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System Cards Policy

The requirement for players to fully disclose their partnership agreement to their opponents prior to the commencement of play is an important part of the way the game ought to be played [See Law 40A-1(b)].

Players should disclose their partnership agreements by pre-alerting and alerting conventional calls, as described in the system regulations, as well as by carrying system cards.

As you will be aware, from 28 February it becomes compulsory for ALL tournament players to carry the new NZB System Card (see page D35 of the 2013 NZB Manual) with the outer two pages fully completed (for 10-25 A-point Events the inside pages must be fully completed as well).

Directors have a very important role to play in bedding this policy down. Therefore, I ask all Directors officiating at all tournaments to make sure that before the start of all tournaments the players are aware of the new regulation and the requirement to comply with it.

There will be the usual resistance and derision of the policy but please persevere as we have to change the culture of ignoring the system card regulations.

NZ Bridge has sent an allocation of blank system cards to all clubs and more can be purchased from the Secretary. There is also an editable e-version of the card (complete with a comprehensive help file) on the NZB website which players can use.

It has also been suggested that for Junior Tournaments, clubs may like to fill in and make available a basic card with the system their tutor has taught them.

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