

The Bridge Club, Aberdeen SCIO

Rules and Bye-Laws (updated 18th January 2026)

Membership

1. The categories of membership are Concession, Honorary, Full and Junior.
2. All categories of members have voting rights and may attend the Annual General Meeting and/or any Extraordinary General Meetings that may be convened.

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, in particular single night trophies. Members may introduce up to three visitors at any one time.
4. Visitors will be charged table money at an enhanced rate as agreed by the Board.
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 visitors book.

Subscriptions

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

Table Money

10. 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 other small table game.

Behaviour of Members

11. Members (and visitors) are required to exhibit correct behaviour to fellow users of the club at all times. This shall include acting with courtesy and consideration at the bridge table and in the social areas of the club.
12. Failure to observe correct behaviour shall 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.

13. The Board will be guided by the SBU's Grievance and Disciplinary procedures when considering any action against misbehaviour.

Facilities

14. Rooms may be hired by members for private functions.
15. 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.
16. The bar will be open for members 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 being the licensing conditions.
17. 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

18. Members are entitled to enter all club tournaments, subject to limitation of gender or Master Point ranking.
19. 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.
20. 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

21. 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.
22. To facilitate the smooth running of the club, the Board may from time to time appoint members of the club to carry out specific defined roles. At present these include the following, but roles can be added or removed as necessary:

- Education Convener and Deputy
- Housing Convener and Deputy
- Tournament Convener and Deputy
- IT Support
- Membership Secretary
- Safeguarding Adviser
- Archivist
- Bridge Teacher(s)

A person holding a Defined Role does not have to be a Trustee, but the Board may feel that certain roles bear a degree of responsibility which makes this highly desirable (e.g. the Conveners). Non-Trustees may be invited to attend Board meetings from time to time.

Appointments to Defined Roles will be reviewed every three years. Reappointment is possible, but the Board will bear in mind the advisability of rotating the roles between different members of the club (to ensure that knowledge is shared and to ease succession planning), and the disadvantages which may arise from one person holding a role for too long.

23. All members, visitors and guests are expected to abide by the Constitution and the Bye-Laws of the club, a registered charity.