

WGCBC POLICY ON DISCLOSURE OF A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON A SIMPLE ONE-LEVEL OVERCALL INVOLVING AN EXCEPTIONALLY LIGHT HIGH CARD POINT COUNT("HCP")

1. Background

A review of EBU regulations confirmed that although there is no minimum high card point count needed for a one-level overcall in the Blue Book, the club can, nevertheless, align its policy with the EBU regulation which is to require the disclosure on the system card of an exceptionally light one-level overcall agreed as part of the partnership agreement/understanding. So, what should be the point range for a one-level overcall that would be considered by the WGCBC committee as an "exceptionally light" overcall? The WGCBC committee decided that it should be an HCP of between ZERO and 5 points. This decision was taken to enhance clarity and fairness in both RealBridge online and face-to-face play.

2. Policy Guidelines for WGCBC Events

(A) Face-to-Face (F2F) and RealBridge Events Where System Cards are Mandatory.

- Any partnership agreement, as above, must be on the System Card and also be placed on the front of the System Card under the heading of **"OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE."**

(B) Normal RealBridge Events Where System Cards are not Mandatory.

- The players must pre-announce their system at the start of each round.
- This includes any partnership agreement/understanding which could be considered as an "exceptionally light overcall" as outlined above. This information should be shared on the chat screen before the play begins.

3. Implementation

The WGCBC directors will post the following announcement on RealBridge before each session:

"Please post a summary of your system in the chat screen, including anything unusual that your opponents need to know."

This procedure is to be implemented immediately by both players and directors.

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