

**WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB SUGGESTED CLUB RULES**  
**(endorsed by Queensalnd Bridge Federation)**

- **LAWS** - All players must observe Law 74.
- **ETIQUETTE** -
  - Courtesy at the bridge table means doing nothing to discomfort others.
  - Opponents should be greeted on arrival at the table.
  - New players and visitors should be made welcome.
  - Remarks should not be made that may embarrass or discomfort other players.
  - There should be no loud discussion of hands, nor lengthy post mortems that delay play, or could convey information to adjacent tables.
- **SMOKING** - Smoking is not permitted anywhere within the building, nor within three metres beyond any external door opening. Smokers are to keep the smoking area clean and tidy.
- **SEATING** - Players should be seated **10 minutes** prior to the start of a session.
- **DRESS STANDARDS** - Players are expected to observe a reasonable standard of dress. Singlets, thongs or bare feet (for example) are not acceptable.
- **NOTICE BOARDS** - No material may be placed on the notice board without prior approval from the Club Manager/Secretary.
- **AIRCONDITIONING** - Any required alteration in temperature should be reported to the director or club official. No unauthorised person may adjust airconditioner controls.
- **CHANGE TO MEMBERSHIP DETAILS** - Members should advise the office immediately of any change of address or telephone numbers.
- **COMPLAINTS** - Any complaints (**and accolades too**) should be forwarded in writing to the Secretary and signed - any verbal or anonymous complaints will not be considered.
- **TABLE RESERVATION** - Players may **NOT** reserve tables for other players.
- **REGULATIONS** - QBA Regulations will apply at all sessions unless modified by club regulations.
- **DIVISION OF FIELDS** - The division of sections should be as close in equal number as possible.
- **PRIZE MONEY** - Allocation of prize money will differ from Club to

Club and is often dependent on entries or table fees.

- **SYSTEMS** – Generally only blue and green systems will be permitted at Club sessions, except some Clubs may have certain sessions where all systems are allowed.
- **SYSTEMS CARD** - A fully completed current ABF system card is required for each pair at green masterpoint sessions. For Congresses and major competitions two ABF system cards will be required per pair.
- **TIMING** - Day sessions, where a break is included , should last around four hours
  - Night sessions (no break) around 3.5 hours.
- **NON MEMBERS** - Additional fee normally charged (differs Club to Club), usually \$1 or \$2. Interstate or overseas visitors should not be charged the extra fee - in fact if on holidays etc. could be given a free game.  
Non members only permitted to play as such for three months.
- **DIRECTORS** - Players are expected to cooperate with Directors at all times and particularly with:
  - The division of the field.
  - The calling for any infraction of the laws including rudeness and unethical behaviour.
  - The self-reporting of psyches in QBA events (opponents should check that this has been done).
  - The reporting of scoring errors prior to the end of the session so that the pairs concerned can be consulted.
  - The checking of score sheets at the end of the session of the boards just played.
  - Players should not move to the next table until the move has been called by the Director.
  - Players are expected to leave their last table and surroundings clean and tidy.
- **RULINGS** - It is illegal for players to make rulings and apply penalties after an infraction instead of calling the Director. Players should not permit their opponents to make rulings at the table.
- **APPEALS** - The ruling of the Director must be accepted without argument. However an appeal against the decision may be lodged with the Director as soon as possible or within thirty minutes of the end of play.
- **TIME ALLOWANCE** - The time allowed per board for a normal movement is six minutes plus one minute for the move. Time clocks should be used whenever possible.
- **AVERAGES** - Averages may only be allocated by the Director. If travelling score cards are being used then they should be signed by the Director.

Each pair may only have one average board (due to slow play) per session. Any other late boards will be allocated Average minus or zero matchpoints to offending slow pair, with opposition being given an Average or Average plus.

- **CLUB COMPETITIONS -**

- Prior entry on the appropriate completed entry form with full payment of entry fee should be lodged with the convenor to ensure a place.
- Red and Gold Masterpoint events may involve additional fees.
- Any player may enter club events and win prize money but titles and trophies can only be won by fully paid up members and will be awarded to the highest placed Club members.
- No club competition should be run with fewer than five full tables entered.
- In two-session events no substitute will be permitted.
- In a three or more session event, one substitute will be allowed provided that the substitute is not a registered player in the event nor has substituted for any other player and is of a standard of play equal to or less than the player replaced.
- If the substitute plays in the same partnership for two sessions (for any reason), he/she may become part of the original pairing at the discretion of the Director.
- Conditions of contest and in particular the scoring method to be used, must be determined prior to entries being accepted.

- **SCORING ERRORS**

Players have 24 hours from when scores for a session are posted to bring scoring errors to the attention of the Director. Scoring errors made by officials may be corrected at any time up to the start of the corresponding session the following week.

- **ELECTRONIC SCORING DEVICES (eg Bridgemates)**

Players must follow the Director's instructions as to the use of table scoring units.

Table units should be operated in relative silence. There should be no loud recitation of scores being entered or scores from other tables. There should be no loud or prolonged discussion of scores.