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Revoke (06:41:39 SatJun 14 2003) Select Action

Country: USA

In a Duplicate game I found myself with Ace the opponent's

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Re: Revoke (12:23:39 SatJun 14 2003) Select Action

You seem to have got cut off - what is the rest of the story, please?

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Alerting the unknown (04:22:21 MonJun 9 2003) Select Action

Country: New Zealand

South opens 1C, which is alerted.

West overcalls 1D.

(now E/W's system is "suction" over a strong 1C opening.
Thus, in this situation, a bid of 1D by LHO over a precision 1C would show either long hearts OR spades and clubs).

West does not inquire about the 1C opening bid.

Before North bids, East has a problem.
If the 1C is precision, the 1D bid is alertable.
If the 1C is a "short club" then the 1D is not alertable.

What is East's position the moment his partner bids the 1D?

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Re: Alerting the unknown (12:01:37 MonJun 9 2003) Select Action

If the 1 opening is Precision then 1 is alertable, so East alerts it and assumes it is Suction. He is not allowed to take any notice of whether his partner has asked any questions. Anyway, his partner may know whether it is or not from what the opponents said at the start of the round or from the convention card.

If the 1 opening is not Precision then 1 is not alertable, naturally.

If East does not know what the 1 is then he alerts. If asked he says "If the 1 opening is Precision, then 1 is Suction, showing .... If the 1 opening is just a short club then 1 is natural."

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Re: Alerting the unknown (22:06:49 TueJun 10 2003)

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Country: New Zealand

Thanks David
To follow on from this, at what times during the auction period, is a player allowed/not allowed to inspect an opponent's system card?

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Re: Alerting the unknown (00:08:01 WedJun 11 2003)

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During the auction a player may inspect his opponent's system card when it is his turn to call.

Also a player may inspect it between boards, and during the play, when it is his turn to paly, unless he is dummy.

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Re: Alerting the unknown (21:43:43 WedJun 11 2003)

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Country: New Zealand

Sorry , if I'm getting a little "picky" here but---
Let's assume that West asks and is told the 1C opening is "short"
East is not allowed to "know" this question (and presumably, the answer)
Is East still required to alert the 1D overcall?

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Re: Alerting the unknown (23:19:13 WedJun 11 2003)

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Why is he not allowed to know the answer? He has a perfect right to know the opponents' methods.

If it is alertable he alerts it.

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Re: Alerting the unknown (03:16:25 ThuJun 12 2003)

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Country: New Zealand

In the situation we are now talking about where West asks, and is told by North that the 1C opening is "short", I would suggest that Law 73B1 prohibits East from "knowing" the answer.
Is he now going to be alerting a natural overcall?

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Re: Alerting the unknown (17:47:15 ThuJun 12 2003)

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Law 73B1 forbids a player for getting information from partner, not from opponents. Players have a perfect right to act on information from their opponnts. While partner has asked the question, true, all that means is the player has no right to make deductions form the question. But the answer is authorised information to him.

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explanation (15:59:15 WedJun 11 2003) Select Action

At a recent team game the opponents started cue bidding and at the end of the auction the question was asked about the first cue bid and the answer was it was a "cue-bid"
The player was actually bidding a second round control and did not correct his partner or rather did not alter his partners description to first or second round control.
The grand slam was made with the Ace missing of the suit that had been cue bid as a first or second round control.
The grand may have been made with the full explanationbut the lack of a full description may have helped the grand.
Some advice please.

jnichols

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Re: explanation (19:57:33 WedJun 11 2003) Select Action

Country: USA

"cue-bid" is hardly an explaination. It is just the name of a bid that can have many widely-varried meanings. You are certainly entitled to an explaination of what the bid shows according to the opponents methods.

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Re: explanation (23:13:45 WedJun 11 2003) Select Action

It does depend a bit on local methods. If most people would understand cue-bid as first or second round control then the explanation, while not really adequate, is hardly misleading.

But in most parts of the world a cue-bid without further amplification would be understood as first-round control, expecially the first cue-bid by a player, and an adjusted score might easily be given if a pair plays first or second round controls but does not say so.

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Blue Team Club and the GCC (11:04:24 SunJun 8 2003)

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Country: USA

Is the Blue Team Club GCC legal?

Ed

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Re: Blue Team Club and the GCC (16:32:10 MonJun 9 2003)

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Country: USA

That's a very broad question. So far as I know, most, if not all, of the Blue Team Club is GCC legal, however, there may be some parts that aren't. A complete answer to the question would require checking *every* convention and treatment in the system against the chart. I'm afraid I don't have time for that.

pbleighton

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Re: Blue Team Club and the GCC (17:46:45 MonJun 9 2003)

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Ed writes:
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Thanks for your response. If I understand you correctly, if I decided to learn it, I might have to make a few modifications, but the basic structure, including the responses/rebids after 1 club (which is what I was primarily concerned about) are fine.

Ed

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Re: Blue Team Club and the GCC (15:04:52 TueJun 10 2003)

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Quote: pbleighton at 17:46:45 Mon Jun 9 2003

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I believe so, yes.

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what chart is nebulous 8-13 1D opening (20:01:02 ThuJun 5 2003)

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Country: USA

Hi all,
My 1D opening is 8-10 balanced, or 8-13 natural. Is this GCC or Mid-chart? If not GCC, could it be opened on 3+ cards 8-13?

Thanks,
Dan

mycroft

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Re: what chart is nebulous 8-13 1D opening (21:10:49 ThuJun 5 2003)

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I tried to answer another (your partner?) on the ACBL forums a week back - it took, but you can't display it. I don't know why...

If your 1D opener guarantees 3 diamonds, you're fine no matter what. If not, you *must* guarantee 10+HCP to be GCC *or Mid-chart*. (Short answer)

Longer answer: if the "balanced" would include hands you could conceivably open another way (say 4432 and 4-card majors), you might get in difficulty, as this may be ruled "artificial". I think you would have difficulty, the GCC definition of "natural 1 of a minor opening" notwithstanding, if 1D could be 5M332, for instance...

I won't bother doing all the quoting here - you can read it on the acbl's web site - 3+ cards is considered "natural" for 1 of a minor, and the ACBL has exercised it's option in Law 40D, and interpreted it as "can't open 1 of a suit with <8 HCP" - so no great 7s...If you want to be artificial, you must promise 10+ on the GCC, and the Midchart does not ease that restriction (unless you guarantee 4 cards in a known suit).

Good luck!
Michael.

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what chart is 14+ 1 club opening (08:41:42 ThuJun 5 2003) Select Action

Country: USA

Hi all,
Which convention chart in the ACBL allows an artificial 14+ 1C opening? It just seems to mention 15+ HCP, even at the superchart level. I would guess 14+ is midchart, but I can't tell.

Thanks,
Dan

pbleighton

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Re: what chart is 14+ 1 club opening (11:09:38 ThuJun 5 2003) Select Action

You can play 10+ 1C opening with the GCC. Your opening responses are unrestricted if the 1C opening guarantees 15+. If less than 15, 1 diamonf can be artificial, others must be natural, unless game forcing.

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misexplanation (16:47:37 WedJun 4 2003) Select Action

Hi all
East opens 1NT, S overcalls 2H (H and C, not alerted), W doubles, followed by three passes
Now S calls the TD and tells him that 2H has not been alerted.
What the TD says?
Is West's double allowed to be withdrawn, or only East's pass ? In this last case, W can argue that that he would not double had he been told that S had a two-suiter
What the ruling will be ?
Many thanks
Best regards
Al. Ohana

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Re: misexplanation (17:24:40 WedJun 4 2003) Select Action

You don't say where you are, so we don't know if 2H is alertable, but assuming it is, first, South has acted correctly in calling the TD and explaining the failure to alert (law 75). Now, West's double cannot be withdrawn, because East called after that, but East's pass can be withdrawn (law 21). If East keeps his pass, then the hand is played out, and if the TD determines the NOS (EW) were damaged by the MI, he may award an assigned adjusted score iaw law 12C2. If East makes some other call, the auction continues, the hand is played out, and probably TD will allow that score to stand, although he might still adjust using law 21 and law 12 if he feels EW were damaged by the MI (if they damaged themselves by doing something silly after the MI was exposed, that's their problem). There might also be UI implications (see law 16, law 21, and law 75).

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wrong explication (11:47:42 TueJun 3 2003) Select Action

Hi all
Say the auction is competitive, everyone bidding, and at a moment, E doubles the 3C last N's bid. W is asked and says penalty (according to his bridge logic). In fact, it was an error from E who thought his double was take out. S runs to 3H, doubled by W, and N bids 4C, doubled by E, final contract.

What attitude E must have ? Does he need to call the D only at the end of the play or at the moment he listens W give the explanation, knowing that his error is probably ending in N-S difficulty ?
Many thanks
Best regards
Al. Ohana

James Vickers

Reply

Re: wrong explication (13:10:24 TueJun 3 2003) Select Action

Country: UK

Hi,

if you hear your partner give a wrong explanation of your call, the time to call the director and correct the explanation is when the correction can no longer influence your partner. This is after the last pass of the auction if you are due to become the declaring side, or at the end of play if you are due to defend the contract. You should never offer an immediate correction, in the middle of the auction.

The reason for the above is that players must be allowed to suffer from their own misunderstandings, and so must be given as much rope as they need in the hope that they hang themselves.

In your case the offenders were on the defending side and so the end of play was the correct time. If there is no clear evidence as to what the agreement is the director should rule misinformation and adjust the score if he can find evidence that the non-offenders might have been damaged by the misexplanation (quite likely here).

Just three final points:

(1) If you explain partner's call and later realise of your own accord

(i.e. nothing your partner did woke you up) that your explanation was incorrect, you must call the director and offer an immediate correction. (Note that here you are correcting _your own_ misexplanation.)
(2) If you misbid or psyche and partner gives an explanation which correctly reflects your agreements, there is no requirement to draw attention to this at any time. You must, however, be certain that it was the bid that was wrong, and not the explanation.
(3) Note that you must always call the director before you offer a correction. Many players neglect to do this, but note that it is a legal requirement.

James

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Lead out of turn (16:11:00 SatMay 31 2003) Select Action

Country: usa

If you lead out of turn what is the penalty

Ed

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Re: Lead out of turn (17:03:38 SatMay 31 2003) Select Action

Depends. Laws 53 to 56 govern leads out of turn.

Generally speaking, a LOOT may be accepted, or not. If accepted, it is treated as legal, and if not, for a defender, it becomes a major penalty card. There's more to it than that, however. You have to read the applicable law(s).

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Re: Lead out of turn (23:04:38 SatMay 31 2003) Select Action

For most rulings the Director is strongly advised to read it from the book. However, the exception is the Opening Lead out of Turn. This involves so much bobbing around in the Law book that Directors are expected to learn a "spiel". For example the Director could say to declarer, after a spade has been led out of turn:

> **"You have five options.**
>
> **"You may accept the lead out of turn, dummy will go down now, and you will play next to this trick so it is in the normal order: that is your first option.**
>
> **"You must not consult with partner, but if you want to you may put your own hand down as dummy, and let partner play it with that opening lead.**
>
> **"The remaining three options mean that the lead reverts to the correct player.**
>
> **"You may require him to lead a spade if he has one: in this case the wrong lead is picked up and that player may play whatever he likes.**
>
> **"You may forbid him from leading a spade for as long as he retains the lead: again that card is picked up.**
>
> **"Finally, you may have the wrong lead as a major penalty card which means it stays on the table and**

> **must be played at the first legal opportunity: the correct leader may lead whatever he likes."**

In all events except where experienced players are involved this is probably enough. However, if the players are experienced {especially the defenders} and if the declarer chooses not to accept the lead then the Director should really say to the correct opening leader:

> **"Knowledge of your partner's lead out of turn is unauthorised: you may not assume anything from it nor may you know he has that card...**

Finally, if the fifth option is chosen, and it there is a major penalty card, the Director should add to the correct opening leader:

> **"... however, you are allowed to know that your partner will play that card when the suit is first played or he first has to discard.**

Phew! :smile: It's more compicated than you think!

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revoking (15:33:37 SatMay 31 2003) Select Action

Country: USA

What is the penalty for revoking?
What is the penalty for leading out of turn
What is the penalty for bidding out of turn or an insufficient bid

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Re: revoking (17:24:03 SatMay 31 2003) Select Action

In general, the penalty for revoking is either one or two tricks transferred to the other side, depending on the circumstances.

The penalty for a call out of rotation again depends on circumstances. It may be accepted by offender's LHO, in which case there is no penalty. If not accepted, there are different penalties, as I said depending on the circumstances.

I've already dealt with LOOTs and insufficient bids in the other threads you started. :smile:

If you have a question about a specific case, David, Jim, or I will be happy to try to answer it. For more general information, the laws are online here, and they and Larry Harris' excellent Bridge Directors' Companion are available from both Baron-Barclay and The ACBL.

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Re: revoking (22:46:25 SatMay 31 2003) Select Action

Another excellent publication for an easy look at the Laws is Duplicate Bridge Rules Simplified, by John Rumbelow and David Stevenson.

It is published by Mr Bridge, who seems to have no website, but you could always write to him at Mr Bridge

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penalty (00:42:23 SatMay 31 2003) Select Action

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If one make six and is also enjoying a two-trick of revoke benifit. What will be the final score for this? Thanks.

Jon

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Re: penalty (13:47:05 SatMay 31 2003) Select Action

Impossible, I would say. Under Law 64A, the two-trick penalty applies only in circumstances in which the offending side won at least two tricks. If the non-offending side made six, the two-trick penalty can't apply.

The revoke penalty is a transfer of tricks won from the offending side to the non-offending side; it is not simply an award of points to the non-offending side.

So, in your case, if the single trick won by the offending side was the revoke trick or a trick subsequent to the revoke trick, the non-offending side was entitled to the one-trick penalty and should be given the score for making seven. If the trick won by the offending side was prior to the revoke trick, there is no penalty. (See Law 64B1.)

Jon Siegel

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Re: penalty (17:36:51 SatMay 31 2003) Select Action

I agree with Jon, although I'd add that a revoke has to be established for the penalty to apply. A revoke that has not yet been established when discovered must be corrected. A revoke on trick 12, even if established, must be corrected. When a revoke is corrected (ie, the revoking player plays a correct legal card to the trick) the revoke penalty does not apply.

Frances Hinden

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Revealing Partnership Agreements (12:39:23 TueMay 27 2003)

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Country: UK

My partner and I play a mini NT (10-13 HCP) 1st NV. We have discussed and agreed that if we are a lot up towards the end of any sort of match (e.g. Swiss teams/pairs, knock-out teams) we will tend only to open the mini with a maximum, particularly love all at mps when -500 is fatal. To some extent, this agreement is 'just bridge', in the same way that most sensible players play very conservatively if they are a lot up. However, as this has come up a number of times and we've specifically talked about it I suppose it comes under the 'partnership agreement' heading.

So, how do we reveal this agreement to our opponents? Should our convention card say '10-13 1st NV, unless we have a big lead in the match in which case 12-13'? This is trickier in a short Swiss teams or pairs match, because it relies on both of us having the same opinion as to the state of the match without actually discussing it.

I am also not particularly looking forward to this conversation:
Oppo: is that the mini?
Me: yes, but it won't be 10-11 because we are hammering you 20-0.
Oppo: I thought the match was fairly even
Me: in that case maybe we should call the director [probably followed by my leaving the table while partner tells oppo whether he thinks we are winning 20-0 or not]

Ed

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Re: Revealing Partnership Agreements (16:44:01 TueMay 27 2003)

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Gah. I hate these.

How about:

"Is that the mini?"
"Yes. Our normal range is 10-13, but we have agreed in discussions that if we are well up in the match, we'll only bid it on 12-13."

danny o'neill

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does inadvertency take precedence? (03:49:30 ThuMay 22 2003)

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Country: USA

Hi all,
Can LHO accept an inadvertent insufficient call? If it is not accepted, does the inadvertent section or insufficient section apply?

Thanks,
Dan

bluejak

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Re: does inadvertency take precedence? (17:53:31 ThuMay 22 2003)

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If a player inadvertently makes a call he did not intend then he may change it {subject to being in time}. It matters not whether it is insufficient or not.

So if the player bids 1 when he means to bid 3 then it may be changed: it may not be accepted: and there are no UI problems because the player meant all along to bid 3. If he did not intend to bid 3 then his 1 was not inadvertent and may not be changed.

Of course he may only change it to the call he intended. For example if the 1 was out of turn he may change it to 3 if he can convince the TD he meant to bid 3, but it will now be treated as 3 out of turn.

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Re: does inadvertency take precedence? (18:39:45 ThuMay 22 2003)

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Hi,
Thanks for the answer.

I'm frustrated in general with the presentation of the Laws because this is one of several examples where incomplete explanation makes two laws seem to overlap for precedence (inadvertency and insufficient bid).

Thank god for supplementary texts, but I think the Laws should be written much more readably and in the style of "if this happens, then do this", like the Larry Harris director's aid.

Dan

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stayman transfers (20:12:15 WedMay 21 2003) Select Action

Country: canaada

null
can u help with a convention 2c 2nt 3c stayman
now how does transfer stayman work pls do not hit reply
as i am not on my computer slmerritt2@aol.com tx

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Re: stayman transfers (00:16:27 ThuMay 22 2003) Select Action

Sheila :embarrassed:

This is a forum on Bridge Laws. If you want to ask a question about bidding there are associated forums called 'The Bridge Table' and 'Ask an Expert' which are very suitable for you.

Furthermore, people do not reply to you direct in forums: that is not how they work. You post a question, then a day or two later you come back to see what replies there are.

You can set it to send you an email if there is a reply.

I hope this helps! :smile:

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Overcalling very weak (12:31:17 MonMay 12 2003) Select Action

Country: canada

I opened the bidding `1 spade and next person opened with 2 hearts this person had 6 hearts and total points 4 My question is it legal to overcall with low points or should the person bid 3 hearts as to indicate a pre-empt?Thank you van

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JimO

175 posts
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Re: bidding (18:35:14 MonMay 12 2003) Select Action

Country: USA

It is ceratinly legal to overcall 2H with very few points.
It is my opinion that such a style must be pre-alerted in ACBL-land. ("Systems based on very light openings or other highly aggressive methods or preempts").

-Jim O'Neil
Oak Park, IL

player

80 posts
bridgetalk member

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Re: bidding (10:29:14 TueMay 13 2003) Select Action

I'm sorry Jim but if those are your system regulations then they are absoultely ridiculous. If I want to bid badly and bid 2H on this, then so be it. For this to have to be pre alerted is plain silly.

Ed

173 posts
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Re: bidding (05:31:01 WedMay 14 2003) Select Action

Country: USA

They aren't Jim's regulations, they're the ACBL's. In particular,

Quote: ACBL Alert Regs

> If it is your partnership style to routinely open hands with fewer than 11 HCP, preempt with very weak (frequently worse than Qxxxxx) suits, and/or overcalls with fewer than 6 HCP at the one level, the opponents must be pre-Alerted.

The purpose of the pre-alert, say the regs, is to allow opponents to prepare a defense. I infer it is presumed unlikely that most pairs would routinely have defenses to such bids.

mycroft

67 posts
bridgetalk member

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Re: bidding (17:18:02 FriMay 16 2003) Select Action

Small point - Ed is still right, but his quote says nothing about this particular auction. Perhaps a more obvious quote would be

Quote: ACBL Alert Procedure

> NOTE: Partnerships whose systems include extremely aggressive methods,...**must pre-Alert** the opponents before the round begins.

(examples snipped - again, they are mostly in the order of length of suit, not strength of overcall; emphasis in original).

I would say (and have said, when I play this style) that KJTxxx and out as a *non-jump* 2-level overcall is "extremely aggressive" and Pre-Alert. I definately believe this treatment requires a regular Alert at the time, based on this quote:

Quote: ACBL Alert Procedure

> Treatments [natural - mycroft] that show unusual strength or shape should be Alerted.

Therefore, agreeing to weak non-jump 2-level overcalls is legal - if Alerted.

So, were you misinformed? Well, maybe. There are a couple of different cases, all based on their agreement being "standard" enough to be non-Alertable:

1. Their agreement could be "standard", and the 2H bidder thought you had opened 1C or 1D. Then it would be, in his eyes, a standard preemptive jump overcall. A player is allowed to misbid for whatever reason - provided the bid is otherwise legal. Usually all it does is harm the misbidder. When it doesn't, oh well, tough luck.

2. Unlikely in this case, but it is legal to miscount, too. If he thought he had had AKJxxxx and the stiff spade, that might be arguably a "standard" 2H overcall, especially vulnerable.

3. It is legal to make a psychic call. The Laws have some rather severe restrictions on psychics, and allow organizations like the ACBL latitude to make restrictions on psychic calls of conventional bids (and conventional bids designed to expose the psychic call). But provided their agreement of (1S)-2H is "standard", and that there is not a history leading overcaller's partner to think "partner may be fooling again", and that overcaller's partner didn't do something highly unusual like pass with a decent opener with 4 hearts, the 2H bidder got away with it. Again, it's a losing tactic in general, but sometimes brings great gains, not the least of which is that opponents tend to disbelieve people "because he psychs, you know", even the 99.95% of the time she's telling the truth!

Please, call the Director when this sort of thing happens. Especially call the TD rather than fuming and grousing **at the overcaller** - that is a violation of the Proprieties, and in ACBL-land, a Zero Tolerance infraction that will (ok, should) get strongly penalized. Just call the TD, and explain calmly the situation, and that you aren't sure if this is legal/if you've been misinformed/what's going on (whatever is true). The TD will find out the appropriate information (in this case, at least including what their agreement is and if the bid does not follow their agreement, why) and rule. If this was their agreement, the TD will explain to the opponents what their obligations are, as well.

The mantra: if something unusual happens, call the Director! (oh, if your partner misexplains, call the TD at the correct time - know when that is, and then it won't be "unusual"!)

Michael.

Ed

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Re: bidding (05:46:11 SatMay 17 2003) Select Action

Quote: mycroft at 17:18:02 Fri May 16 2003

> Small point - Ed is still right, but his quote says nothing about this particular auction.

Does it not? "preempt with very weak ... suits..." :smile:

mycroft

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bridgetalk member

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Re: bidding (15:43:16 MonMay 19 2003) Select Action

I don't think most people would consider a non-jump 2-level overcall when hearing "preempt". I certainly didn't!

Which is, of course, the source of both the complaint and the confusion.

I've actually wondered if they mean weak 2-bids when they say "preempt with worse than Qxxxxx" - many people equate preempts with 3-level, and weak 2s are "weak 2s." However, as "classic" weak 2s continue to return to the oblivion containing Culbertson 4-5NT and such, I expect fewer people will make that distinction...

I Pre-Alert and Alert when I play these, of course, no matter what the ACBL's meaning of Preempt :-).

Michael.

bluejak

434 posts
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Re: bidding (12:38:17 TueMay 20 2003)

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Quote: Player

> I'm sorry Jim but if those are your system regulations then they are absoultely ridiculous. If I want to bid badly and bid 2H on this, then so be it. For this to have to be pre alerted is plain silly.

This is a forum on what the Laws and Regulations are and offensive posts like this one have no part here.

Whether bidding 2 on such a hand is a good idea or not is neither suitable for this forum nor deserves this sort of language.

We do not mind some comments on the regulations of organisations but they should be constructive. This one sounded personal and makes no effort to look at the big picture.

If I wish to play very light overcalls then I see no reaon why

- You should be rude to me about it. If you do not approve of my methods, so be it.
- You should consider it ridiculous that I should be required to warn you of my methods.

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Re: Overcalling very weak (12:42:01 TueMay 20 2003)

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One of my personal pet hates is the misuse of a well-defined word.

A pre-empt is a jump bid in a suit as either an opening or an overcall to show a weak hand.

Despite certain people's misuse I believe this to be the definition used by the ACBL and all other organisations. thus 2 over a 1 opening is certainly a pre-empt, and 2 over a 1 opening is certainly not.

People who mean a 3-level pre-empt should say so! :smile:

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Ed

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Re: Overcalling very weak (04:32:31 WedMay 21 2003)

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Quote: bluejak at 12:42:01 Tue May 20 2003

> 2 over a 1 opening is certainly a pre-empt, and 2 over a 1 opening is certainly not.

Certainly. I missed somehow that it was the second sequence we were discussing, rather than the first. It appear Bill Cosby was right: "Don't worry about senility. When it happens, you won't notice." :biggrin:

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pbleighton

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Magic Diamond (02:16:26 WedMay 7 2003)

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Country: US

I've started a couple of threads which relate to this, but I wanted to focus on this system, specifically the 1H/1S/2C/2D opening bids, which show 8-11 hcp. They don't conform to the Rule of 18, but a reply to a previous post said the Rule of 18 didn't apply in the U.S. I assume that means that these opening bids are GCC legal. If so, are they legal in most of the world, for regular events (GCC equivalent)?

The answer to another thread confirmed my suspicion that non-game forcing transfer responses to a one level suit bid aren't GCC legal. I am considering using 1NT forcing as either weak or game forcing. Weak responders would pass a rebid by opener, and with a suit switch would either pass or prefer back to the first suit. Any other responder's rebid would be forcing to game. 2/1 responses would then be non-forcing, showing weak or invitational values. Would this change bring the responses into GCC conformity (I think they do)? If so, would permitting a 2/1 reponse with a yarborough as well as up to 15 hcp be OK (bundling in WJS)?

Magic Diamond uses 2H/2S openers with possible unknown suits. I realize this could be a complex subject, but is there a summary somewhere of what weak two openings are GCC legal, which are Midchart, and which are neither?

If you are familiar with Magic Diamond, is there anything else about it which has GCC problems?

Is there any other very light opening system you are aware of which is mostly or entirely GCC legal?

bluejak

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Re: Magic Diamond (02:33:09 WedMay 7 2003) Select Action

I shall leave Jim, Ed, and my other North American friends to answer the main part of your query. However, you also ask

> **Quote: PB Leighton**
>
> If so, are they legal in most of the world, for regular events (GCC equivalent)?

This is a pretty unanswerable question. There are millions of sponsoring organisations. Ok, I expect most of them follow what their national organisations say, in fact in many cases they have to, but even so there are many many national organisations, probably in their hundreds. Perhaps someone would like to go to NCBOs and ZOs
and count them!

In England and Wales you are limited to at least 18 Opening Points {"Rule of 18"} in top competitions, and at least 19 OPs in other ones.

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Re: Magic Diamond (09:13:21 ThuMay 8 2003) Select Action

on the subject of opening points i include an extract from "the director's corner" covering the matter as it applies in australia. this may not be relevant but is perhaps of some interest/

olddude909

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Re: Magic Diamond (18:01:52 ThuMay 8 2003)

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Country: usa

Quote: pbleighton at 02:16:26 Wed May 7 2003

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In ACBL land, if memory serves correctly, natural 1 level opening bids must show at least 8 hcps in order to be GCC legal. I know that I've played against "mini-precision" systems where the 1c opener showed 13+, and all other openers shows 8-12 (1d/1h/1s), 10-12 (1nt), or 6-12 (2c/2d/2h/2s).

One partner and I developed a system we called Pagan Diamond, which is completely GCC legal:

1c=13-16, any
1d=17+, any
1h/s=8-12, 4-5 long, no 6+ suit anywhere in hand
1nt=10-12 (my partner held out for 12-15, and we never really resolved this issue)
2x=6-12, 6+ long, otherwise undisciplined
2nt=8-12, 5-5 minors

we found that this system (1) was VERY effective in terms of the opening 2bids; (2) was pretty effective in terms of the 1M opening bids; (3) lost against par when we were forced to open light 1bids as 2bids (eg ajxx; x; ajtxxx; xx) because the distributional nature of the hand precluded a comfortable 1c opening bid sequence); (4) lost moderately against par when opening 1c because handling interference was more difficult; (5) lost moderately against par because of the excess space used by the strong 1d opening bid.

henrys

pbleighton

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Re: Magic Diamond (18:55:48 ThuMay 8 2003) Select Action

Country: US

"One partner and I developed a system we called Pagan Diamond"

Did you open 1M with 4M and 5m?
Did you open 2m or 2M with a 4 card major side suit?

How did you handle the bidding after 1M with weak hands and 4 card majors? I have gone round and round on this. Specifically, what did you do with sub-invitational responses (the big majority of the responses) with singleton support and 6+ side suit, without messing up your stronger responses?

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Re: Magic Diamond (20:38:51 ThuMay 8 2003) Select Action

Country: us

Quote: pbleighton at 18:55:48 Thu May 8 2003

> "One partner and I developed a system we called Pagan Diamond"
>
> Did you open 1M with 4M and 5m?
> Did you open 2m or 2M with a 4 card major side suit?
>
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to answer your questions: (1) 4M-5m hands were opened 1M. The only hands in the 8-12 range that were passed were (a) 8-9 flat and (b) quasi minor two suiters 5431/5422. (2) responses were mostly normal except that we used a lot of fit jumps. we defined a gf hand

as 16+ hcps, a gi hand as 13-15, and a part score hand as 0-12. so 1nt showed 0-12 (roughly), and 2/1s shows 13+ with rebids much like old fashioned standard american. one plus of using 10-12 1nts is that the 2nt rebid could be used artificially to accept the invitation. i would have prefered to use a relay with transfers structure, but that wasn't legal. (3) weak misfitting 1suiters bid 1nt. sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't (shrug). we found that we had to accept certain losses as a consequence of the very weak 1M opening bids.

JimO

175 posts
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Re: Magic Diamond (18:47:31 MonMay 12 2003) Select Action

Country: USA

One level opening bids with as few as 8 hcp are GCC legal, but must be pre-alerted.
Transfer responses would be allowed on the Mid-Chart (all calls which promise 4+ cards in a known suit).

-Jim O'Neil
Oak Park, IL

olddude909

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Re: Magic Diamond (19:23:57 MonMay 12 2003) Select Action

Country: USA

Quote: JimO at 18:47:31 Mon May 12 2003

> One level opening bids with as few as 8 hcp are GCC legal, but must be pre-alerted.
> Transfer responses would be allowed on the Mid-Chart (all calls which promise 4+ cards in a known suit).

Whoops!

Maybe I should resurrect pagan diamond then rofl.

HenryS

rabbit

Reply

Re: Magic Diamond (06:33:24 SunMay 18 2003) Select Action

I think those 8-11 openings 1SH/2CD are ok almost everywhere.

And there is a "non-brown sticker" modification in 2H/S openings for system restricted tournaments. Modified opening shows the bid suit + an unknown minor.

pbleighton

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Re: Magic Diamond (10:08:58 SunMay 18 2003) Select Action

"And there is a "non-brown sticker" modification in 2H/S openings for system restricted tournaments. Modified opening shows the bid suit + an unknown minor."

I have seen this - in the U.S. - is this Midchart?

Earl_Purple

79 posts
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Re: Magic Diamond (16:20:07 SunMay 18 2003) Select Action

If they're not legal, my own strong diamond system is, I think, legal in most organisations because they use regular strength 1H and 1S bids and the weak distributional hands are all opened at the 2-level.

The system is somewhere on BridgeTalk forums, in the general section, last posted sometime around 29 July I think.

bluejak

434 posts
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Re: Magic Diamond (12:26:35 TueMay 20 2003) Select Action

Every country has its own regulations, and it is very dangerous to say

Quote: Rabbit

> I think those 8-11 openings 1SH/2CD are ok almost everywhere

They are certainly not ok in England or Wales, for example, and there are many other places where they are not ok.

Anyone who wishes to play non-mainstream systems should always check with their own national authority. Alternatively, if you ask here and say what your country is we shall find out for you.

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Exposed card in pseudo-squeeze situation (15:12:13 TueMay 13 2003)

Select Action

Country: International

Ok, this has never actually happened to me, but the thought occurred when reading other posts.

Suppose declarer is playing out his long suit in a pseudo-squeeze situation, and one of the defenders accidentally drops his cards, maybe dropping both his cards at trick 12.

Now his partner will be able to deduce (for certain) what to hold onto.

Would they be able to force the defender to make the wrong discard as he is now playing on unauthorised information. What should the ruling be in this situation?

(Note: I actually only play online where this kind of irregularity never occurs)

JimO

175 posts
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Re: Exposed card in pseudo-squeeze situation (20:41:45 TueMay 13 2003)

Select Action

Country: USA

Law 57 covers this situation:
When a defender leads to the next trick before partner has played to the current trick, or plays out of turn before partner, declarer may 1) require offender's partner to play his highest card in the suit led, 2) require offender's partner to play his lowest card, or 3) forbid him from playing a card of a specific suit,

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-Jim O'Neil
Oak Park, IL

Ed

173 posts
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Reply

Re: Exposed card in pseudo-squeeze situation (05:50:10 WedMay 14 2003) Select Action

I don't think Law 57 applies here - it's the declarer who's leading, according to Earl. Seems to me the applicable law is Law 49 - exposure of defender's cards. The exposed cards become penalty cards, but that doesn't help. TD might invoke Law 72B1, but even without that, it seems to me Law 16A1 applies - which would result in an adjusted score if offender's partner makes a play which could have been suggested by his knowledge of his partner's holding.

bluejak

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Re: Exposed card in pseudo-squeeze situation (12:08:48 TueMay 20 2003) Select Action

If declarer leads, and his RHO plays next, which is one of the possible scenrios, then Law 57 does apply.

But in general there is always a Law to deal with the situation, penalty cards, unauthorised information and so on.

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James Vickers

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Drury in England (13:10:23 FriMay 9 2003) Select Action

Country: UK

Drury is a bidding convention in which an artificial 2C response to 1H or 1S third hand opener asks partner to define the strength of their opening bid. It is useful for partnerships which employ light third hand openers.

My understanding is that the EBU banned this convention (or at least severely restricted its use) for a while to stop players from using it to prevent self-inflicted damage when opener has psyched 1M. (I'm sure someone will correct me if I am wrong.)

I had always assumed this ban to be still in force, as I had never come across players using the convention in England until this week. A check in my Orange Book revealed to my surprise that it is in fact allowed at levels 4 and 5.

I would like to know, in view of the regulation banning conventions used to field psyches, whether there are any additional caveats to its use. For instance:

(1) Must players using Drury undertake never to psyche a third hand major, or ensure that they rigorously adhere to the rule of eighteen?

(2) Must Drury only be used on truly borderline hands, i.e. must hands with game potential opposite even a minimum opening bid be bid some other way?

If the above or similar don't apply, how should the director act if they discover a partnership has psyched and bid Drury?

James

RMB

19 posts
bridgetalk member

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Re: Drury in England (15:04:15 FriMay 9 2003)

Select Action

Country: England

James

Drury is allowed at level 2, see OB 12.3.6 "Other permitted conventions:"
"Support bids:
Any call which shows support for partner and the values for game opposite a non-minimum opening is allowed. This includes calls that could alternatively contain game values."

Drury was previously Restricted Licence, and you have to look at the level 4 text to see that Drury is explicitly permitted at level 2!
OB 14.2.4 [subject to changes in English Bridge, October 1998, p29]:
"Examples of conventions covered by [snip] 12.3.6 (previously Restricted Licence).
[snip]
Drury"

There are no caveats to the use of Drury beyond the normal methods of controlling concealled partnership understandings. I think the EBU is not worried as much about abuse of Drury as perhaps it once was.
(1) If partnerships are psyching 1M with long clubs and passing the Drury 2C response, and this is recorded, perhaps a pattern of abuse will emerge.
(2) The regulation, OB 12.3.6, explicitly allows the response to show both invitational and game going values (with support).

Robin

James Vickers

Reply

Re: Drury in England (13:01:20 MonMay 12 2003) Select Action

Country: UK

Thanks for your reply, Robin.

Ye Gods, is this Orange Book confusing! Under L2 permitted conventions it says that a 2C response to 1M may be played as one of: "natural, forcing or non-forcing, or natural, 3+ cards, forcing" (12.3.3 and 12.3.4). Later support bids are also listed as permitted, under which Drury certainly falls (12.3.6), but Drury is not listed as an example of such a convention (I would have expected it to be top of the list). Then under L4 Drury is given as an example of a convention covered by 12.3 which refers to level 2 conventions! (14.2.4)

Maybe I've uncovered a conspiracy to keep Drury out of English bridge by making the regulations concerning its use as difficult to follow as possible. It certainly seems to be working.

Or does anyone have a better theory as to why virtually NO-ONE in England plays Drury, a very popular convention in other parts of the world?

James

bluejak

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Re: Drury in England (15:58:05 MonMay 12 2003) Select Action

Perhaps we should stop trying to help people?

If you want to play a 2 response to 1/ then the only sensible way is to look in the book and see at what level it is permitted. No doubt anyone has done so will realise Drury is Level 2 if it guarantees a fit, Level 3 otherwise.

To try to make it easier for people to go from one Orange book to another, and for no other reason, conventions that are no longer listed separately because they are now under blanket permissions or because they are now disallowed are shown for one Orange book only have a little section to show where they have gone. So if you had been playing Drury at Level 4 in the previous book we let you know where to find it now.

Surely if you decide to take up the Robin Barker 3 response to 1

□ you will look and see whether it is covered under the rules for responses to 1□? OK, if you want to play Drury, please do the equivalent.

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James Vickers

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Re: Drury in England (17:43:00 MonMay 12 2003) Select Action

Country: UK

Quote: bluejak at 15:58:05 Mon May 12 2003

> If you want to play a 2□ response to 1□/□ then the only sensible way is to look in the book and see at what level it is permitted. No doubt anyone has done so will realise Drury is Level 2 if it guarantees a fit, Level 3 otherwise.

Not "anyone". I asked the chief TD at a recent competition (an EBU National TD) about Drury; he looked it up in the OB and assured me it was allowed at level 4 and above, but not otherwise. I admit I should have spotted that Drury is covered by 12.3.6, but I was certainly confused by the reference under level 4 conventions.

And since you ask, I would feel happier if you would stop trying to help people, and delete the reference to Drury at 14.2.4. If you need to mention the convention specifically, why not at 12.3.7 where it belongs?

James

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Re: Drury in England (21:04:33 MonMay 12 2003) Select Action

It is only for continuity - and it was **not** Level 2 in the last Orange book.

I think your Chief TD wants shooting! :smile:

If you are playing a convention now which is listed separately then I think you will have difficulty next time if it seems to have disappeared.

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Re: Drury in England (10:54:43 TueMay 13 2003) Select Action

Country: UK

I play Drury, as do quite a lot of people I know. We don't use it so much to control very light 3rd-in-hand openers (we play it opposite a 4th hand opening as well) but to get over the problem when responder has a good 3-card raise and responds in a minor preparatory to raising the major, but opener passes.

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Dummy's rights (17:01:52 SunMay 11 2003) Select Action

Country: spain

hi all,

see the next situation:

dummy see the scoresheet or leave his sit and see declarer's hand during the play.

after he return to his sit, the defenders make a revoke.

The play finish and then dummy is the first to claim the revoke.

do you think he has lost his rights and may apply the law 43 b 3?

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Re: Dummy's righs (00:26:17 MonMay 12 2003) Select Action

That Law only applies during the play. Once play is finished dummy is no longer dummy, and can point out irregularities without penalty.

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