



Mobile Phone Policy

Mobile phones can be extremely disruptive to the fairness and enjoyment of a Bridge tournament.

The committee recognises that some players at times must be contactable during events. We want to make it possible to play wherever feasible, rather than bar those players. We also want to minimise disruptions and discourtesy to other players.

In an effort to ensure a pleasant atmosphere and fair competition the committee has adopted the following policy towards use of mobile phones at club sessions.

- Mobile phones must be switched off during play, unless special dispensation has been granted by the director.
- Dispensation will be granted for a specific session only. Permission to keep your mobile switched on for one session does not impart any rights for future sessions.
- If you are granted dispensation to have your phone on during play, you are asked if possible to have it on silent mode, and to refrain from answering it at the table. Return the call between rounds, if you can possibly do so.
- Any player who answers a mobile phone call at the table, or who leaves the table to answer a call during a round, will incur an automatic penalty of half a top. This applies whether permission has been granted by the director or not.

We are all fallible, and may simply forget to turn our phones off. It is not our intention to be heavy handed towards such lapses, but repeated occurrences may incur a penalty.

For your further information, the most recent Australian Bridge recommendation is set out below

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Mobile phones It was resolved that mobile 'phones must be switched off during session time. If a player's mobile 'phone rings during session time, that player, his/her partnership or team shall receive a warning for the first offence and shall be penalised 3 VPs (9 IMPs) for each subsequent offence in teams events (including Butler pairs)."