

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

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The ultimate goal of the Zero Tolerance policy is to create a pleasant atmosphere by eliminating unacceptable behavior which will make our game more enjoyable.

The following are examples of commendable behavior which would significantly contribute to a pleasant atmosphere:

Being a good “host” or “guest” at the table.

Greeting each other in a friendly manner.

Praising the bidding/play of the opponents.

Having two clearly completed convention cards readily available to the opponents. (This is a regulation, not just a nicety.)

Examples of behavior which will not be tolerated:

Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats or violence.

Negative comments concerning opponents’ or partners play or bidding.

Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.

Loud and disruptive arguing with a director’s ruling.

The Fargo Club, while desiring a pleasant atmosphere, is taking the view that infractions be handled in a manner that allow for penalties in instances that are repetitive and severe breaches of acceptable behavior but not require penalties for instances that may be a more minor infraction and can better be dealt with through education/discussion and a warning.

The director of the game may use his/her judgement and apply penalties, if warranted, or warnings if it is felt that would be a more appropriate approach. There will be periodic meeting of the directors to discuss procedure, problems or other insights that would move our club towards a great experience for all players.

Even though the ACBL discourages warnings, the board feels that we are a small club and should be able to direct our efforts in this way to encourage better manners at the table. It should be noted, however, that all offenses are punishable, retaliatory behavior is punishable and frivolous accusations are also punishable offenses.