

1. **MOBILE PHONES** - mobile phones should not be used in playing area (emergency calls excepted).
2. **ETIQUETTE** -
 - Courtesy at the bridge table means doing nothing to discomfort others.
 - Greet your opponents on arrival at your table.
 - Make new players and visitors welcome.
 - Do not make any remark to embarrass or discomfort your partner or opponents.
 - Do not discuss hands or waste time with post mortems between hands.
3. **SMOKING** - no smoking is permitted anywhere within the building. Smokers need to move to the bottom of the ramp area for smoking.
4. **SEATING** - players should be SEATED 15 MINUTES prior to the start of a session.
5. **DRESS STANDARDS** - players are expected to observe a reasonable standard of dress. Singlets, thongs or bare feet etc. are not acceptable.
6. **NOTICE BOARDS** - NO material should be placed on the notice board without prior approval from the President/Secretary.
7. **AIR CONDITIONING** - Any required alteration in temperature should be reported to the Director, President, Vice President or a Committee member who should be the only ones to change the air-conditioning controls.
8. **CHANGE TO MEMBERSHIP DETAILS** - members should advise the secretary immediately of any change of address or telephone numbers – slips available on notice board.
9. **COMPLAINTS** - Any complaints (and accolades too) should be forwarded in writing to the Secretary and signed – any verbal or anonymous complaints will not be addressed.
10. **TABLE RESERVATION** - Players may NOT reserve tables for other players.
11. **REGULATIONS** - QBA Regulations will apply at all sessions.
12. **DIVISION OF FIELDS** - The division of sections should be as close in number as possible.
13. **SYSTEMS** - Only blue and green systems will be permitted at club sessions.
14. **SYSTEMS CARD** - A fully completed current ABF system card is required for each pair at Club sessions. For Congresses and major competitions, two systems cards will be required per pair.
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16. **DIRECTORS** - Players are expected to cooperate with directors at all times, particularly with :
 - The division of the field.
 - The calling for any infraction of the laws including rudeness and unethical behaviour.

- The self-reporting of psyches (opponents should check that this has been done).
 - The correction of scoring errors prior to the end of the round so that the offending pair concerned can be consulted.
 - Players should not move to the next table until the move has been called by the Director (not at the clock buzzer.)
 - Players on sit out **MUST NOT** remove cards from the Board.
 - Players are expected to leave their last table and surroundings clean and tidy. The north/south pair at commencement of play will organise table for play. At the end of play north/south will return score sheets, boards and table numbers to their correct place. The east/west pair at last table will clear bins of all papers.
17. **RULINGS** - It is illegal for players to make rulings and apply penalties after an infraction without calling the Director. Players should not permit their opponents to make rulings at the table.
18. **APPEALS** - The ruling of the Director must be accepted without argument. However, an appeal against the decision may be lodged with the Director as soon as possible or within thirty minutes of the end of play, so that an appeals committee can be convened.
19. **TIME ALLOWANCE** - The time allowed per board is six minutes. Time clocks should be used at all sessions where movements are compatible.
20. **AVERAGES** - Averages can only be allocated by the Director and travelling score cards should be signed by him/her. Each pair may only have ONE average board (due to slow play) per session. Any other late boards will be allocated average minus or zero to offending slow pair with the opposition being given an Average or Average Plus.
21. **CLUB COMPETITIONS –**
- Prior entry on the appropriate completed entry form with full payment of entry fee should be lodged with the convenor to ensure a place.
 - Players who meet the following criteria are eligible to play in the events listed below:
 - Financial members of the Caboolture Bridge Club who have played at least six (6) times in **regular club sessions** in the last twelve (12) months
 - Novice Pairs (less than 100 MP)
 - Club Teams Championship
 - Club Pairs Championship
 - Multi Individual Trophy (M.I.T.)
 - 3 Way Challenge (Bribie & Redcliffe)
 - Beryl Cramb Pairs
 - Gardner Pairs
 - Redcliffe Pairs Challenge
 - Bribie vs Caboolture Teams
- And any other competition that may be added.
- Pro rata membership eligibility for participation in club competitions will be determined at the discretion of the Management Committee.
22. **BOARDS** - Boards should not be moved until move has been called.
23. **Management Committee Purchases over \$20,000** (2020) – these purchases must be approved by members at a full meeting of the club.
24. **Rights of Members** – If any disciplinary action is taken against a member, the Committee will ensure that natural justice is observed. This should include the right to be heard, from all parties concerned, the right to be represented and the right to appeal to a full meeting of the Club.