

QCBC Tips on Bridge Protocol



These guidelines ensure a fair game for everyone.

During the Bidding

- Place your completed system card on the table facing an opponent. Your partner's system cards must have the same information. Only the opponents may consult your card once play commences.

Announcement, Alert, Question

- It is partner's job to announce and alert your call when required by regulation.
- Announcements – how many clubs in a 1C opening e.g. “3+”, “strong 16+” or “unusual”. Strength of a natural 1NT opening e.g. “15-17”.
- Alerts are for bids and passes that don't mean what they say e.g. transfer bids, 2C strong opening. Alert artificial opening bids above 3NT.
- Only ask questions about the meaning of an opponent's call when it is your turn to call or play or when partner has placed his opening lead face down.
- Do not explain your partner's call unless the opponents ask about it.
- If you have been asked for an explanation of partner's call and have forgotten your agreement, call the Director. If no agreement, don't guess, say so.

During Play

- Do not delay other players by writing on your personal score sheet. Play first, then write.
- You're allowed to think, but partner can't take into consideration what your thinking may mean.
- Defenders may ask each other, declarer may ask a defender, and dummy may ask declarer to check for a possible revoke if you show out of a suit by asking e.g. No spades partner? Dummy may not ask a defender.
- Before you turn your card over, you may ask to see the whole trick.
- You can draw attention to a quitted trick pointing the wrong way until your side leads or plays to the following trick.

When to call the Director

- Call the Director if a problem arises at the table, by raising your arm (so they can see you) and call 'Director'.
- Slow play. If the opening lead has not been faced when the move is called, call the Director.
- Treat the Director with respect even if you are unhappy with their decision.

Happy Bridging