



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

MCC BRIDGE CLUB

Brief Table Rules and Etiquette

“A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times and carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game”. (from Law 74, Rules of Bridge, 2007)

INTRODUCTIONS

After introductions please do not engage in unnecessary (or loud) discussion at the beginning or end of hands.

BEFORE PLAY

Please turn off mobile phones. Do not remove cards from the board until at least one player from each partnership is present. Count your cards before looking at them.

NORTH/SOUTH

North/South are responsible for table management, scoring and moving the boards.

EAST/WEST

East/West are responsible for checking the scoring and correctly moving to the next table.

OPENING LEAD

Place card face down and obtain agreement from partner before proceeding.

DUMMY

Dummy **may**:

- point out that a trick has been stacked incorrectly (but only before the next trick has been led to)
- prevent declarer from leading from the wrong hand
- ask if declarer has a card of the suit led if declarer fails to follow suit (“having none partner?”)
- draw attention to an irregularity but only when the hand has concluded
- if someone else draws attention to an irregularity dummy may call the Director but not otherwise.

Dummy **may not** under any circumstances suggest a play to declarer by touching or indicating a card before declarer calls for it.

PLAY

No player should turn his card face down until all four players have played to the trick. Note that as long as his side has not led or played to the next trick declarer or either defender may, until he has turned his own card face down, require that all cards played to that trick be faced.

DISPUTES

Do not attempt to resolve a dispute or irregularity. Call the Director immediately.

END OF PLAY

At end of each hand each side must agree on the tricks taken and then shuffle their cards before replacing them in the correct pocket of the board. No player may then remove any cards from the board unless a player from each side, or the Director, is present.

Please do not engage in post-mortems. Remember that adjoining tables may overhear you and gain useful information about a board.

END OF SESSION

The Committee would appreciate your help in removing cups and glasses and also bringing table cloths and other paraphernalia to a central point but please respect those tables still playing.

The Director would appreciate the boards and score sheets being brought to the scoring desk.