

April 2024

Text changes

- Change Effective Date
- Add missing “or” in the definitions of Strong and Very Strong
- Remove “or overcall” from Definition 2h (Natural)
- Simplify allowed carding agreements
- Fix Open/Open+ Openings Example #9
- Make Rule Exception 2 exactly match on Open/Open+

May 2023

Text changes

- Change Effective Date
- Change Basic Chart to apply to events with lower masterpoint caps
- Added bids that suggest that denomination to the definition of Natural
- Clarified the definition of Advancer
- Clarified that all rules applying to Responder also apply to Advancer
- Clarified the definition of Preempt
- Defined Response instead of Responder
- On all charts removed the note that almost all agreements are allowed beginning with Responder’s initial action
- Basic Opening Bids #6 changed to use “Three-Suited hand”
- Removed “and Rebids” from “Responses and Rebids” section on Basic and Basic+
- Removed previous Basic Response #4 and renumbered the rest. (This allowed negative responses without a definition of negative, but all standard negative responses were already allowed by other rules.)
- Removed the word “Natural” from Basic Overcalls and Competitive Bids #6(d)
- Clarify that the minimum point count for Three-Suited openings varies by seat on Open/Open+ Openings Example #8
- Minor grammatical changes

March 2023

Text changes

- Change Effective Date
- Add Multi to Platinum Pairs and Reisinger
- Fix typo in when Basic+ applies to Bracketed Events

April 2022

Text changes

- Change Effective Date
- Clarify that pre-alerts and written defenses are also required for transfer openings on Open Chart
- Definition of Overcall changed to clarify that responding to a double isn't an "Overcall"
- Add a section prohibiting PDIA's and psyching certain artificial bids on Basic/Basic+
- Basic Opening Bids #8 changed to match Basic+ Opening Bids #8
- The word "Weak" is removed and "has" changed to "with" in Basic and Basic+ Opening Bids #9
- The word "Weak" is removed from Basic Opening Bids #10 and Basic+ Opening Bids #11
- Basic Chart Responses and Rebids #10 removed, and language from Basic+ Chart copied instead.
- Replace Basic Chart Overcalls and Competitive Bids #8 with the more restrictive language from Basic+ Chart.
- Remove " (Leading low from doubletons must be pre-alerted.)" from Basic Lead and Carding Agreements
- Add "If an agreement is disallowed, then adding an unlikely hand type to it does not make it allowed." to Open / Open+ Chart and an example to the examples.
- Change "any seat" to "first or second seat" in Open Chart Opening Bids #1
- Change "with a void or 10 cards" to "with a void or with 10 or more cards" and add "or with fewer than 10 HCP" in Open+ Chart Opening Bids #6
- Change "points" to "HCP" in Basic Chart Opening Bids Example #1
- Add "in first or second seat" of Open/Open+ Opening Bids Example #1
- Change "longer than 5 boards" to "of six boards or more" in Open/Open+ Opening Bids Example #5

Formatting changes

- Page numbers added
- Red coloring removed
- Capitalize "High Card Points" in Open/Open+ Passes Before Opening Example #3

November 2018

Initial Effective Date