

SATURDAY MORNING WORKSHOP

3/6/2021

COMPLETING CONVENTION CARDS AND PLAYING ONLINE

- **Review Convention Cards on BBO**
- **Complete a Simple Convention Card**
- **Discuss Changes to Alert System**
- **Look at Rules for Online Play**

CHANGES TO ALERT SYSTEM

Pre-Alerts

- Different systems based on seating or vulnerability
- System where a one-level bid is either not natural or forcing

Alert changes

- Natural calls are not Alerted, and artificial calls are Alerted.
- Weak jumpshifts not in competition – alert
- Direct cuebids that are not Michaels – alert
- Support doubles and redoubles – no alert
- Less than very strong 2C opening bids - alert

Announcement changes

- NT Transfers – announce the suit rather than “transfer”
- Short club openings – announce the minimum length

Delayed Alerts

- Declaring side must announce control bids and ace-asking bids at the end of the auction without prompting by the opponents.

RULES FOR ONLINE PLAY

- 1) **Cheating:** You can be barred from the game.
- 2) **Alerts:** Made by the person making the bid – not the partner. Explanation should not be the name of the convention, but a description of the meaning.
- 3) **Explanations:** You can ask the opponents in a private chat for an explanation of their methods.
- 4) **Tempo:** In general, bids and plays within 10 seconds are considered to be in tempo.
- 5) **Claims and concessions:** You can reject and continue play. OR you can call the director for a decision.
- 6) **Unfinished hands:** Director will try to determine what the result would be. Weight will be given to the side that was not the cause of the delay.
- 7) **Undos:** Unintended calls or plays may be rectified. The director needs to be called.
- 8) **Table Chat:** Ensure that no unauthorized information is given in chat.
- 9) **Convention Cards:** Partnerships should have a convention card available for review.
- 10) **Information Available in the Software:** Any information in the software may be used at any time – review convention card, review bids, etc. No outside notes or memory aids may be used.
- 11) **Irregularities:** The Director must be summoned for any irregularity. Once the Director has been summoned, all play and bidding shall cease until the director arrives.