

## THURSDAY EVENING

### 'Limited System' Session – Permitted Agreements Revised May 2011

**This session is being run for less experienced players as well as those who seek a social, less competitive game. Whilst everyone is welcome to play, all should be aware of the session's ethos and therefore bid, play and behave accordingly.**

**Psyches are not permitted. Bids should be clearly explained; giving the name of a convention is not enough. Calls to the director should be kept to the minimum and the atmosphere should be friendly and encouraging at all times. Members who wish to play a more competitive game are requested to play in other sessions.**

**Bidding restrictions will not apply on SIMS nights.**

1. Psyches are not permitted at these sessions.
2. Basic systems permitted
  - Acol
  - Benji Acol
3. One of a suit opening bids
  - Rule of 19 or 11 HCP
  - Responses must be natural apart from splinter bids (e.g. inverted minors or Jacoby 2NT are not permitted)
4. No weak two-suited/multi-suited opening bids (e.g. multi, Lucas) are permitted.
5. 1NT opening bids
  - 12-14 only
  - There will be no variation for position or vulnerability
  - Hands must be balanced or semi-balanced and must not contain a singleton
  - Responses allowed:
    - i Natural
    - ii Stayman
    - iii Transfers (inc 2NT or 2S transfer to 3C)
    - iv 2S range enquiry bid
6. Two of a suit opening bid
  - Acol 2C and strong twos
  - Acol 2C and weak twos
  - Benji Acol and weak twos in the majors
  - Weak twos should contain 5/6-9 points and a six card suit with two honours
  - No two-suited opening bids allowed
  - OGUST or show a feature responses allowed to weak twos
7. 2NT opening bid
  - Hands must be strong and balanced
  - Stayman and transfer responses allowed
8. 3 of a suit opening - must be pre-emptive and one-suited
9. 3NT opening bid - must be a solid minor without an outside ace
10. 4 of a suit opening bids - must be pre-emptive and one-suited

## Defences

1. Doubles
  - A double of 1NT will always be for penalties
  - All other doubles can be either take-out or penalty but must be alerted if they are not for take-out
  - Negative doubles allowed to 3 Spades
2. Over 1NT
  - Natural bids
  - Only Landy will be allowed as two-suited defensive bid
3. Over other opening bids the only two suited conventions allowed will be:
  - Michaels - showing both majors or a major and minor
  - Unusual NT - 2NT showing two lowest unbid suits
4. Only defences to 1NT doubled are Natural or Rival Transfers with a 5 card suit

## Slam Bidding

The following conventions are permitted:

- Blackwood
- Roman Key Card Blackwood
- Gerber (only after 1NT or 2NT)

## Signals and Discards

The following are permitted:

- HELD/Reverse
- McKinney
- Standard Count

## Other Bids

1. The following bids are permitted:
  - Cue bids
  - Unassuming cue bids
  - Trial bids
  - Intermediate jump overcalls (12-16, good 6 card suit)
  - Fourth Suit Forcing
  - After opponents double for take-out, 2NT may show a good raise
2. The following are prohibited:
  - Strong 1 Club/1 Diamond Openers
  - Multi 2 Diamond Opener
  - Lucas 2's, Jacoby 2NT
  - Checkback
  - Inverted Minors
  - Puppet/5 Card Stayman
  - Lebensohl
  - Ghestem
  - 5 Card Majors/ Strong No Trump
  - Polish Club
  - Precision/Strong Club
  - Frelling

