# System Card Review

The quality of system cards over the past few years has improved considerably and the purpose of the review is to maintain the high standard and provide consistency across all participants. It is a consultative process.

The principle of disclosure requires that competitors fully disclose all conventions and treatments requiring defensive preparation.

Pairs must use WBF System Cards, with up to two supplementary sheets, to achieve this objective. These should be sent to the Reviewer who will liaise with the submitters to address potential shortcomings. When Brown Sticker agreements may be used, separate forms for each Brown Sticker agreement, together with viable proposed defences, must be submitted with the System Card.

It is strongly recommended that before completing the System Card that participants study the WBF Guide to Completion, available on the WBF website.

Considerable latitude will be given to inexperienced junior pairs.

Teams may appeal a decision of the Reviewer to the Committee.

[Finally, thanks to Paul Gipson as this document is mainly based on his previous one to BGB players]

# Full disclosure

Full disclosure does not require you to present your complete system. However, it does include a clear description of openings, responses, and early rounds of bidding with or without competition, conventions as well as other partnership agreements, style and understandings based on experience.

Full disclosure is a combination of what you reveal in your System Card and supplementary sheets and what you add at the table also without your opponents having to ask questions.

In cases where there is damage due to possible failure to disclose, the side that was <u>not</u> informed will be given the benefit of the doubt. If an opponent refrains from asking a question to which you should have provided the answer without prompting, and damage ensues, there is an *a priori* assumption that you have <u>not</u> provided full disclosure. Each case will be heard on its merits.

## Formats

Acceptable formats for submission of system cards are:

★ A PDF of the system card, and up to 2 pages of any supplementary notes
★ A Microsoft Word Document (doc or docx format)

Other formats that are easy for the Reviewer to handle (and can easily generate PDF output) may be accepted. Photos, images or scans of a system card are not acceptable.

Please *avoid* use of the WBF Convention Card Editor (ccf format).

## Common shortcomings

As it says in the WBF Guide to Competition:

1. Use suit symbols <u>or</u> S, H, D, C, but be consistent throughout the card.
2. Avoid names of conventions: instead explicitly define what your calls mean.
3. Use the recommended abbreviations in the Guide, do not make up your own.
   *You* know what is meant on your CC, but will it be clear to Opponents?  E.g.
   <u>2S</u> is 2 Spades, but <u>2s</u> looks very similar. So "3 Weak Twos" could be written as "3 Wk 2's"  or  "2DHS".
4. Avoid terms like "weak", "strong" or "preemptive" as they seem to mean very different things depending on region or upbringing. Use an approximate hcp count. Indicate length and suit quality requirements if any.

Other common failings include:

1. Inadequate description of leading methods and carding (see pp 8-9 of WBF Guide).
2. Inadequate description of subsequent auctions and passed hand bidding.
3. Not listing on the front page of the card your unusual or unexpected first-round actions and competitive agreements after your side has opened (in the section 'Special bids that may require defence').