

# TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE EBU LAWS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

*Adopted at the Board Meeting of 30 November 2022*

## 1. Status

- 1.1 The Laws & Ethics Committee is a Standing Committee of the Board of Directors of The English Bridge Union Ltd, established under paragraph 16 of the Articles of Association of the company.
- 1.2 These terms of reference are established by the Board under the enabling provision in paragraph 7 of the Bye Laws of the company.

## 2. Responsibilities

The principal responsibilities of the Laws & Ethics Committee, in line with any principles or directions which might be set by the Board from time to time are as follows, including without limitation: -

- 2.1 to act as the Regulating Authority for the game of Duplicate Bridge in England, under Law 93C of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 and as the equivalent body under any future revision of the Laws.
- 2.2 to discharge the functions relating to disciplinary matters delegated to the Laws & Ethics Committee by virtue of paragraph 6.1 of the Bye Laws of the Company and the Disciplinary Rules established under that Bye Law.

The L&E shall be responsible for the management of any case brought by it to issue interpretations of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge as in force from time to time, to the extent sanctioned by the Laws Committee or other appropriate body of the World Bridge Federation and/or the European Bridge League, which interpretations shall have force in England.

- 2.3 to issue regulations supplementary to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge as in force from time to time and any future revision of the Laws, and directives and other guidance in connection with the game of Duplicate Bridge in England, including, but not limited to, the following matters: -
  - 2.3.1 disclosure of system, alerting, system cards and related matters
  - 2.3.2 permitted methods
  - 2.3.3 tournament direction
  - 2.3.4 appeals
  - 2.3.5 tournament regulations of extensive or general application (detailed regulations for specific tournaments being the responsibility of the Chief Tournament Director or the Selection Committee, as the case may be).

- 2.4 to cause to be published, in consultation with the Board, such records of the interpretations, regulations, directives and other guidance issued by the Committee as may be considered appropriate.
- 2.5 to exercise a general supervisory role in relation to the game of Duplicate Bridge in England, and to take such action as may be considered appropriate to ensure that as far as possible the game is played in accordance with the Laws and applicable regulations (including Best Behaviour at Bridge), directives or other guidance.
- 2.6 to carry out the above cost effectively and in line with the budget laid down by the Board

