

QCBC Tips on Bridge Etiquette



Bridge etiquette makes the game fairer and more enjoyable. Please apply the following tips in your bridge play.

Arrive 10 minutes before session start so the Director can plan the movement.

During the Auction

- Place your completed system card on the table facing an opponent and give any pre-alerts.
- Count your cards face down as soon as you take them out of the board.
- Do not fiddle with the bidding box. Decide upon your call first and then pull out the bidding card(s).
- Place your bidding cards horizontally in front of you, overlapping the previous card, so players can see the order of bidding.
- Place the opening lead face down on the table until your partner and the declarer have had a chance to ask any questions about the auction and partner confirms that you are the correct player to lead.
- Declarer thanks partner when the dummy goes down.

During Play

- The bidding cards are returned to the bidding box when the opening lead is faced.
- Generally, North enters the score and West confirms the score.

- The board remains in the centre of the table correctly oriented during play. If it is moved, cards may go back into the wrong slots.
- Poker face during bid and play – don't frown or gasp at partner.
- Be very aware that your post-mortems after a hand can delay play. Wait till the end of the round.
- Only English may be spoken while cards are out of the board.

When to call the Director

- Please call the Director if a problem arises at the table, by raising your arm (so they can see who called) and call 'Director'.
- The Director is there to help. You are usually not in trouble. 😊

Consideration for partner and other players

- Always be friendly and courteous.
- Bridge is a quiet game. Keep noise to a minimum. The people at the next table may hear you talking about a board they will play next.
- At the end of play – pack up your bidding box, push in your chair, take cups to the kitchen, take the boards and bridgemate to their collection point, please keep Set A and Set B separate and all in numerical order!

Happy Bridging