**GREEN CARD FOR RESTRICTED SYSTEMS SESSIONS V5.2**

**Tuesday and Friday Mornings**

(All definitions as per the Blue Book and the Law Book)

Everyone is welcome at our “Restricted Systems” sessions but please remember that many of us here are less experienced or are seeking a more social game. We would ask everyone to please bid, play and conduct themselves in accordance with the friendly and encouraging ethos of these sessions.

The Director is here to help and to facilitate an enjoyable game of bridge. Please call him/her if needed.

BASIC PERMITTED SYSTEMS

* ACOL
* BENJAMINISED ACOL
* THREE WEAK 2’S (Diamonds, Hearts & Spades)

1NT OPENING BIDS & RESPONSES

* 12-14 HCPs Balanced

Responses:

* Natural or Transfers (including 2NT/2S transfer to 3C/3D)
* Stayman
* 2S Range enquiry (Extended McKendrick)

OVERCALLING AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN 1NT

* Natural
* Landy (2C showing at least 5-4 in the Majors)
* Double for Penalties

DEFENCE TO 1NT DOUBLED

* Natural
* Transfers (showing a 5-card suit)
* Forcing Pass which MUST be alerted

1C/1D/1H/1S OPENING BIDS AND RESPONSES

* To conform to the Rule of 19
* Responses: Natural apart from Splinter Bids and Blackwood

TWO-SUITED OVERCALLS WHEN OPPONENTS OPEN 1C/1D/1H/1S

* Unusual NT - bid 2NT to show 5-5 in the 2 lowest unbid suits
* Michaels Cue Bid - (a) bid opponent’s minor to show 5 – 5 in the majors or (b) bid opponent’s major to show 5 – 5 in the other major and a minor

JUMP OVERCALLS

may be either:

* WEAK – (5-10 HCPs and a 6-card suit) or
* INTERMEDIATE – (11-16 HCPs and a good 6-card suit) or
* STRONG

No variation is permitted for position or vulnerability.

2NT OPENING BIDS AND RESPONSES

* Hands must be balanced or semi balanced with announcement as to strength
* Responses: Natural or Transfers, 4-card Stayman

OTHER 2 LEVEL OPENING BIDS

Either:

* Acol 2C and Strong Twos or
* Acol 2C and three Weak Twos or
* Benjaminised Acol and Weak Twos in the Majors

NOTE:

* Weak two openings should contain 5-10 HCP’s and a 6-card suit
* Ogust or Features are permitted in response

3 and 4 LEVEL OPENING BIDS Pre-emptive and one suited

DOUBLES

* Doubles of suit bids up to and including 2S and of opening bids up to 4H are assumed to be for take-out.
* Doubles of NT bids are assumed to be for Penalties if not alerted.
* A double of an artificial bid shows the suit bid.
* Doubles may be either for take-out or penalties, but MUST be alerted if they do not have the expected meaning

PERMITTED SLAM BIDDING METHODS

* Blackwood
* Roman Key Card Blackwood
* Gerber (4C after a NT bid only)
* Cue Bids to show controls

OTHER PERMITTED BIDS

* Unassuming Cue Bids
* Trial Bids
* Fourth Suit Forcing
* Negative Doubles
* Gambling NT – a long solid minor with no more than a Q outside
* Splinter Bids
* Protective 1NT in 5th seat (passed hand) - up to 11 HCPs – must be alerted
* Unusual 1NT in 5th or 7th seat – must be alerted

SIGNALS AND DISCARDS

* Held
* McKenney
* Standard Count

BIDS THAT ARE NOT PERMITTED

* Psyches of any kind
* Any 2-suited or multi-suited opening bids (Multi 2D, Lucas 2’s, Frelling etc.)
* Checkback
* Inverted Minors
* Puppet 5-card Stayman
* Ghestem/Reverse Ghestem
* 5-card Majors
* Forcing Pass – except as above in defence to 1NT X

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