

Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club

Judiciary Committee Policy

The Bylaws of the Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club (RDBC) state:

“When needed , the Board shall appoint a judiciary committee consisting of seven club members, including the primary club director, the primary club manager, and one member of the Board. The committee will review written complaints forwarded by a member, director, or member of the Board and report their recommendations for disciplinary action, if deemed necessary, to the Board. The committee shall function according to the policy adopted by the Board of Directors.”

The goal of the Judiciary Committee is to maintain a pleasant, non-threatening, atmosphere for Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club games, an atmosphere that is conducive to attracting and keeping new players and sustaining seasoned players. The atmosphere of the club games extends into all venues where bridge players interact before, during, and after the bridge game.

The Judiciary Committee shall be composed of seven RDBC members appointed by the Board, including the primary club director, the primary club manager and a member of the board, as stated in the Bylaws. When needed, the committee shall meet, elect a chairperson, and review complaints.

The Judiciary Committee is directed to act immediately upon written complaints received from club manager(s), club director(s), member(s)of the club, or member(s) of the Board.

The protocol shall be:

1. The committee shall hold an investigative meeting. Five committee members shall constitute a quorum.

2. Both the person(s) making the complaint and the person(s) against whom the complaint is made should be invited to the investigative meeting to give pertinent comments.
3. The Committee shall present its decision in writing, including any disciplinary action deemed necessary, to the President of the Board of Directors. Those findings will be reported to the full Board. The decision of the Judiciary Committee shall be final.

The Judiciary Committee must keep all complaints and resolution of complaints confidential, including the identity of the participants. All information relative to the Judiciary Committee business shall be shared only with the RDBC Board of Directors, the club managers, and the club directors, as necessary.

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