

MVBC Slow Play Policy

1. Bridge is a timed event. You should arrive at the Bridge Center at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time as a courtesy to your fellow players. You should play hands within the specified time limits as determined by the time clock which is visible to all players. Time limits are set in accordance with **ACBL guidelines: 15 minutes for 2-board rounds, 21 minutes for 3-board rounds, 28 minutes for 4-board rounds, and 35 minutes for 5-board rounds. The MVBC clock announces at the 2 minute mark that players must not begin another board. Approximately one minute is provided by the clock timer for players to move and start the next round.**

2. Awarding adjusted scores for slow play, as required by **ACBL Regulations:**

Law 12 of the ACBL Laws of Duplicate Bridge gives directors discretion to assign artificial scores in the event of slow play. If the director is able to determine which pair is responsible for slow play during a round, a No Play (NP) for the unplayed board(s) is assigned. But, the Director shall award an Avg+ to the non-offending pair.

Should a pair be responsible for slow play during subsequent rounds, an Avg- will be assigned to that pair and Avg+ to the non-offending pair.

Our goal at MVBC is to complete sessions within 3 & one-half hours from the starting time so that players who work or have appointments after a session are not inconvenienced.

This **ACBL policy shall be enforced as of April 15, 2019.**