

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

A. GENERAL

1. Bridge properties in conduct and play, as set out in “Laws of Contract Bridge – 2007”, must be observed at all times.
2. Subscriptions are due on September 1st
3. Mobile phones must be turned off during play. Penalties (deduction of points) apply if this restriction is not observed.
4. Bidding boxes are in use at the GCBC and rules pertaining to them must be observed. Rules are posted on the notice board.
5. At the discretion of the tournament committee, some sessions may be designated “Handicap Sessions”. Handicaps are determined by the scoring system. Overall winners retain master-points. Nett winners receive a prize ticket.
6. Each pair must have at least one ABF system card on the table during play. One stem card per player is required during all competitions.
7. Players to be seated 10 minutes before starting time.
8. Players must, after the 1st round, adhere to the time allowance set on the timing clock. New boards must not be started after the 3 minute warning bell has gone.
9. North to be responsible for placing and moving boards. Each player is responsible for entering their club number in the Bridgemate. North South pair is responsible for entering score and East West for checking.
10. Complaints must be forwarded in writing to the Secretary.
11. Dress code – Smart casual.

B. DIRECTORS

12. The Director has the right to determine the type of movement and the number of boards to be played
13. The Director must be called for any infraction of the laws, including rudeness and unethical behaviour.
14. Scoring errors should be reported to the Director during play.
15. The ruling of the Director must be accepted at the table. However an appeal may be lodged with the Director within 30 minutes of the end of play.
16. The Director has the right to refuse entry to any person into the club rooms

C COMPETITIONS

17. Prior nomination on the entry form posted on the Competition Notice Board is necessary to ensure a place in all Competitions. Players so nominating but failing to attend, may be required to show cause why they may not be disciplined.
18. Prior permission must be obtained for a substitute for one round. The substitute must be a player of similar standard to the replaced player. The Director has the right to reject any proposed substitute.
19. All ABF registered players may enter any Non-Championship event and gain prize money and Masterpoints. Any title, prize money or trophy in a Club Championship will be awarded to the highest placed Club members. Club Championships are: Pairs and Teams Championships, Masters Pairs, Gold Coast Bridge Club Cup, And the President's Cup.
20. Teams in Club Championships to consist of not more than six nominated players.
21. Breaking of Ties – Ties will not be broken for awarding cash prizes or for Masterpoint purposes. Prize money will be divided between tying Teams or Pairs. For the purpose of deciding a title, ties will be broken as follows :-
Teams 1. – On IMPs
 2. – on head to head matches

Pairs – on the basis of head to head matches between tying pairs.

If still unbroken, the matches against the next ranking pair will be used and so on.

22. An extra fee will apply for all Red Masterpoint events.
23. If insufficient players are present for a non-competition movement, the RP fee is applicable to those absorbed into the Red Point Competition section.