

MARYBOROUGH CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC.

BY-LAWS

1. **All players must observe Law 74 of the 2017 edition *Laws of Duplicate Bridge*.**

In particular - ETIQUETTE:

- Courtesy at the bridge table means doing nothing to discomfort others.
 - Greet your opponents on arrival at your table.
 - Make new players and visitors welcome.
 - Do not make any remark to embarrass or cause discomfort to your partner or opponents.
 - Do not discuss hands or waste time with post mortems between hands.
2. **MOBILE PHONES:** Mobile phones are to be turned off in the playing area during playing sessions. (Emergency calls may be received with the prior approval of the Director.)
 3. **SMOKING:** No smoking is permitted anywhere within six metres of any entrance to the building. Smokers are expected to keep the smoking areas clean and tidy.
 4. **PLAYING:** At least one player of every pair should be present **15** minutes prior to the start of a session so that the Director can determine the movement. All players should be seated **10** minutes prior to starting time.
 5. **DRESS STANDARDS:** Players are expected to observe a reasonable standard of dress. Singlets, rubber thongs or bare feet etc. are not acceptable. Scuffs and sandals are acceptable.
 6. **CHANGE TO MEMBERSHIP DETAILS:** Members should advise the Secretary of any change of address or telephone numbers as soon as possible.
 7. **AIR-CONDITIONING:** The Director or President are the only members authorized to make any changes to the air-conditioning controls.
 8. **SUGGESTION BOX:** Any suggestion to improve the conduct of bridge sessions or the general running of the Club's affairs should be signed and placed in the suggestion box for the consideration of the Management Committee.
 9. **COMPLAINTS:** Any complaints (and accolades **too**) should be forwarded in writing to the Secretary and signed. Any verbal or anonymous complaints will not be addressed.
 10. **TABLE RESERVATION:** Players may **NOT** reserve tables for other players. The Director may move players to suit the movement to be played or to allow incapacitated players to be stationary.
 11. **REGULATIONS:** *QBA Regulations* will apply at all sessions.

12. **SYSTEMS:** Only blue and green systems should be played at club sessions. Players who wish to practise red systems may do so when playing against experienced players if they warn them before play. Red systems are not permitted against new players.
13. **SYSTEM CARDS:** A fully completed current ABF system card is required for each pair at regular club sessions. For congresses and major competitions two identical systems cards will be required for each pair.
14. **DURATION OF SESSIONS:** Day sessions, where a break is included, should not exceed four hours. Night sessions will not normally exceed 3.5 hours.
15. **DIRECTORS:** Players are expected to cooperate with directors at all times and particularly with:
 - The seating of players.
 - The calling for any infraction of the laws, including rudeness and unethical behavior.
 - The self-reporting of psyches (opponents should check that this has been done).
 - Reporting scoring errors prior to the end of the session so that scores can be corrected.
 - East/west are responsible for checking the scores on the bridgemates before accepting the scores.
 - 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.
16. **RULINGS:** It is illegal for players to make rulings and apply penalties after an infraction without calling the Director. Players should not permit their opponents to make rulings at the table. A complete explanation of the circumstances is to be given to the Director, who will give a ruling and reasons for the ruling based on '*The Laws of Duplicate Bridge*' and *QBA Regulations*.
17. **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, so that an Appeals Committee can be convened.
18. **TIME ALLOWANCE:** The average playing time allowed per board is six minutes. Directors may allow seven minutes per board when there are new players. A new board should not be commenced after the 2-minute buzzer has sounded unless at the Director's discretion.
19. **AVERAGES:** Average scores can only be allocated by the Director. Each pair may only have one average board (due to slow play) per session. Any further late boards will be allocated Average minus (40%) to the offending slow pair, with the opposing pair being given an Average or Average plus (60%).

20. **CLUB COMPETITIONS:**

1. Players wishing to enter club championship events and GNOT club qualifying events must be an Honorary Life Member, or have been an Ordinary Member of the club for at least six months and have played in at least six green point events during that time. Exemptions may be granted at the discretion of the Management Committee.
2. No competition will be run with less than four full tables entered.
3. In two-session pair championship events no substitute will be permitted in the winning pair. One substitute will be allowed for the second session, provided that 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.
4. In a team championship events one substitute will be allowed, provided that 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. In team events a team of five or six may be entered.

21. **BOARDS:** Boards should not be moved until the move has been called by the Director.

22. **MEMBERSHIP:**

1. Ordinary members – restrictions apply with regard to some competition events (see Item 20 above).
2. Visitors are welcome and will pay normal table fee of \$7.00. Visitors are encouraged to participate in both red **and** green point events.

23. **NOTICE BOARDS:** The notice boards in the main room of the clubhouse are for club business only. Only notices from other clubs are allowed on that notice board. Some notices of a public interest nature may be allowed on the notice boards in the annex.

24. **ANNUAL PROGRAM:** The Annual Program will be produced under the direction of the Management Committee before the Christmas break and may be varied at the discretion of the Management Committee.

25. **MEMBERSHIP FEES:** In accordance with Clause 6 (1) of the Constitution the fees proposed by the Management Committee will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

These by-laws were adopted by a resolution of the Management Committee at the meeting on Wednesday, 15 June 2022.

Item 22(2) amended by a resolution of the Management Committee at the meeting on Wednesday, 20 March 2024.