



# Bulletin

## NZ Bridge System Cards Policy

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NZ Bridge is seeking to make the carrying and use of Systems Cards an integral part of the way the game is played. Their use enables your opponents to conveniently and discreetly ascertain the principal details regarding your system, conventions and carding methods and also helps protect Players from passing unauthorised information to their partner through a question or a reply to a question. In the event of dispute about partnership agreements the system Card aids the Director (and Appeals Committee) to make an informed decision.

For those reasons Clubs are encouraged to actively promote the use of System Cards in Club Sessions.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2013 the existing NZ Bridge Standard and Basic System Cards will be replaced by a single System Card.

Initially hard copies of the blank System Card will be available from NZ Bridge and eventually from suppliers of bridge stationery.

A comprehensive system card editor complete with help file can be downloaded from the New Zealand website at **[www.nzbridge.co.nz](http://www.nzbridge.co.nz)**. which players can use to create and print their own partnership system cards. The file can be saved and subsequently edited if changes are made. It is the expectation that widespread use of the system card editor will become normal practice for Tournament Players.

The new system card comprises two sides when folded in two and results in 2 outer and 2 inner pages.

### Policy for System Card Use

- Effective from 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, Players in "A" Point Tournaments must carry a NZ Bridge System Card with at least the outer two pages (**panels 1 to 7**) fully completed with their partnership agreements.
- The use of any other system card (except the ABF Standard System Card) is not permitted.
- For System classification and permissible conventions at Junior, Intermediate or Open 8B & Restricted Tournaments refer to NZ Bridge System Policy (**D3 –D8**).
- Effective from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014, Players in all Tournaments run under the auspices of NZ Bridge will be expected to carry a NZ Bridge System Card with the outer two pages fully completed with their partnership agreements.

- **In addition**, players participating in 10A or higher Tournaments from 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2014, must fully complete all parts of the System Card and if necessary use the supplementary notes page available as part of the e-version of the System Card at **[www.nzbridge.co.nz](http://www.nzbridge.co.nz)**
- At the commencement of each session of a Tournament NZ Bridge requires that all Directors make players aware of their obligations to fully disclose their agreements and the requirement to carry their system card.



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