

CHAPTER XII - SYSTEMS & CONVENTIONS

C. CONVENTION CARDS AND CHARTS

Section 1 – Convention Cards

- 1.1 Each player is required to have a Convention Card legibly filled out and on the table throughout the session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.
- 1.2 If a Director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may only play ACBL Standard American Yellow Card (SAYC) and may only use standard carding. This restriction may only be lifted at the beginning of a subsequent round after Convention Cards have been properly prepared and approved by the Tournament Director. Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6 board matchpoint penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 1.3 If the Tournament Director determines the partnership has at least one substantially completed Convention Card but has not fully complied with ACBL regulations, then the Tournament Director may give warnings or assign such penalties as he deems to be appropriate under the circumstances.
- 1.4 The object of these warnings and penalties is the encouragement of full compliance with ACBL regulations.
- 1.5 Computer Generated Convention Cards
 - 1.5.1 Individually prepared Convention Cards, including those that are computer generated, are approved for use at ACBL-sanctioned events, provided:
 - a. The card is approximately the same size as the current ACBL Convention Card;
 - b. The card follows the same general format as the current ACBL Convention Card;
 - c. The card has all alertable conventions and treatments marked in red and all announceable conventions and treatments marked in blue (highlighting is sufficient);
 - d. The card is properly completed as to General Approach and names of the partnership; and
 - e. There are two properly filled-out Convention Cards physically available to peruse.

- 1.6 With the advice of the Competitions and Conventions Committee, ACBL management may modify the ACBL Standard Yellow Card System, Convention Card and booklet as ACBL management deems necessary and appropriate.

Section 2 – Defense

- 2.1 ACBL management is authorized to make available and maintain a Defense Pamphlet consisting of the methods required under the ACBL Convention Charts.
- 2.2 This pamphlet may be used in any event in which these methods are permitted. The Defense Pamphlet is deemed to be a part of the Convention Card of a pair using such methods.

(See the Defense Database on the ACBL website: acbl.org/defense)

Section 3 – Convention Charts

- 3.1 The current version of the ACBL Convention Charts can be found on the ACBL website: acbl.org/conventionchart