

BB@B - Best Behaviour at Bridge

By-and-large bridge players are friendly and sociable folk. However, as in all walks of life, there is potential for a few badly behaved players to spoil the enjoyment for others. In May 2006 the Board of the English Bridge Union decided to implement BB@B at all EBU national tournaments and competitions. Most clubs up and down the country have followed suit. Some of the most successful clubs in the land are those who have stamped down hardest on bad behaviour.

This guide serves as a brief reminder of how to behave at the bridge table. Clubs may wish to post a copy of BB@B on the Club Noticeboard. We are sure that all players naturally follow this code of conduct, but there are times when concentration and pressure can take their toll, and it is for these situations that this may be a reminder.

- Greet others in a friendly manner prior to start of play on each round.
- Be a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table.
- Fill out your convention card completely and make it readily available to your opponents.
- Make bridge enjoyable for yourself, partner and opponents.
- Give credit when opponents make a good bid or play.
- Take care of your personal grooming.
- Ensure that your mobile phone is turned off.
- Enjoy the company as well as the game.

Remember that it is rude to criticise your partner or opponents in public, to be less than polite at the table, to gloat over good results, to object to a call for the tournament director or to dispute or argue about a director's ruling.

As in all games that are governed by rules and regulations, bad behaviour will be penalised. If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called immediately. Annoying behaviour, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game are specifically prohibited by Law 74. Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties. Clubs should ensure that their Club Constitution includes a section on disciplinary procedures.

A [Model Club Constitution](#) is available for download from the EBU Website in a format which can be edited and adapted to suit the individual club's circumstances.

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