

Changes to the Blue Book effective August 1st 2015.

There are no changes to any of the partnership understandings in sections 6, 7, 8 or 9.

However, those playing a strong club system (e.g. Precision, Blue, Nottingham) may now open their strong 1♣ bid on a hand that meets ER24 (see page 21)

Changes have been kept to a minimum and deal with topical detail, typographical errors or attempts to improve wording.

Section	Details of the change
Contents: 3Z	Add section on Bidding Boxes and Stop Procedure (moved from White Book)
1A	Date changed to 2015
3Z A	Bidding Boxes - General (section moved from White Book)
3Z B	Use of the STOP Card (section moved from White Book)
3Z C	End of the Auction (section moved from White Book)
4B4A	Changed to: Artificial suit bids above 3NT made before the opening bidder's second turn to call (i.e. the first bid and the next three calls)
4D1	Words in brackets changed to: (which are non-forcing but may be made on two cards or fewer)
4H2(f)	Changed to: The completion of a transfer that shows a specific holding in the suit bid (e.g. following a 1NT opening, a transfer completion that specifically denies four card support or shows three card support)
5A3	Final line changed to: 'Rule of 18/19/24/25'
5C	Heading changed to: Rule of 19 (and Rule of 18, 24, 25)
5C3	Add: or 'Extended Rule of 24'
5C3(c)	Add: Hands conforming to the 'Extended Rule of 24' are described as 'ER24'.
6C3	3 rd bullet point; change to: You must agree that the 1♣ opening satisfies ER24
9A1	Add: Strong: High card strength a king or more greater than that of an average hand Change: Note that ER25 does not apply in Level 5 events to ER24/25 only applies at Level 5 to calls which are permitted at Level 4 but not otherwise permitted at WBF Category 3.
9A2(e)	Change EXCEPTION: one of a minor in a strong club or strong diamond system where one club/one diamond is always Strong.

A full copy of the revised Blue Book is available from the website.

The EBU will not be producing a print run of Blue Books this year.

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