

Blue Book changes 2023

Section	Change
1B	Rewritten to make it clear the L&E welcomes feedback, at any time
2, 3, 4, 9	Rewritten to avoid gendered pronouns.
2A4	Explanation of use of Glossary terms when disclosing partnership understandings
2B4	Second sentence applies to forcing calls not just forcing bids.
2B6	Reword to apply to carding agreements only
3B1 (d)	Allow use of platform system cards (e.g. BBO Convention Card)
3B2	Explain the use of online system card when the platforms does not have a system card facility
3F2/4E1	Only low (non-honour) singletons are a specific announcement
3G	The term 'Multi' should not be used.
4	Added banner message about the new announcing and alerting rules for 2023.
4A2	Announcements only apply on first round and apply equally over intervention. Announcements are to be extended to include an unexpected element
4A6/4D2	Clarification of opponents' obligations and assumptions when there is a missing alert/announcement.
4B2	Major changes to alerting (and announcing) of doubles
4B3	Changed alerting (and announcing) of redoubles
4B4	Changed – only applies to bids and passes above 3NT, and not in online bridge.
4C1 (a)	'pass-or-correct' bids are not natural, but specific rules apply to doubles of these bids.
4C1 (c)	Deleted 'unexpected'
4D2/3	Added 'with no intervention'
4D5/6 *	More announcing of natural suit responses: jump shifts, non-forcing responses
4E, 4G	Announce 'proxy' responses/advances – generalisation of announcing transfer bids
4E5	More announcing of natural suit responses to 1NT/2NT All non-game suit responses to 1NT/2NT are alerted or announced.
4H2 (a)	Extended to include alerting a forcing artificial 1NT opening bid
4H2 (d)	Removed – alerting of non-forcing responses replaced by announcements (new 4D5/6)
4H2 (h)	Removed – 'forcing NT' response is announced. Relabelled other items, after old item (d).
4H2 (h) *	Added alerting of responder's NT rebids after 'non-promissory' Stayman
4H4, 4H5	Removed
5,6,7	'meaning' has a technical meaning in defining permitted agreements – see the glossary
5A3	Rewritten to be about evaluation in partnership agreements, not disclosure to opponents
5A5	Clarify how many system cards are required when playing different systems
5B	Explain all Levels, including Level 1 and Level 3.
6, 7	'strong' now used without quotation marks or capitalization, but is highlighted
6D1	Natural (non-strong) two level opening bids at Level 2 have one 'meaning' – can be one-suiter or two-suited (e.g. Lucas), but not both.
7C	Permitted agreements for 2C through 3S opening bids changed and rewritten
was 8	Removed level 3 definition to a separate document, renumbered subsequent sections:
8, was 9	Rewritten with definitions in the Glossary. Updated link to WBF System Policy.

9, was 10	Online section moved before Glossary and Index, and renumbered as section 9.
9A1	RealBridge has 'convention cards' – new
9A2	Clarify method of self-alerting and self-explaining online
9A2	Want to deprecate bidding and then adding explanation
9A4	On RealBridge, you can only add to an explanation, not replace it.
9B2	Clarify that 'prearranged' is not significant to 'illegal communication'
9B5 *	Enforced pauses on RealBridge – new
9C1 (a)	UNDOs can happen in the play in cases of misinformation
9C1 (g)	Clarify that there is no adjustment if the platform denies the opportunity for an UNDO
9C1 (h) *	Offence to call when the player has seen an UNDO request.
Glossary	Added a glossary with definitions of terms to be used in the Blue Book and in disclosure
'strong'	Deleted 'concentrated' from the definition of 'strong' (was 5D1 – now in the Glossary)

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