

Policy Name	Sunshine Coast Contract Bridge Club Inc. (SCCBC) Code of Conduct Policy
Head of Power	SCCBC Constitution Section 11 Disputes and Grievances Policy
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The Sunshine Coast Contract Bridge Club Code of Conduct is based on the principle that every member and visitor has rights and responsibilities. The Code of Conduct guides members and visitors to the expected standards of behaviour within the Club, in interpersonal interactions and during play. These principles apply to playing bridge and to conduct when attending or representing the Club.

Rights

Members and visitors have the right to:

1. Be involved in the game of bridge.
2. Membership of a Club that is inclusive and free from discrimination.
3. Be always treated with courtesy, tolerance, and respect.
4. Be able to participate in social and competitive environments, free of unacceptable behaviour and language; and
5. Have their confidentiality appropriately maintained.

Responsibility

Members and visitors have the responsibility to:

1. Participate in the game in a proper, mature, and inoffensive manner.
2. Assist new members and guests by showing patience and understanding.
3. Abide by the rules and by-laws of the Club, Queensland Bridge Association, the Australian Bridge Federation, and the World Bridge Federation.
4. Be a good host or guest.
5. Greet opponents in a friendly manner.
6. Have two clearly completed convention cards readily available to opponents; and

7. Comply with the Club's Constitution, By-Laws, Policy, and Procedures.

Unacceptable Behaviour

There will be zero tolerance for any unacceptable behaviour, including, but not limited to the following.

1. Any action which contravenes Law 74, Conduct and Etiquette, sections A, B, and C of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 and any subsequent revisions.
2. Any other action or behaviour, including but not limited to.
 1. Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidations, profanity, threats, or violence at any time; or
 2. Derogatory, defamatory, or slanderous comments about Club Members, the Management Committee, or the Club; or
 3. Verbal or written communications by members or visitors which is deemed to have brought the Club into disrepute; or
 4. Negative verbal or written communication directed at opponents' or partners' play or bidding; or
 5. Constant and gratuitous lessons and analysis at the table which results in the disruption of play, impacts negatively on timekeeping, or disrupts the enjoyment of the game; or
 6. Arguing with a Director's ruling.

What to do if a player breaches the Code of Conduct Policy.

In the event of any infringement of the Code of Conduct several options are available:

1. Members can bring the infringement to the attention of the Director of the Day during the play at the table or after a bridge session has finished. The Director has the authority to resolve the matter or refer it to the Management Committee for further action.
2. Members can report any breaches of the Code of Conduct to the Management Committee, which may deal with breaches of the Code under the Sunshine Coast Contract Bridge Club Inc. Disputes and Grievances Policy.
3. Under the Constitution, the SCCBC Management Committee has authority to investigate any breach and has the power to impose penalties.