



## Guidelines for speeding up play and Bridge etiquette

### Speeding up play...

- **Try not to discuss each hand** before going on to the next. Restrict your discussion to the end of the round, if there is time
- If you are on opening lead, always **make your lead as soon as possible** and **before writing the contract down** on your score card. This enables dummy to go down and speeds up play
- If you are **dummy**, once the opening lead has been faced, **put your cards down on the table as soon as possible**. Then, put away your bidding cards. You will have plenty of time afterwards to note the contract on your scorecard
- If it is a Howell movement, **take note of your pair number**, which table you will move to next and **who you are following**, as you will do this all night
- Before pairs move, it is **North's duty to pass the boards to the next table** (normally down one table)
- Wait for the Director to call the movement, then **move promptly**

### How do we want to behave? Good bridge manners at the table...

- Please **switch off your mobile** phone before the start of play
- Be a **good 'host' or 'guest'** at the table
- Always **greet your opponents** at the start of the round
- Don't give **unasked for 'tuition'** after a hand
- **Don't gloat** over a good result **nor moan** over a bad one
- We have bidding boxes, so **try not to discuss the bidding or results** so that other tables can hear
- **Give credit to your opponents** (or partner) when they have bid or played well and avoid public criticism of others' play
- Remember that **calling the Director for a decision is helpful** and not a critical action
- **Always be polite** to your Director. He/she is there to help you
- In fact, always be polite...**there is no excuse for rudeness** in bridge or any other situation in life
- **AND PLEASE**, if anything has occurred during the evening to upset you, don't go home unhappy – have a quiet word with the Director or any member of the Committee before you leave