

BAWA Code of Conduct

Enjoyable Bridge Through Zero Tolerance

Playing bridge should be an enjoyable experience that is conducted in accordance with the laws at all times.

BAWA events operate under the ABF Code of Conduct, that requires all participants to:

- Be polite and courteous at all times.
- Respect other people's rights to have different opinions or ways of thinking.
- Conduct their game in a proper, mature and inoffensive manner.
- Assist new members and guests and try to show patience and understanding.
- Abide by the Ethics Code and rules of the ABF and BAWA.

Being courteous and considerate to all players and Directors is underpinned by Law 74A - Proper Attitude:

1. A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.
2. A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.

BAWA has zero tolerance towards behaviours that conflict with these principles. Specifically:

- Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, threats, or violence.
- Negative comments regarding opponents' or partners' bidding or play.
- Constant and gratuitous lessons and analysis at the table.
- Arguing or raising voices with players, Directors or Officials.
- Harassment of any kind, including any unwelcome physical contact.
- Discriminatory behaviour, including offensive jokes or comments.

Law 91A empowers the Director to assess and impose disciplinary penalties including points penalties and suspension from the session.

BAWA will investigate any reported incidents and may apply disciplinary action for serious or repeated transgressions.