

The Bridge Club, Aberdeen SCIO

Rules and Bye-Laws

Membership

1. The categories of membership are Honorary, Full and Junior
2. Full and Honorary members have voting rights and may attend the Annual General Meeting and/or any Extraordinary General Meetings that may be convened. Junior members may attend but do not have voting rights at any EGM or AGM.

Visitors and Guests

3. Visitors to Aberdeen are welcome to attend the club. Such visitors attending on business or vacation are not allowed to play in specific club events. Members may introduce up to three visitors at any one time.
4. Visitors will be charged the same table money as members but will be invited to make a charitable donation to the club which may be gift aided by signing the appropriate Gift Aid form.
5. The board may decide to let a room or rooms for the purpose of playing bridge or other activity. Persons so admitted will be treated as visitors to the club.
6. Visitors to the club must sign the visitor's book.
7. Rooms and facilities may be let from time to time to other groups or societies, those persons in attendance will be treated as Visitors and will pay pre-arranged fees for the facilities offered to them. The Board will decide the fees on an annual basis.

Subscriptions

8. The Board shall determine the level of the annual subscription each year.
9. Members will be informed of the current subscription and will be expected to pay the subscription within one calendar month from receiving the information.
10. Any member whose subscription is overdue will not be entitled to vote at any meetings called by the Board.

Table Money

11. Table money (per player) will be set by the Board and will apply to all table activities at the club whether they be bridge or **any** other small table game.

Behaviour of Members and Disciplinary Procedures

12. Members (and visitors) are required to exhibit correct behaviour to fellow users of the premises at all times. This shall include acting with courtesy and consideration at the bridge table and in all areas of the premises.
13. All disciplinary powers of the club are vested in the Board
14. The Board shall have the power, by a majority vote, to cancel, suspend or refuse membership or admittance to any person to any part of the premises for such period as they think fit.
15. Failure to observe correct behaviour should be reported to the Board who will be required to consider any alleged infraction and decide on appropriate action which could include temporary or permanent suspension from membership or refusal of access to the premises.
16. The Board will be guided by the SBU's Grievance and Disciplinary procedures when considering any action against misbehaviour.
17. Appeals against any such decision must be made to the Board. Appeals will be heard by three members of the Board plus two independent club members. Decisions of that group will be final.

Facilities

18. Rooms may be hired by members for private functions.
19. Boards (including pre-dealt hands) may be hired by members at a nominal charge but the members must have approval of the Board to remove them temporarily from the premises.
20. The bar will be open for members over the age of 18 to use at times determined by the Board. Visitors may not purchase alcohol from the bar but may be permitted alcohol as guests of members, subject to the licensing conditions.
21. Lessons for beginners and improvers will be offered from time to time. A regular weekly course for beginners will normally commence in September and last for 12 months. Tuition fees will be determined annually by the Board.

Club Tournaments

22. Members are entitled to enter all club tournaments, subject to limitation of gender or Master Point ranking.
23. No financial awards will be made for any tournaments. Trophies may be awarded and names recorded on the trophy which may be held by the winner/s for the ensuing 12 months.
24. Members should append their names to the appropriate list for the tournaments/competitions and any member not appearing without good cause, acceptable to the Board, may be asked to pay the appropriate entry fee/table money and may be excluded from further competitions.

Member Participation in the running of the Club

25. Members are expected to play a role in the smooth running of the club. Activities to which they may be invited to contribute include: Opening and closing of the club premises, acting as tournament directors, acting as stand-by partners and as partners to less experienced players, to assisting the Board by way of co-option to committees or sub-committees.
26. All members, visitors and guests are expected to abide by the Constitution and the Bye-Laws of the club, a registered charity.