

GOOD MANNERS at the TABLE

1. Although snapping the cards may sound musical to your ears, it can be very irritating to others. Quietly place your card on the table.
2. Take your hand off the card once you have played it. Holding it in your hand makes it hard for others at the table to see it.
3. **Always lead before** writing the contract down. This keeps other players from waiting. It also gives the declarer a few minutes to make his plan of play.

Bridge Etiquette Do's and Don'ts

1. If you are making the opening lead:
 - a. Lead face down and ask partner if there are any questions. This will keep you from leading out of turn.
 - b. **Always lead before** you write the contract down. This keeps the other three players from waiting.
2. When you are declarer, avoid saying "play anything" from the dummy as this gives either opponent the opportunity to call the card from the dummy.
3. Wait until the end of the round to discuss hands. Even then, it is better to wait until the game is over. Voices carry, and it is not fair to the other players if you are overheard by the next table.
4. Wait until it is your turn to play a card. If partner is trying to decide which card to discard, a play out of turn by you might help with this decision.
5. Once all the cards have been turned over, it is not permitted to ask to see that trick again.
6. Do not tell partner he has a trick turned the wrong way after you have played to the next trick. You may tell partner at the time of the mistake, however.
7. If a claim is made and you are not sure about it, call the director immediately.
8. A spectator must not display any reaction to the bidding or play. A spectator should be seated; it is annoying to have someone stand and look over your shoulder.
9. A player may either use the warning of skip bid all the time, or he must never use it. If a skip bid warning is made, the next player should pause about 10 seconds before making a bid. Even if the warning was not given, the next bidder should wait 10 seconds and appear to be thinking about his next call.
10. Do not detach a card from your hand before it is your turn to play.
11. Do not indicate approval or disapproval of a call or play.

Following these simple do's and don'ts increases the fun of the game for everyone involved and keeps the game running smoothly. Try it, you'll like it!