

Etiquette at the Bridge Table.

Welcome players to your table and thank them after the game.

Players shall remain courteous at all times, avoiding any action or remark that may cause annoyance or embarrassment to any other player or may interfere with the enjoyment of the game. If any problem arises during bidding or play the Director must be courteously called.

Violations of Procedure:

- Indicating approval or disapproval of a call or play.
- Looking intently at any other player during auction or play.
- Leaving the table needlessly before the end of the round.

System Cards.

Each player must have a legible system card in the form approved by QBA. It must be identical with their partner's card and should be placed on the table for their opponents before start of play. Players shall not consult their own cards during the auction or play. They may inspect their opponents card before play begins or at their turn to bid or play.

Communication between Partners.

Communication shall only be by means of bids and plays, no mannerisms, undue haste or delay or extraneous remarks shall be made.

It is the **Gravest offence** to exchange information by other than lawful means.

Alerting.

All unnatural bids shall be alerted, an unnatural bid shows a suit not normally intended for play

Exceptions are the following:-

- An opening bid of 1C.
- A 2C response to a 1NT opening bid.
- Any bid over 3NT.
- The meaning of an alerted bid may be sought by an opponent at their turn to bid. The player who has alerted the bid shall explain the meaning of the bid as clearly and simply as possible.
- Do not ask for the meaning of any bid if it is not your intention to bid.

Card play.

A card is played by detaching it from your hand and placing (Not throwing) it face-up on the table. It should not be held in one's hand above the table. Cards shall be played in tempo with no artificial haste or delay. An artificial delay with intent to deceive an opponent is a form of cheating and is not permitted.