

## **Code of Conduct- briefing for Directors**

### **Copies of the above notice are to be placed on all tables for players**

#### **As well as what the notice says, Directors please note :**

Before play, please announce that Code of Conduct is in operation. Please explain that they should call the TD if they think anything might be wrong & that is the preferred action.

Should the TD find any of the above unacceptable behaviour occurring then Tournament Directors should first issue a warning before using their powers to issue Disciplinary Penalties under Law 91A for breaches of this code. They are also asked to inform the Secretary of penalties applied as a tracking device for the code.

#### **Notes on the application of Law 91A**

[a] In the absence of strong mitigating factors, a first offence will receive a minimum of 3 imps or 10% of a top penalty. The offenders should also be warned that according to the Code a second offence may result in their suspension or disqualification from the event.

Please note that the 3 imps or 10% of a top are the minimum amounts & the TD may increase this at his discretion up to & including disqualification from the event should circumstances warrant it. This may be when there is no reasonable expectation of the unacceptable behaviour being immediately rectified, e.g. extreme inebriation, entirely inappropriate dress.

[b] In the absence of strong mitigating factors, a second offence may result in suspension or disqualification from the event. Whilst disqualification remains the last resort for the TD & all other avenues should be explored before using it, the TD is empowered to disqualify serious or persistent offenders against the Code [approval under Law 91B is hereby conferred on the TD for this procedure]. . Note that such disqualification or suspension automatically involves the rest of his pair or team as appropriate.

[c] While these penalties are not normally appealable, if there is a reasonable case the Tournament Director will usually allow it to be considered by an Appeals Committee. The Tournament Director is not bound to follow their advice.