

Blue Book changes 2023

Section	Change
2, 3, 4, 9	Rewritten to avoid gendered pronouns.
2A4	Explanation of use of Glossary terms when disclosing partnership understandings
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
3G	The term 'Multi' should not be used.
4A2	Announcements 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	Changes alerting (and announcing) of redoubles
4B4	Changed – only applies to bids and passes above 3NT, and not in online bridge.
4C1 (c)	Deleted 'unexpected'
4D5	More announcing of natural responses: jump shifts, non-forcing responses
4E, 4G	Announce 'proxy' responses/advances – generalisation of announcing transfer bids
4H2 (a)	Extended to include alerting a forcing artificial 1NT opening bid
4H2 (d)	Removed – alerting of non-forcing responses replace by announcements (new 4D5)
4H4, 4H5	Removed
5,6,7	'meaning' has a technical meaning in defining permitted agreements – defined in 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	Remove level 3 definition to a separate document, renumbered subsequent sections: 9 (as 8) and 10 (as 9)
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.
9A2	Clarify method of self-alerting and self-explaining online
9B2	Clarify that 'prearranged' is not significant to 'illegal communication'
9B5	Enforced pauses on RealBridge – new
9C1 (g)	Clarify that there is no adjustment if the platform denies the opportunity for an UNDO
Glossary	Added a glossary section with definitions of terms to be used in the Blue Book and in disclosure
'strong'	(was 5D1) Deleted 'concentrated' from the definition of 'strong' (Glossary)