

Orange Book Amendments 2009

In 2009 there are changes to the following sections

3B10, 7F, 9D9, 10B4, 11N3, 11N9 and 11N12

1	<i>P.9</i>	3B10		August 1st 2009
Paragraph 3B10 is deleted.				

2	<i>P.33</i>	7F		August 1st 2009
<p>7 F <i>Pauses at trick one</i></p> <p>7 F 1 It is normal for declarer to pause before playing to trick one. No inference can be or should be taken from such a pause.</p> <p>7 F 2 It is normal for third hand to think before playing to trick one. Such thought is normally while declarer is thinking about his play. However, sometimes declarer plays quickly from dummy. At such a time third hand may legitimately think whatever his holding in the suit, and no inference can be or should be taken from such a pause. For example, if third hand has a singleton and declarer plays quickly from dummy, it is entirely legitimate for third hand to consider the hand generally.</p>				

The permitted methods in Simple System events have been revised

- 9 D 9 The following list approximates to the EBU Simple System convention card:
- (a) Basic system*
 Natural:
 1♣ either natural or prepared
 1NT limited to a 3-point range between 12 and 18 HCP: its strength may vary according to the vulnerability
 2♣ either Acol or Benjamin: 2♦ negative response
 Any one of:
 (a) 2♦ Strong (Acol): 2NT negative response
 (b) 2♦ Weak with a defined range: 2NT enquiry response
 (c) 2♦ Benjamin: 2♥ negative response
 Either:
 (a) 2♥, 2♠ Strong (Acol): 2NT negative response
 (b) 2♥, 2♠ Weak with a defined range: 2NT enquiry response
- (b) Bidding Agreements*
 Responses to 1NT: Stayman 2♣; Either 2♦, 2♥, 2♠ Weak or 2♦, 2♥ Transfers
 Responses to 2NT: Either Stayman 3♣ or Baron 3♣;
 Either 3♦, 3♥, 3♠ Natural or 3♦, 3♥ Transfers
 Take-out doubles of an opponent's suit, before partner has bid or doubled
 Any defence to pre-empts
 Slam bidding: Blackwood, Gerber, and 5NT Grand Slam Force
- (c) Leads, signals and discards*
Honour card leads:
 A or K from AKx
 The highest from touching honours
Small card leads from an honour:
 Lowest from three
 4th highest from four or more
Small card leads from suits not headed by an honour:
 Any one of:
 (a) The highest card
 (b) The 2nd highest card from 3 or more
 (c) The 4th highest card from 4 or more, MUD or top from three small
- Signals on partner's lead, signals on declarer's lead and discards:*
 High-low shows either an even number of cards or encouragement
 Low-high shows either an odd number of cards or discouragement
 When a card would be generally understood to have a suit preference meaning, such as when it is led for partner to ruff, then this is allowed

4	<i>P. 42</i>	10 B 4		August 1st 2007/9
<p>Delete the existing 10 B 4 and replace it with the following:</p> <p>10 B 4</p> <p>Strong openings are often described as 'Extended Rule of 25' which means the minimum allowed is any of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) subject to proper disclosure, a hand that contains as a minimum the normal high-card strength associated with a one-level opening and at least eight clear-cut tricks, or b) any hand meeting the Rule of 25 or c) any hand of at least 16 HCPs <p><i>Examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♠ A K Q J x x x x ♥ x x ♦ x x ♣ x does count as 8 clear-cut tricks. ♠ A K Q x x x x x ♥ x x ♦ x x ♣ x does not. <p>Clear-cut tricks are clarified as tricks expected to make opposite a void in partner's hand and the second best suit break.</p> <p>Further examples: AKQxxxxx (7 CCT), KQJxxxx (5), AQJ98xx (5), KQJTxx (3), KQJTxxx (6), AKT9xxxxx (8), KJTxxx (2) [examples 2,5 and 7 have been corrected]</p>				

6	<i>P. 58</i>	11 N 3	Level 2,3,4	August 1st 2009
Delete 11N3 (b)				

7	<i>P. 59</i>	11 N 9	Level 2,3,4	August 1st 2009
<p>1NT overcall for takeout: 1NT may be played as a takeout bid (similar to a takeout double) of any agreed strength.</p> <p>Natural jump overcalls: These are permitted.</p> <p>Roman Jump Overcalls: 2NT shows a strong two-suiter with any unbid suits, minimum 'Extended Rule of 25' (see 10 B 4). Note that other jump overcalls show a limited two-suiter with specified suits which are permitted by 11 N 7.</p>				

8	<i>P. 60</i>	11 N 12	Level 2,3,4	August 1st 2009
<p>The following agreements previously permitted under separate permissions are now covered by the above arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jump cue bid showing an unspecified solid suit. Baron 1NT overcall Hudson 1NT overcall 				



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