

Club Rules

The Club Rules and updates shall be made available to all Club Members and Directors. The Committee is responsible for ensuring that the Rules below are adhered to in a consistent manner and without exception. A Director shall carry out his/her duties in full compliance with these rules, and should a situation arise in which he/she is uncertain of how to proceed he/she shall seek the assistance of a Committee Member.

1. Conduct and Etiquette (Extract from: The Laws of Duplicate Bridge – Law 74) A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times and avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or interfere with the enjoyment of the game. As a matter of courtesy a player should refrain from: making gratuitous comments during the auction and play; detaching a card before his/her turn to play; prolonging play unnecessarily and summoning and addressing the Director in a manner discourteous to him/her or to other players.

2. Substitute Partners. In B4c grade (red point) multi-session pairs events, players must play with the same partner in each session to be eligible to win. Other players may receive master points in the session(s) played. Players who cannot play in the Final must inform the director.

Only one substitute is allowed in a two session Teams event. If more than one is used the team will be scored as a 6 Player Team with each player receiving 2/3 of the standard score. Players who have already played in session one of a tournament cannot substitute in following sessions. All substitutes must comply with the eligibility requirements of Clause 4 substitution, augmentation, eligibility and late entries of the NSWBA Tournament Regulations.

3. Playing Director

a. Green Point events. The Director is permitted to play only if the movement comprises a single section and not more than 14 tables. The Director and Partner will both be eligible to receive Green Points

b. Red Point events. The Director is not permitted to play except under exceptional circumstances and only after consultation with a Committee member.

c. The Director is not permitted to play if it makes a half table and there are more than 2 board rounds.

d. The Director will not play on days when there is Supervised Play.

4. Players without Partners

Players requiring partners must register with the Club Pairs Coordinator. If a partner cannot be found for the particular day required the player may attend the Club on the chance that a vacancy becomes available, but must be prepared to go home. Failing this, the Director is permitted to play as long as the requirements of Rule 3 are met. No player may play with a Director more than once in a calendar month.

5. Sit out Table

Players are requested not to remove cards from the board whilst sitting at the 'Sit out Table'. There have been a number of instances where the cards have been replaced incorrectly. This causes the players following to be disadvantaged.

6. Club Championships

These are the Club Championship, the President's Pairs and the Founders' Pairs. Session 1 will include an Arrow Switch. If numbers permit, Session 2 will have a Howell Movement with the top 14 pairs and a Consolation Field in which visitors may be allowed to play. Final and Consolation Fields will be played concurrently. Points will be available to all participants, however trophies may only be awarded to financial members of the club

7. Prizes.

Winners of Final Red Point Events will be awarded prizes of a type agreed by the committee.

8. Complaints

Club members and visitors who:-

1. a) Have been offended, hurt or angered by an incident at the Club venues, or witnessed such an incident or
b) Have a personal complaint against the Club resulting from an action or inaction by any of the Club Committee members should report, in writing, to the Club President. Complaints will be tabled at the first available committee meeting, or at a special meeting depending on the severity of the complaint, and acted upon in due course. All complainants will be notified in writing of the course taken by the Club.
2. Appeals against the Director's decision are to be made verbally to the Director within half an hour of the session closing and confirmed in writing within 48 hours. Director's response, together with complaint, is

to be given to the President, who will forward it to the Advisory Committee at the NSW Bridge Association for ruling.

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