

**Appendix S:  
Player/Kibitzer Attendance at the Table  
Applies to Vanderbilt & Spingold Knockout Teams**

- 1) Once a hand has begun, all players, except dummy, should remain at the table. Dummy is permitted to leave and remain away until the hand is completed. Dummy is expected to courteously inform the table that he is departing. His departure may not be disruptive, and he must make sure that he does not see the hands of the other players.
- 2) Once dummy has left the table, dummy has lost all rights. If there is a surrogate dummy, such dummy has no rights.
- 3) Once play of a segment has begun, unless escorted or monitored, both members of a pair may not be away from the table at the same time. If a pair wishes to converse in private, they must be monitored by a tournament official.
- 4) Until the segment has been completed, players leaving the room must be escorted. Opponents, neutral kibitzers or tournament officials may escort players.
- 5) Any special tactics or change in tactics must be disclosed to the opponents.
- 6) When using screens, players are required to cooperate by bidding, asking questions, answering questions, etc., in writing.
- 7) A player, upon finding himself in a position where security is compromised, must report the situation to a tournament director (TD) immediately.
- 8) Kibitzers:
  - a) In the open room, there are no restrictions.
  - b) In the closed room, kibitzers are permitted at the discretion of the TD. Kibitzers in the closed room are expected to remain there until that segment of play is completed. Closed room kibitzers must abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room.
- 9) Electronic devices (other than health aids) are permitted as provided in Appendix J. TDs will handle emergency paging situations on a case-by-case basis at their discretion.

TDs will address any departure from these rules immediately. In order to encourage compliance, TDs are empowered to warn, penalize or refer assumed or obvious violations of these rules to a disciplinary committee or the ACBL Recorder.