

Before looking at my cards, I will count them and be sure that I have 13 cards!

I will not touch the bidding box until I am ready to make a bid.

When bidding, I will do so in tempo as I realize long pauses may give my partner "unauthorized" information.

When making an initial lead, I will be sure to place my card face down until it is accepted by my partner----this will avoid those leads out of turn!

I will not snap my cards.

At the end of play, I will not mix up my cards until everyone agrees on the result.

I realize that North players are in charge of the boards and if I am a North player I will pass my boards by the end of the round and not ask for new boards until the round has been called.

If I am waiting to move to a new table, I will not stand near to or observe tables that are still in play.

As dummy, I will not let my hand "hover" over the cards or play a card, even a singleton, until instructed to do so by the declarer.

If I am declarer I will not call for a card from dummy until the LHO has played.

If I make a claim, I will do so by clearly showing my line of play. If I do not do so, I understand that my opponents should not ask me to show my line of play but should, instead, call the director.

I will refrain from making my own rulings at the table! I will call the director for any irregularity. I realize the director is there to make the game fair and equitable.

I will not needlessly leave the table during play, even while dummy (necessary bathroom breaks excepted).

I will complete each round in the allotted time as I understand that duplicate bridge is a timed event and that slow play is a violation of bridge law subject to penalty and that these penalties are well deserved when slow pairs disrupt the normal progression of the game.

I will always wait until the end of the game (not the board or the round) for postmortems. I realize that announcing the scores, the bidding or the play of the hand while the game is in progress often communicates information to other players who have not yet played the hand.

I appreciate having a great bridge club in my community and at the end of each game I will do my part by pushing in my chair, picking up supplies and any trash left at the table and by thanking the director.

**FINAL RESOLUTION:** I resolve to have fun and promote this great game of bridge to anyone and everyone!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**