**Hesitations and You**

**When you hesitate** **with a bridge problem**: This is perfectly ethical to do, since your action/inaction can have a big impact on the result. Continue to do so. It is **not ethical to intentionally hesitate without a bridge** **problem**.

**When your partner hesitates:**  **It is unethical to take advantage of your partner’s hesitation.**  When you have a choice among logical calls, you are required to make what you judge to be the least favorable to your side, given the info in the hesitation. Your decision may be subject to a review by the director.

**When your Right-Hand opponent hesitates** noticeably ACBL suggests that you state: “Can we agree there was a significant hesitation?” This puts your opponents on notice that the director may be called after the hand is completed (or even earlier if an infraction is suspected when dummy is spread). This is not a confrontation, but an aid to your opponent.

The full responsibility for proper ethics rests with the partner of the one who hesitates. To repeat, hesitations are generally legal and ethical parts of the game.