



## Penalty Guidelines

The following Penalty Guidelines have been developed to assist the Committee in its decision making in relation to breaches of the Code of Conduct. It should be noted that the Committee is not restricted to these penalties – they are guidelines. This document accompanies the TBA Code of Conduct and Discipline Procedures.

	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Penalty 1<sup>st</sup> Offence</b>	<b>Penalty 2<sup>nd</sup> Offence</b>
1	Verbal abuse of a partner, opponent or a Director.	W – 12	4 – 52
2	Making a racial remark or comment.	W – 12	4 – 52
3	Threat of assault or physical interference.	W – 24	12 – 52
4	Physical interference without intent to cause grievous bodily harm.	W – 12	12 – L
5	Physical interference with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.	I **	L
6	Deliberate damage or abuse of club equipment.	W – 4	2 – 52
7	Persistent, non-premeditated breaches of the laws of Bridge with the effect of gaining an unfair advantage and/or unauthorised information.	4 – 12	12 – 52
8	Deliberate and disguised or concealed violation of the Laws of Bridge intending to improve one's score.	52 – L	L
9	Any other offence not specifically covered by any of the above.	D	D

Key: D                    the penalty is discretionary  
 L                        Lifetime Suspension  
 W                        Warning  
 I                         Indefinite suspension  
 Numbers              number of weeks of suspension from playing in TBA events  
 \*\*                        In the case of a police matter the Committee will determine the sanction taking the results of the police investigation into account.

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