



# Policies for Club Play

The following has been endorsed by Management Committees over the years.

- Sessions:**
- (a) May last up to 4 hours including a tea/coffee break.
  - (b) Players should be seated at the tables 15 minutes before the session starts.
  - (c) The tea break for the afternoon sessions should be at 2pm approximately. The tea break for the morning sessions should be at 10.15am approximately.

- Timing of rounds:**
- 1. Will depend upon the number of boards per round:
    - 2 Board Rounds - 14 minutes
    - 3 board Rounds - 20 minutes
    - 4 board Round - 27 minutes
    - 5 board Rounds - 32 minutes
  - 2. At all times, the director may choose to alter the timing as necessary.
  - 3. Players should not move from their current table until the movement bell has rung. The set of boards should not be moved until the end of the round. Players should then move promptly to their next table.

- Warning Bell:**
- 1. The warning bell is set for three minutes.
  - 2. If the opening lead has not been faced when the warning bell sounds, the board cannot be played.
  - 3. The director may award an adjusted score if the board cannot be played.

**Systems:** Green and Blue Systems and Brown Sticker Conventions only are permitted during normal club sessions, except on Wednesdays when GREEN is the only system permitted and Brown Sticker Conventions are not allowed.

**General:** Cards are to be played face up on the table, and not held in the hand. Discharged tricks should be laid out so that they can be

clearly seen.

**Sitouts:** Should be limited to a maximum of three boards.

**Scoring:**

1. The director will score the session as soon as convenient, posting the results on the noticeboard and downloading to the Club's webpage.
2. Red Points are provisional until the Club's Masterpoint Secretary obtains approval from the State Masterpoint Secretary.
3. The time period for data entry corrections will be until the tea-break at the same session one week later.

**Behaviour:** It is an unfortunate fact of life that the competitive nature of playing Bridge can sometimes bring about reactions in people that result in unwarranted and unacceptable behaviour at the Bridge table.

When playing Bridge at the Club, members should always be aware of, and follow the dictates of the "Laws of Bridge" and the Club's own policy on acceptable behaviour. Under the international "Laws of Bridge" Law 74 is aimed at ensuring the competitive nature of the game is always coupled with polite and courteous behaviour.

The Club's General By-Laws relating to Conduct & Etiquette provide for the Management Committee to take a documented series of steps whenever a breach of the behaviour rules has been reported.

All Club members have an obligation not only to abide by the Club's behaviour expectations, but also, if they become the subject of unwelcome behaviour to bring the incident to the attention of the session Director at the time.

The Club is very mindful that the wrong sort of behaviour experienced at the bridge table can be very upsetting and off-putting. It is the Club's firm resolve and intended policy that each and every session should be an enjoyable one.

See also [Policies for Club Championships](#).

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