

## **General Bridge Etiquette July 2018**

### **Tri City Bridge Club**

Tri City Bridge Club supports the **ACBL's ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** - see attached.

Welcome & Introductions - each round. (Make sure to wear your Name Tag.)

**All Players Need to be Punctual.** Arrive by **11:50am**.

**All Players** should verify each round that you are playing the correct team & boards & that the boards are correctly orientated and that you are in the correct seat. **North** is the table leader, but these responsibilities are truly the responsibilities of **ALL 4 players at the table**.

Be polite and courteous to your **opponents** and **partner** at all times. A special note about your partner . . they are the only one on your side at the table.

**CELL PHONES** should be off or on vibrate and not seen at the table. In cases of emergency when you need to leave your cell phone on, the Director needs to be notified and agrees with the request. This is at the discretion of the Director.

Keep your voice low as the tables are usually very close.

Save your analysis & lesson for after the session -- the postmortem.

Try to play in tempo. So much info is given to your partner and the opponents by a fast pass or a slow bid. Partner cannot use this info.

As we move from table to table during our standard Howell movement, each player is required to pick two compass positions to play (e.g. North & East) & continue in those directional seats throughout the session.

Bidding Box Cards and Playing Cards are used up to **28** times each session by as many as 14 different players. To help prolong the playing life of both these items, please do not snap the playing cards or bidding cards on the table and endeavor to keep your hands clean to prevent soiling these important bridge tools.

If an issue or irregularity arises, **CALL THE DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY**. The Director's role is to solve problems as prescribed by the rules, maintain equity in results if possible and keep the game moving along in an orderly and timely manner.

If in doubt about. . . . **CALL THE DIRECTOR**.

During the auction (bidding), **at your turn to bid**, you may ask questions regarding an opponent's bid(s). This type of request is only used to clarify a question(s) that **YOU** have and should never be used to alert or help your Partner to better understand the

auction. Your partner, at his turn to call can also ask questions regarding an opponent's bid(s).

Opening leads should always be made **FACE DOWN ON THE TABLE**. This gives your partner and the opponents the opportunity to prevent a lead out of turn. Also, your partner has rights - this face down led allows partner to ask questions or request a review of the auction.

Our Club strives and takes pride in always having a partner available for individuals that come to play but have no arranged partner. Many times, a Club member is asked to be a Non-Playing Director, so that we always have a partner available. When an individual comes to play a session of bridge, it is assumed this individual will graciously play with whomever is available as directed by the Director. If this is an issue, the solution would be to always come with an arranged partner. As a Club, we try hard to make this process work smoothly.

If any issue arise that needs attention or addressing, contact the Director or Club Official.

Remember that you can't win all the time, but you can always have fun.

The Tri City Bridge Club is owned, operated and managed by the members --- each and every one of us. It is directed by Approved ACBL Club Directors. Our Club continues to operate because WE / US want it to. Each of us share in this responsibility and should endeavor to ensure the continued success of our Club. Your support, help and service is greatly appreciated in the operation of the Tri City Bridge Club.