

NZBridge

NZ Bridge Manual 2020

Release Notes

An updated version of the NZ Bridge Manual has been produced, effective 12th May 2020.

There are numerous changes in all sections, many are layout and formatting changes. The major changes affecting content follow.

The Table of Contents have been expanded, especially in Section D, to make it easier to navigate the document.

The Word version, on the website, is interactive with hyperlinks from the Table to the relevant page, from the manual to the relevant website page and from page references in the document to the relevant page.

Major Changes

Section A

The Constitution of NZ Bridge Inc has been removed from the manual. It is a separate document available on the NZ Bridge website.

Reference is made to the Constitution throughout section A and therefore the Constitution should be read alongside the Manual.

The Social Media Best Practice has been updated with a reminder to Clubs and Players that inappropriate social media posts are a breach of Social Media Best Practice.

NZ Bridge policy regarding Online Bridge has been added. Events played online organised by affiliated clubs or regions come under the auspice of NZ Bridge and are subject to our regulations.

Section B

The Section on Law Interpretations, Regulations and Guidance has been re-written to reflect changes in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017.

Clubs, Tournament Organisers and Directors should familiarise themselves with the added section, **Managing Infractions and Improprieties (B30)**.

Section C

The section on the Tournament Schedule has been updated to reflect current practice including timelines for changes to the Schedule.



Section D

Definitions under the classification of systems has been expanded.

The definition of Michael's style cue bid permitted in a Green system has been re-written. The point range can be weak, it can be strong, or it can have a wider range of values, but it cannot have a split range.

A multi 2 that contains, as one of its options, a weak two in a major, can be made with only 5 cards in the major, and not be classified 'Brown Sticker'. Previously the suit had to be at least 6 cards.

Game Force has been defined.

Bidding Regulations have been updated. It should be noted that electronic bidding is not permitted in NZ Bridge Tournaments.

The alerting regulation regarding 1NT bids have been clarified. If the bid is natural i.e. there is a willingness to play in NT, then it is alerted by announcing the point range. The hand does not need to be balanced and may contain a 5-card major or a singleton. The test is whether the partnership is willing to play in NT.

The Screen Regulations have been updated to bring them in line with WBF regulations.

There is a new Appeals Form (adapted from the ABF Appeals Form).

The Psyche regulations have been updated to bring them in line with both WBF and ABF regulations. There is no longer reference to the number of psychic calls in a session. The key is whether a partnership understanding has developed, i.e. whether psychic calls have happened frequently enough such that the partner of the player making the call *may* take this possibility into account. (Clause 35.3).

It is for the Director to judge whether this has occurred and whether to impose a procedural penalty or not. (Clause 35.6).

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