

## Greetings

I welcome you to Yorba Linda Duplicate Bridge. It is my goal to direct sessions that all players enjoy by creating a friendly atmosphere that implements ACBL rules and guidelines.

I want to emphasize that bridge is an ethical game by outlining the following points made in The Club Director's handbook.

- Do not make comments regarding your opponents' or partner's play or bidding. As a matter of fact, talk during bidding except to alert, announce and request for explanations of a bid is not allowed and can result in penalties. Editorial comments during play are also not allowed
- Do not give a lesson or advice unless asked and only ask when all boards at the table are played. This will keep the play of rounds on schedule.
- Do not do an analysis of the bid or play. If you must, wait until all boards at the table are played so that you are ready to move when the round is called.
- Be aware of how long you are taking to bid or play. All of us take longer on some difficult boards; but if you are consistently still playing when the move to next round is called, be courteous and speed up your bidding and/or play. I allow 15 minutes per 2 boards, as suggested by ACBL. If you are just bidding or just beginning to play (6 or fewer cards played) when the round is called, I will give you an average.
- Do not explain to your partner as you lay down the cards why you bid the way you did. You may have given your partner a challenge but discuss it when you two are alone.
- Any conduct that interferes with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited in Bridge Law 74A and by the Yorba Linda Parks and Recreation Respectful Behavior Policy.

Two added comments:

Even though we are not playing a sanctioned game or a tournament, we are also not playing party bridge; and, therefore, ACBL rules will be followed.

I want you to enjoy each other's company but please keep voices down so others can concentrate and enjoy the game also.

I hope your bridge experience at Yorba Linda is an enjoyable one.