

# SURFERS PARADISE BRIDGE CLUB

## BY LAWS

### 1. CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE

- A member or visitor to the Club must maintain a courteous attitude at all times whilst within the Club's premises and environs.
- Etiquette of Word and Action - a member or visitor should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to any other person while in attendance at the Club.
- Matters relating to Bridge Laws and Regulations are governed by the SPBC Tournament Regulations & Procedures (TRAPS) and these cover all aspects relating to play and the conduct of players and the playing of bridge while under the control of the Director, including reference to ethics, rulings, appeals, procedures, kibitzing, complaints etc. A folder containing details of matters contained within Traps is at the notice board near the dealing room.
- A zero tolerance view will be taken for serious breaches of the above as follows -
  - a. In a Pairs event the offending party and his or her partner will be penalized the top of a board in the applicable session. In Teams 3VP will apply.
  - b. Neither the offending party nor his or her partner/team shall be eligible to receive a winning ticket/prize.

### 2. POSTING OF NOTICES

Members may petition the Management Committee on matters involving the Club's operation, but may not circulate petitions in the clubrooms for matters outside the Club's control. No member may place a notice on any of the Club's noticeboards without permission of the President or Secretary.

### 3. PRIVACY

A copy of the Privacy Statement, approved by the MC, appears on the Notice Board. This clearly states the principles relating to the protection of your personal information.

### 4. DRESS STANDARDS

The dress standard shall be smart casual: eg singlets, football shorts, thongs and bare feet are unacceptable.

## 5. SMOKING

- a. Within the Club House and environs, everyone must comply with Queensland statutory and regulatory requirements. To the extent that this clause (a) may conflict with any clause (b) through (e) in this section 5, then (a) shall prevail.
- b. In so far as this Club has jurisdiction, smoking is permitted south of the Club House on the adjacent concrete apron provided it is more than four metres west of the front door.
- c. Smoking is similarly also permitted in any of the car parks and on any of the lawn areas surrounding the Club House provided it is more than four metres from an external wall of the Club House.
- d. Members are not permitted to smoke on the concrete pathways that run alongside the southern, eastern, and western sides of the Club House, and either on or within four metres of the concrete pathway that runs between the Club House and the car park to the east of the Club House.
- e. Within the area generally west of the Club House and adjacent to the tea and coffee dispensing area, Members are also not permitted to smoke within four metres of the external windows for the ladies' toilets and the kitchen.

## 6. MOBILE PHONES

All mobile phones must be turned off within the playing areas of the Club while play is in progress. Penalties, as laid down by the QBA, shall be applied without exception. To cover emergency situations, mobile phones may be left with the Director.

## 7. PERSONS WHO ARE NOT CLUB MEMBERS

- a. A person who is not a SPBC Club Member may participate as a Visitor in a playing session, whether walk in or a competition (other than a Club Championship), by paying in advance and in addition to the regular table fee for a Club Member, the Visitor's Premium determined from time to time by the Management Committee.
- b. A person who is not a SPBC Club Member may participate in any QBA sponsored Congress hosted by SPBC, without paying anything other than the same entry fee as a Club Member.
- c. A member of any other bridge club in the Gold Coast Zone or adjacent area of NSW, who has entered any inter club competition in which SPBC is participating, may play in those competition sessions hosted at the SPBC without payment of the Visitor's premium.
- d. A member of the Gold Coast Bridge Club may participate without payment of the Visitor's premium, in any SPBC playing session that is held concurrently with a Gold Coast Zone inter club competition that is being hosted at the Gold Coast Bridge Club.
- e. A person who is not a SPBC Club Member may, with the agreement of the teacher in charge and upon payment of any

prescribed fee, participate as a student in any bridge lesson or supervised play session sponsored by SPBC.

- f. A person who is not a SPBC Club Member may not participate in any other Club activity (apart from those specified above), unless he/she has in writing sought from the Management Committee approval for such participation, and then received that approval in writing.
- g. A person who is not a SPBC Club Member may have any of the above privileges amended or withdrawn by the Management Committee at any time.

## 8. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Qualifications for consideration for Honorary Life Members -

- The member to be recommended will have displayed outstanding dedication, contribution, support and service to the Club, also to the game of Bridge and be subject to the following:
  - a. The member shall be classified as a home club member under the ABF definition.
  - b. The nominated member shall have at least fifteen (15) years continuous membership of the Club.
  - c. The member shall not have been found in the affirmative under suspension or termination of membership Rule 7.2.

## 9. TRAPS

The 2006 edition of Tournament Regulations and Procedures of this Club is now adopted, thereby replacing all earlier editions.

## 10. CATERING

The Catering Sub Committee shall be responsible for ensuring all kitchen staff and volunteer staff have been made aware of the importance of the observance at all times of satisfactory health and hygiene standards in the storage, preparation and provision of food and drinks by the Club.

## 11. MEMBERS WHOSE SUBSCRIPTIONS REMAIN UNRENEWED

- 11.1 As our Club financial year ends on September 30th each year, for any person whose membership subscription has expired on September 30th, if it has not been renewed in the interim, the following shall apply during the rest of that calendar year:
- a. He/she remains a Club Member (albeit with diminishing privileges), until 1st December.
  - b. After October 31st he/she may not purchase discounted table fee tickets.
  - c. After October 31st, he/she may not attend nor vote at any General Meeting irrespective of whether it is Annual or Extraordinary.
  - d. He/she may not be nominated as a candidate for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or for other membership of the Management Committee.

- e. He/she may not nominate (either as Proposer or Secunder) any other Club Member to a position on the Management Committee.
- f. He/she may not participate in any Club Championship.
- g. His/her Club membership shall automatically cease completely on December 1st and may no longer be reinstated through subscription renewal.
- h. After December 1st the only way Club membership may be re-established is through a new application for membership being initiated (in which case a new Joining fee is payable).

11.2 In respect of all action prescribed in this By Law:

- a. The Club is under no obligation to provide individual Club Members with formal notice, and any notice of impending action that may be provided is merely provided as a courtesy.
- b. There is no appeal available to any person to negate or reverse the prescribed action.
- c. No Officer of the Club, nor any other person shall have discretionary power to vary any requirement or restriction.

## 12. ANNUAL ELECTION

- 12.1 If the number of candidates nominated to the Management Committee (other than as President, or Vice President, or Secretary, or Treasurer) exceeds ten (10), the election procedure to determine the successful candidates shall be that prescribed in the statement headed 'Conducting Election for Management Committee' which was tabled at the July 2006 Management Committee meeting.
- 12.2 If there is more than one (1) candidate nominated for any one or more of the position of President, or Vice President, or Secretary, or Treasurer, the election procedure to determine the successful candidate shall in form be essentially the same as that prescribed in the preceding paragraph.