

CCBA Unit 169 Zero Tolerance Policy

Central Carolina Bridge Association, Unit 169, is a Zero Tolerance Policy Unit. The objective of this policy is to create a more pleasant atmosphere at our unit games and sectionals. We believe that by encouraging good behavior and by eradicating unacceptable behavior we will make our games more enjoyable for all.

We expect common sense behavior and respect toward every person and toward the rules and ethics of the game. Discourtesy must be avoided. Players should treat the director, their partners and their opponents with respect.

Below are some examples of commendable behavior, which, while not required, will significantly contribute to a pleasant atmosphere:

Expected and Commendable Behavior **Anything that makes bridge more enjoyable for others**

1. Greeting others in a friendly manner at the start of each round.
2. Being a good "host" or "guest" at the table.
3. Making two clearly completed convention cards readily available to the opponents.
4. Doing EVERYTHING possible to make bridge enjoyable for you, your partner and the opponents.
5. Giving credit when the opponents make a good bid or play.
6. Keeping the game moving in a timely fashion, for example leading before you enter the contract on your card.

Following below are some examples of behavior that will not be tolerated at, before or after the unit-sponsored event:

Unacceptable Behavior **Anything that makes bridge less enjoyable for others**

1. Publicly criticizing partner or the opponents or giving unasked-for lessons.

2. Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, profanity, threats or violence.
3. Negative comments concerning the opponents' or partner's bidding or play.
4. Gloating over good results.
5. Objecting to a call for the director.
6. Loud and disruptive arguing about a director's ruling.

The Unit Director should make an announcement before the start of all unit games that we have adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy that will be observed at all unit games. Copies of this policy shall be available at the Director's table and on the web site.

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called immediately. Annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is prohibited and the director has the authority to assess disciplinary penalties. Where the director believes a disciplinary penalty is appropriate, the typical disciplinary penalty will be $\frac{1}{4}$ of a board for each offender.

Please note that the purpose of zero tolerance is to make the game pleasant and enjoyable for everyone.

Implications for Clubs Within Unit 169

Unit 169 supports this Zero Tolerance Policy and recommends that all Directors within the unit adopt this or a similar policy at their clubs. However, ACBL has stated that no club is required to adopt the Zero Tolerance Policy as written by ACBL. In addition, it is noteworthy that the Unit has no jurisdiction over behavior at club games.