

To All WBU Club Secretaries, WBU President, WBU CEO, Laws & Ethics Committee, Senior TDs, Area Secretaries, Area ATOs, Webmasters

Hello All

The EBU have recently announced a number of changes to their Regulations (which the WBU automatically adopt). The changes are to the 'Blue Book', the 'White Book', and the 'Sky Blue Book' - effective from September 1st. These changes affect different groups of players/officials.

The full changes can be found on the WBU website (->Directing/Scoring->Documents->Publications), but.....

Club/Tournament Players

The only significant change is the 'Blue Book'. I don't expect players to read this publication, but they should be aware of the more important ones - changes in 'Announcing', and definition of 'Strong Hands'. These are summarised in the attached 'Blue Book - Summary Of Changes (Simplified)'.

Would Secretaries please ensure that Club players are made aware of these (I suggest a one-sheet handout copy of the attachment).

Club TDs should be tolerant - players will make mistakes for some while (they still make mistakes after 15 years of the current regulations)

Laws & Ethics Committee/Senior TDs

(Some TDs may already be aware of these changes). Again, the attached simplified summary will suffice in most situations, but I suggest you refer to the items in the summary for further clarification. There are other changes to the Blue Book, but these are mainly re-phrasing. There is one change which you should possibly be aware of -

3 M 3 - which slightly changes the procedure following an inferred 'pass' in the final position (now dummy has to be faced before they are deemed to have passed).

Online Bridge

The previous 'Sky Blue Book' is now defunct - the contents (mainly unchanged) have been incorporated into the 'Blue Book' and the 'White Book'.

Please contact myself, Sarah, or David S, re. any queries, or alternatively use the WBU Forum - <https://forum.welshbridgeunion.org/smf/>

Enjoy your Bridge

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