

The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club

Zero Tolerance Policy

for

Unacceptable Behavior

Expected Behavior

Anything that makes bridge more enjoyable for others

1. Greeting others in a friendly manner prior to start of play on each round.
2. Be a good "host" or "guest" at the table.
3. Making your convention card readily available to your opponents and filling it out completely.
4. Do *EVERYTHING* possible to make bridge enjoyable for yourself, partner and opponents.
5. Give credit when opponents make a good bid or play.

Unacceptable Behavior

Anything makes bridge less enjoyable for others

1. Publicly criticizing partner or opponents.
2. Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, profanity, threats or violence.
3. Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.
4. Gloating over good results.
5. Objecting to a call for the director.
6. Disputing or arguing with a directors ruling.
7. Poor personal hygiene, grooming or dress.

It is understood there might be a natural reluctance to complain about fellow players. Should it become necessary to call the director simply state "The player is interfering with my enjoyment of the game" This conduct is specifically prohibited by [Law 74A1](#) in the [Laws of Duplicate Bridge](#)

The ACBL Supports the Zero Tolerance Policy

The ACBL recommends that all Game Directors announce at the beginning of all games that the Club will be observing ZERO TOLERANCE for unacceptable behavior. The Director when called shall evaluate the situation and make a ruling. There are **NO** warnings

First Offense - a procedural penalty of one quarter board or three IMPS in team games.

Second Offense – Ejection from the game.

In accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, a Director's decision is final; an appeals committee may not overrule the Game Director. Although, they may recommend that the Director reconsider the imposition of a penalty.