**STARTING TIMES**

Monday & Thursday Players MUST be seated by 10.20 am

(Day sessions) Play must begin by 10.30 am

Tuesday & Friday Players MUST be seated by 12.50 pm

(Afternoon sessions) Play must begin by 1.00 pm

Evening sessions Players MUST be seated by 7.20 pm

 Play must begin by 7.30 pm.

**TABLE SEATING**

Before play commences, one person from each pair will toss. Winner will sit N/S. Notwithstanding, the Director has the right to assign seats and grant sitting rights.

**PHANTOM TABLE**

Last person (complete pair) sits at phantom table (normally table 3) and the director will toss for sitting position.

**VISITORS**

The same person may visit five times per year, otherwise a full subscription is due. Visitor table money is $5.00 per session.

**NAME BADGES**

Members should wear their name badges at all times. This helps all members but especially new ones and promotes a more friendly atmosphere.

**SUBSTITUTES**

See program rules for when substitutes allowed.

Where number of qualifying sessions are less than the total number being played then the eligible substitutes are those that play first.

**GRADINGS & HANDICAPS**

See notice board for current grading and handicap. An ‘A’ grade player has a negative handicap and a ‘B’ grade player has a positive handicap, as calculated at the beginning of the year.

**DIRECTORS DUTIES**

The Director is in full charge of the play and the Director’s ruling
always applies, subject to the right of appeal (Law 92) and subject to a Committee ruling under Law 80B2(f).

Directors are to:

1. Announce the number of boards to be played

2. Call the move and ensure West moves immediately

3. Keep noise to a minimum

4. Discourage slow play - persistent slow play to be penalized

5. Use the electronic timer

6 Control heating and ventilation

7 Advise scorer of any Bridgemate score amendments

8. Copy the number of hand printouts required for distribution.

 **PROPRIETIES**

1. DO greet players courteously and give an outline of your
system and special features, that is pre-alert.
2. DO wear your name badges at all times.
3. DO ***Practice Active Ethics***. When asked for an explanation, give full details of your partnership agreement.
4. DO bid and play to time. Claim when you can, stating your line of play.
5. DO always call the Director after all infringements.
6. DO accept the Director’s ruling without argument. You may lodge an appeal if there is ***Demonstrable Bridge Reason****.*
7. DO congratulate opponents’ good play.
8. DO avoid criticism of partner or opponents.
9. Do turn off your mobile phone.
10. DON’T badger, profane, insinuate, gloat, etc.
11. DON’T lay down the law after an irregularity. Call the
Director.
12. DON’T detach a card from the hand prior to your turn to play.
13. DON’T look intently at other players.
14. DON’T be guilty of interfering with the players’ enjoyment
of the game.

**BREACH OF PROPRIETIES OR RULES DURING PLAY**

The director must be called to rule on any infringement and scoring errors during play. The director’s ruling may be appealed and if not accepted, the complaint can be forwarded to the NZCBA on rule technicalities.

Rudeness or unbecoming conduct and other breaches of proprieties will normally be a Club matter and may be reported confidentially to the **RECORDER**.

**END OF PLAY**

1. Players to tidy the room
2. Chairs left straight.
3. Bridgemates put away