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Bridge on Internet

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Bridge on the Internet is played by the same rules and regulations as bridge in the real world

That includes behaviour towards partner and opponents

On the Internet we have two big problems to deal with:

- Cheating
- Bad behaviour

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CHEATING

- Use more than one account
- Use (mobile) phones
- Being in the same room

BAD BEHAVIOUR

- Walk away during play
- misbehave towards partner
- misbehave towards opponents
- Deliberately not alerting



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WHAT DOES STEPBRIDGE DO ABOUT CHEATING AND BAD BEHAVIOUR

- Make sure you know who is playing (by StepBridge you must be member of the NBB, so we know you by name and address)
- Make it possible for participants to complaint (make sure they are not allowed to play for their own judge)
- Take a complaint serious (we can see everything what has happened at the table)
- Have top players in your committee to look at accusations of cheating



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WHAT MEASURES WE TAKE

In case of cheating the player or the pair is expelled from playing on StepBridge (in severe cases we ask the NBB to expel for real life competitions for a certain period as well)

In case of bad behaviour we can expel for a period of one week to 3 month for first offenders and up to a year for recidivists. For persistent cases we can eventually expel for live.

Important advice:

If people know that they can be punished, even in real live, they are more likely to behave than usually on the sanctuary they think the Internet is.



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