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ETIQUETTE

Play Nice!
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This month the Charlotte Bridge Association's
etiquette newsletter will focus on:

Bridge timing and slow play

(Don't forget to check out the QUIZ - link at the end of email).

- **Slow play is a disservice to all other players – and the director – of any duplicate event.**
- ACBL and CBA allow 7.5-8 minutes per board to cover all activity for each hand, from pulling out the cards from the board to scoring the result on the Bridgmate and changing to the next board.
 - Be mindful of the clock! Get in the habit of glancing at it as you are sorting your cards, or just after writing down the score.

- If you have <7 minutes per remaining board left, gently suggest to the table that we need to pick up the pace.
 - **Use strategies such as making the opening lead or laying down the dummy BEFORE writing down the contract, to save small amounts of time here and there.**
 - Wait to discuss a board with partner until after you have completed all boards for the round and if there is time left for the clock.
 - Do not start a new board once the round is called. Be gracious about giving up a board when running late.
 - If running late, finish as quickly as possible and move on
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- **The director has complete discretion over:**
 - When to start and end rounds (regardless of the time clock)
 - When to pull a board and require the pair to change for the next round
 - How far along a table must be when the round ends to be permitted to complete the board
 - Whether to designate an unplayable board as a “late play” (the board gets completed at the end of the game) or a “no play” (the board counts as a sit-out and is never completed)
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- **ACBL Law 12 also gives the director discretion to assign a penalty – usually in the form of an “average minus” board - for chronic slow play in any given game. Each director/proprietor team should have a strict guideline for assigning these penalties.**

- If you are waiting to play at a table that is significantly behind, you can politely and discreetly summon the director to assist, if he has not yet addressed the situation.

- **Regardless of whose fault the slow play is, it is the responsibility of EVERYONE to catch up while finishing the round and playing subsequent rounds.**

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