

NEW ZERO TOLERANCE RULES: SUMMARY FOR PLAYERS

THREE TYPES OF PENALTIES

Egregious Violations: Minimum 1-board penalty. Director may recommend suspension

Standard Violations: Minimum ¼ board penalty. Penalty goes up for subsequent violations of any kind during a 30-day period.

Lesser Violations: Warning for first violation. After a warning, any further violation (of any kind) in a 30-day period will incur a ¼ board penalty or more.

CONDUCT SUBJECT TO PENALTY

Egregious Violations:

- Loud, disruptive, combative behavior of a type that is likely to drive other players away (includes yelling across the room at other players)
- Rude or repetitive arguing with the director

Standard Violations:

- Continuing to discuss a hand (or other matter) after another player has asked to move on to the next hand or has suggested that continued discussion is not welcome
- Cornering another player after play ends for the purpose of rehashing a hand
- Arguing with (or strong lecturing of) opponents or partner (regardless of who started the argument)
- Suggesting that opponents or partner are not good bridge players (using words like stupid, fix, idiot, dumb, etc.)
- Making your own rulings, or lecturing other players on proper bridge etiquette

Lesser Violations:

- Gratuitous lessons at the table
- Playing cards in an aggressive or vehement manner
- Gloating over a board (does not include a simple “well-played, partner” or words to that effect)
- Summoning the director in a way that suggests frustration or annoyance with other players at the table.

HOW TO REPORT

You can report violations to the director away from the table at the end of the round. When words start getting heated, though, it is better to call the director to the table.