

Ashburton Bridge Club Code of Conduct

We expect our members to display a consistently high standard of good behaviour, ensuring that the club environment is safe and welcoming. Such behaviour is expected whether they are at the Club or at another club, and also whether they are playing social or tournament bridge.

Such good behaviour includes:

- Offering support and encouragement to all players
- Greeting others in a friendly manner and being a good host or guest at the table
- Making bridge enjoyable for yourself, partner and opponents
- Giving credit when opponents make a good bid or play.
- Following The Laws of Duplicate Bridge and abiding by the New Zealand Bridge Manual

The Club strongly discourages unacceptable behaviour, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Bullying and harassment
- Rudeness, sarcasm, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats and violence
- Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding
- Unwanted lessons and analyses at the table
- Gloating over good results
- Arguing at the table about a director's ruling (N.B. Director's decisions may be appealed)
- Cheating and unfair play
- Unjustified criticism or complaints, including petty complaints
- Unfounded accusations of unethical conduct at any event conducted by the Club
- Not respecting the privacy and confidentiality of Club information and members
- Behaviour detrimental to the interests of the Club
- Failure to observe any rule or by-law of the Club

The Club expects everyone to play an active role in ensuring the Club environment is safe and welcoming. The Club encourages people to speak up if they experience or see behaviour that breaches, or is inconsistent with, this Code of Conduct, and supports those who do that.