

## COMMON ERRORS IN SYSTEM DISCLOSURE – 2023 VERSION

This note has been prepared to assist those submitting system cards to BGB for review. It details some of the more common errors which will result in a card being rejected but is not an exhaustive list.

1. Referring to a convention by name. Except in the case of the most common conventions, merely using the name rather than giving details of the method will result in rejection. Common offenders are Bergen, Drury, Ghestem, Helvic, Jacoby, Leaping Michaels, Lebensohl, Michaels, Non-Leaping Michaels, Smith (Peters) and Smolen.
2. Not providing adequate details of methods. For example: in the case of Leaping and Non-Leaping Michaels, whether 4♣ and 4♦ bids are forcing or not; and, in the case of Smith, the significance of a failure to peter and whether the same method applies from both sides of the table.
3. Not mentioning the conventional agreements that apply when there is an overcall over your side's 1NT opening (virtually everyone plays something artificial here). Note that the right hand column on the reverse of the card is headed Competitive and Passed Hand bidding and this is the place to set out details (or provide either a link to a supplementary sheet or a cross-reference to another part of the card).
4. Not completing the Negative Double column properly. Most people no longer play penalty doubles in all cases when the opponents overcall after a 1NT opening but there have been many instances of the Negative Double column being incorrectly left blank.
5. Giving inadequate details of complex methods. For example, if the method commonly referred to as T-Walsh is employed, describing the responses to 1♣ as "transfers" does not go far enough. In particular, there is no uniformity regarding a 1♠ response.
6. Not completing the section on signalling and discarding fully or making entries which are unclear.

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