

Scottish Bridge Union
Law & Ethics Committee
Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Committee is the national authority for the interpretation and enforcement of all matters relating to the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge and any SBU guidelines or practices relating directly to these Laws.

Reporting

The Committee reports directly to the Board of the SBU.

Membership

Chair – appointed by the Board of the SBU

Members will be appointed by the Board and will include at least one trustee. The Chief Tournament Director, the Chair of the Investigation Panel and the Convenor of the Disciplinary Panel will be *ex officio* members of the Committee.

Remit

- L&E has overall responsibility for approving the policies, procedures and guidelines relating to the enforcement the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge.
- L&E acts as the final appeal body for appeals arising from decisions made by Tournament Directors regarding the Laws of the Duplicate Contract Bridge.
- L&E has responsibility for preparing the SBU's Disciplinary Code. It submits updates to the Board for approval. It also maintains and publishes subsidiary disciplinary procedures.
- L&E monitors the work of both the Investigation Panel and the Disciplinary Panel and in the light of this may propose to the Board changes to the Disciplinary Code and subsidiary procedures.
- L&E appoints an Investigating Officer to investigate allegations of unacceptable behaviour (excluding online cheating) by members of the SBU.
- L&E manages appeals arising from decisions made by a Disciplinary Tribunal, but the composition of an Appeals Panel will be subject to approval by the Board of Management.
- L&E maintains an up-to-date record of SBU membership suspensions, publishing them on the website and notifying all internal and external contacts including the European Bridge League to ensure compliance. The Chair is required to record details of any international player suspensions as notified by the Secretary of the European Bridge League, liaising with SBU Member Services to ensure compliance.
- L&E is responsible for overseeing and trying to raise ethical standards by preparing and publishing guidance regarding good and unacceptable behaviour.

Frequency of Meetings

The Committee will meet as and when required.

Papers

Should be submitted to the Committee Secretary in advance for distribution.

Discussions will be on the basis that all participants have read papers.

An action log will be maintained alongside the minutes.

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