

ALERTING SUMMARY

Bids			Alert	N/A
above 3NT	artificial suit bids on 1st round of the auction (for this purpose the first round of the bidding is the opening bid and three subsequent calls)		✓	
	Other bids			✓
Action over Opponents' calls up to and including 3NT				
Opponents Call	Meaning of their call ...	If your Double is ...	Alert	N/A
A suit at any level	Natural	Take-out		✓
		Anything else	✓	
	Does not show the suit (i.e. conventional or not natural)	Showing the suit doubled		✓
		Anything else	✓	
A suit opening	Prepared, Phoney, Short or Nebulous 1♣ or 1♦ opening	Take-out		✓
		Anything else	✓	
No trumps at any level	Natural or conventional	Penalty		✓
		Anything else	✓	
Opponents Call	Meaning of their call ...	If your Redouble is ...	Alert	N/A
Double	Any meaning	for business, shows strength: partner is expected to pass		✓
		Partner is expected to remove	✓	
Action over Opponents' calls above 3NT				
Opponents Call	Meaning of their call ...	Other Actions	Alert	N/A
Above 3NT	Any meaning	Lead directing pass	✓	
		Lead directing double for a different suit to the one doubled	✓	
		Lightner double of, say 6NT, calling for a specific lead	✓	
		Lead directing redouble for a different suit to the one redoubled	✓	
		Any other pass, double or redouble		✓



Hadley Wood Bridge Club

Notes on Announcing and Alerting

On the following three pages we have reproduced the EBU Guide of which bids require an Announcement or an Alert. This has been updated by the EBU in August 2022 with many new requirements and is worth careful examination. For example, they have changed the rule for a 2NT opening which is now No Acton if it's strong and balanced. Previously your partner had to announce the point range.

Announcements and Alerts are equally important in face-to-face bridge and in online bridge.

Announcing is done by the bidder's partner and it should just be the words used in the EBU Guide; but the opponents can ask for more detail at any time if they wish.

Alerting is also done by the bidder's partner and once the "Alert" card is played they should remain quiet until the opponents ask for an explanation. The opponents do not have to ask immediately and can wait until the end of the auction.

Remember if you do not understand a bid (whether it is announced, alerted, or not) you are entitled to ask the bidder's partner for an explanation of their understanding of the bid during the auction (on your turn to bid) or ask before the opening lead is faced.

System Cards and Disclosure of System

We are a friendly and relatively informal club and whilst we would encourage all members to use System Cards it is accepted that not everyone does.

However, please make your opponents aware of the basic system you are using as you come to their table or as they come to yours. When playing online this can be done using the Chat facility but would be more friendly if done verbally at the start of each round.

A simple short summary will suffice, such as:

Acol strong 2's
or, Benji Acol weak 2's in Majors
or, 5-Card Majors, Strong NT



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Opening Bid	Description	Announce	Alert	N/A
1♣ and 1♦	Non-forcing, could be on fewer than 3 cards	"May be X" where X is 0, 1 or 2. Extend to "May be X and may have an outside 5-card (Diamond) suit" as appropriate		
	Non-forcing, natural, 3 or more			✓
	Other (forcing, strong, artificial)		✓	
1NT	Balanced	"12 to 14" (or appropriate range) and, if relevant, "may contain a singleton"		
2♣	Strong, Acol, (Benji Acol, etc)		✓	
	Precision	"Intermediate"		
2♦	Weak with diamonds	"Weak"		
	Strong with diamonds	"Strong, forcing" * or "Strong non-forcing" *		
	Other (Benji, Multi, etc)		✓	
2♥/♠	Weak with hearts/ spades	"Weak"		
	Strong with hearts/ spades	"Strong, forcing" * or "Strong non-forcing" *		
	Other (Lucas, Flannery, etc)		✓	
2NT	Strong, balanced			✓
	Other meaning, including two-suited or forcing		✓	

Responses to 1NT or 2NT openings				
1NT - 2♣ 2NT - 3♣	Stayman (asking for 4-card majors, promissory or not)	"Stayman"		
	5-card Stayman		✓	
1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ 2NT - 3♣ - 3♦	Denies 4 card major			✓
1NT - 2♦ 2NT - 3♦	Transfer, showing hearts	"Hearts"		
1NT - 2♦ - 2♥ 2NT - 3♦ - 3♥	Completion of transfer			✓
1NT - 2♥ 2NT - 3♥	Transfer, showing spades	"Spades"		
1NT - 2♥ - 2♠ 2NT - 3♥ - 3♠	Completion of transfer			✓
1NT - 2♦ / 2♥ 2NT - 3♦ / 3♥	Natural, non-forcing			✓
	Other meaning		✓	

1NT - 2♠ new in 2022	Natural, non-forcing			✓
	Transfer, showing clubs	"Clubs"		
	Other meaning, including where clubs is one option		✓	
1NT - 2NT new in 2022	Natural, non-forcing			✓
	Transfer, showing diamonds	"Diamonds"		
	Other meaning		✓	

Responses to one of a suit - all new in 2022				
Response	Description	Announce	Alert	N/A
1♣ - 1♦	Natural			✓
	Shows hearts	"Hearts"		
	Other meaning		✓	
1♣ - 1♥	Natural			✓
	Shows spades	"Spades"		
	Other meaning		✓	
1♣ - 1♠	Natural			✓
	Shows diamonds	"Diamonds"		
	Denies 4+ cards in a major	"No Major"		
	Other meaning		✓	
1 suit - 1NT	Non-forcing, up to 10 HCP			✓
	Non-forcing, can be > 10 HCP	"Up to n points", or "Up to bad n points"		
1♣ - 1NT	Forcing, shows clubs	"Clubs"		
	Forcing, shows diamonds	"Diamonds"		
1 suit - 1NT	Other meaning, forcing		✓	
1♣ - 2♣	Not forcing (with clubs)			✓
	Forcing, showing clubs		✓	
	Showing diamonds	"Diamonds"		
	Other meaning		✓	
1♦/1♥/1♠ - 2suit (not a jump, not a passed hand)	Non-forcing		✓	
	Natural, forcing, not game-force			✓
	Natural, game-forcing	"Game forcing"		
	Not natural		✓	

N/A: No Action, do not alert/announce

*The practice of making strong bids with hands of limited high cards must be clearly disclosed