



**Pocklington  
Bridge Club**

## **Etiquette and Procedures**

### **Club**

1. Remember, bridge is to be enjoyed!
2. Greet partners and opponents and thank them afterwards.
3. Please arrive in plenty of time for a 1:30 start. The Director needs to select the movement, lay out the travellers, and movement cards so we can start playing by the advertised time.
4. Please make sure you know your pair and table number.
5. Keep up with the general speed of play so that people are not waiting around.
6. North oversees the table. When each hand is complete, North will pass the scores to East to confirm that the details, both the contract and the score, have been entered correctly. East should accept or ask for it to be amended.
7. Please do not discuss hands until you have played your allocated set, then, if necessary and only where there is time. Discuss quietly as nearby tables will be playing the hands after you. Do not patronise or criticise what you may believe to be your partner's or your opponent's poor play. It's supposed to be fun!!
8. Always call the Director if there is a debatable point at your table, e.g. a bid out of turn, a revoke, insufficient bid, long pause before passing and lead out of turn.
9. Before leaving the club, please support the clearing up – the club relies on all our members to help.
10. Thank the Director.

### **Playing Bridge**

1. Count your cards (face downwards) before looking at them.
2. During the bidding sequence, only ask questions if you intend to bid. All other questions can be asked before the play begins.
3. Be aware of when to 'alert' and when to 'announce' the meaning of a bid. If you alert your partner's bid, do not say anything unless the opponents ask.
4. Be aware of the correct use of the 'Stop' card. Instructions are on the reverse of the card.
5. When bidding is completed, leave the bidding cards on the table until the lead has been established.
6. It is usual to thank partner when dummy hand is exposed dummy, even if you don't like what you see!
7. When you lead, place your card face down on the table before asking your partner if there are any questions. This is to keep the wrong defender from making the lead and allow partner to ask any questions about the bidding. Then it can be faced.
8. All players, except dummy, may now request a review of the auction and an explanation of any alerted calls. You, as the opening leader, should ask before you make your lead faced. Other players may also ask for a review of the auction at their first opportunity to play.