



Code of Conduct for Adults

Interacting with Minors in Bridge Events

The World Bridge Federation is committed to ensuring that all young players experience bridge in a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment. All adults participating in WBF events (including players, coaches, officials, and volunteers) are expected to observe the following code of conduct when interacting with minors.

1. General Conduct

- Be friendly, calm, and approachable at all times.
- Keep all interactions appropriate, respectful, and focused on the game.
- Help ensure that the playing environment is positive and enjoyable for younger participants.
- Remain patient and respectful if a minor makes a mistake.
- Refrain from criticising errors or pointing out mistakes at the table.
- Avoid any form of aggressive interaction, however mild.
- Avoid all forms of swearing and any language that could be construed as suggestive or inappropriate.

2. Additional Requirements When Screens Are in Use

When a bridge event involves the use of screens (particularly in online settings such as RealBridge) a minor may be in a virtual environment alone with adult participants. In such cases, the following additional requirements apply:

- A designated parent or guardian must join the session ahead of start time, with fully functioning audio and video.
- The designated guardian must be informed of this requirement in advance
- Adult players must be made aware that they are expected to observe this code of conduct.

3. Parental Authorisation

No minor may participate in a WBF online event without prior written parental or guardian authorisation (see: <https://www.worldbridge.org/regulations/commitment-forms/>). Participation will not be permitted in the absence of a valid authorisation.

4. Reporting Concerns

Any adult who witnesses behaviour that appears to violate this code of conduct, or who has concerns about the welfare of a minor, must report this immediately to the event director or the designated WBF safeguarding contact. All concerns will be treated seriously and handled promptly and confidentially.