



# ZERO

# TOLERANCE POLICY

**Be Nice**



To establish an atmosphere which promotes the enjoyment of bridge as both a competitive and a social game, the ACBL has adopted a policy of courteous behavior. **The ACBL stands for American Contract Bridge League and Always Courteous Behavior League.** For bridge to be fun, cooperation from all (players, organizers, officials, staff, volunteers) is necessary. Please report conduct that is unacceptable while keeping in mind that we must be tolerant of other people in general and bridge players in particular. Also Conduct that is especially outstanding or refreshing should be praised.

## COMMENDABLE

- Being a good “host” or “guest” at the table
- Greeting others in a friendly manner
- Praising the bidding and/or play of the Opponents
- Having two clearly completed Convention Cards readily available to the opponents  
*(This a regulation, not a nicety)*
- Providing a clear and accurate as possible bidding explanation when asked

## UNACCEPTABLE

- ♦ Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats or violence
- ♦ Negative comments concerning the opponents’ or partner’s play or bidding
- ♦ Gloating over good results
- ♦ Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table
- ♦ Loud and disruptive arguing with a director

If you experience someone exhibiting discourteous behavior or being other than civil, please call the game director immediately. If you feel that there was a very serious breach of discipline, in addition to the resolution by the director at the table, you may consult with the other directors at a later time.

Should it become necessary to call the director, you may simply state: *“This player is interfering with my enjoyment of the game.” Taking someone down doubled vulnerable by itself is not considered to be discourteous.*

Courteous behavior creates an atmosphere which tends to encourage others to be courteous. It is contagious. Starting each round with a pleasant greeting facilitates a pleasant bridge atmosphere and experience.

# Be Courteous

THE DIRECTORS THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION