

Orange Book Amendments 2009/2010

In 2009 there are changes to the following sections
3B10, 7F, 9D9, 10B4, 11N3, 11N9 and 11N12

In 2010 there are changes to the following sections
5D2, 6D, 7A3, 9B, 9C1, 9F, 10A10, 11C14-17, 11F2-3, 11N3, 11N8, 11N17-22, 11R, 11S
All page numbers refer to the 2010 edition of the book

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

2	<i>P.26</i>	5D2		August 1st 2010
Add 'For example, a 6-12 opening would be described as "Weak to intermediate".'				

3	<i>P.32</i>	6D		August 1st 2010
Add this new section				
6 D Scoring a Fielded Psyche, Misbid or Deviation				
6 D 1	If the TD judges a psyche, misbid or deviation Is Amber or Green, then there is no adjustment, unless there are two Amber cases, see 6 B 6.			
6 D 2	If the TD judges a psyche, misbid or deviation is Red, then the board is completed. If their opponents have a 60% score or better, or have gained 3imps or more, the result stands unchanged. Otherwise, the result is cancelled, and the board re-scored as Average Plus to the opponents, Average Minus to the pair. Normally this translates as 3imps, or 60%/40%.			
6 D 3	If it is a Red psyche then an additional Procedural Penalty will be applied. Normally it will be the minimum standard though a TD may increase this. In a Victory Point event, the normal penalty is 0.5 VP. Otherwise it is 10% or 2imps, so the board is generally scored as 60%/30% or 5imps.			

4	<i>P.33</i>	7A3		August 1st 2010
Add this new section				
7 A 3	When under Law 7B1 a player takes a hand from the pocket corresponding to his compass position a member of each side, or the Director, should be present.			

5	<i>P. 33</i>	7F		August 1st 2009
7 F	<i>Pauses at trick one</i>			
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.			
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.			

6	<i>P. 38</i>	9B		August 1st 2010
<i>Add this new section</i>				
9 B 1	In order to provide a choice for its own competitions and those of other sponsoring organisations, to enable competitions to be run for every level of player, there are four categories of permitted agreements. In increasing order of complexity these are called Level 2, Level 3, Level 4 and Level 5 (the reasons for starting at 2 are historical). Anything permitted at one level may be played at any higher level.			
9 B 2(b)	Otherwise, events run by National Authorities should be at Level 4 or Level 5.			

7	<i>P. 39</i>	9C1		August 1st 2010
<i>The subsections have changed</i>				
9 C 1	(a) Simple Systems (see 9 D)			
	(b) Specific modifications (see 9 E)			
	(c) Any agreements are allowed (subject to proper disclosure)			

8	<i>P. 41</i>	9F	Level 5	August 1st 2010
<i>Add this new section</i>				
9 F 2	From 2010 Level 5 was re-introduced. Various EBU events will be run at level 5, based on allowing what were previously Level 4 agreements and WBF Category 3 agreements. From this date certain opening bids were no longer permitted at Level 4.			

9	P.38	9D9	Simple System	August 1st 2009
The permitted methods in Simple System events have been revised				
9 D 9	<p>The following list approximates to the EBU Simple System convention card:</p> <p>(a) <i>Basic system</i></p> <p>Natural:</p> <p>1♣ either natural or prepared</p> <p>1NT limited to a 3-point range between 12 and 18 HCP: its strength may vary according to the vulnerability</p> <p>2♣ either Acol or Benjamin: 2♦ negative response</p> <p>Any one of:</p> <p>(a) 2♦ Strong (Acol): 2NT negative response</p> <p>(b) 2♦ Weak with a defined range: 2NT enquiry response</p> <p>(c) 2♦ Benjamin: 2♥ negative response</p> <p>Either:</p> <p>(a) 2♥, 2♣ Strong (Acol): 2NT negative response</p> <p>(b) 2♥, 2♣ Weak with a defined range: 2NT enquiry response</p> <p>(b) <i>Bidding Agreements</i></p> <p>Responses to 1NT: Stayman 2♣; Either 2♦, 2♥, 2♠ Weak or 2♦, 2♥ Transfers</p> <p>Responses to 2NT: Either Stayman 3♣ or Baron 3♣;</p> <p>Either 3♦, 3♥, 3♠ Natural or 3♦, 3♥ Transfers</p> <p>Take-out doubles of an opponent's suit, before partner has bid or doubled</p> <p>Any defence to pre-empts</p> <p>Slam bidding: Blackwood, Gerber, and 5NT Grand Slam Force</p> <p>(c) <i>Leads, signals and discards</i></p> <p><i>Honour card leads:</i></p> <p>A <u>or</u> K from AKx</p> <p>The highest from touching honours</p> <p><i>Small card leads from an honour:</i></p> <p>Lowest from three</p> <p>4th highest from four or more</p> <p><i>Small card leads from suits not headed by an honour:</i></p> <p>Any <u>one</u> of:</p> <p>(a) The highest card</p> <p>(b) The 2nd highest card from 3 or more</p> <p>(c) The 4th highest card from 4 or more, MUD or top from three small</p> <p><i>Signals on partner's lead, signals on declarer's lead and discards:</i></p> <p>High-low shows either an even number of cards or encouragement</p> <p>Low-high shows either an odd number of cards or discouragement</p> <p>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</p>			

10	P.44	10A10		August 1st 2010
10 A 10	<p>If a pair play an illegal agreement then the board is completed. If their opponents have a 60% score or better, or have gained 3 imps or more, the result stands unchanged. Otherwise, the result is cancelled, and the board re-scored as Average Plus to the opponents, Average Minus to the pair. Normally this translates as 3 imps, or 60%/40%. An additional Procedural Penalty will be applied if the pair has been warned previously over its use of this agreement.</p>			

11	<i>P. 44</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> <p>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</p> <p>b) any hand meeting the Rule of 25 or</p> <p>c) any hand of at least 16 HCPs</p> <p><i>Examples:</i></p> <p>♠ A K Q J x x x x ♥ x x ♦ x x ♣ x does count as 8 clear-cut tricks.</p> <p>♠ A K Q x x x x x ♥ x x ♦ x x ♣ x does not.</p> <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>				

12	<i>P. 48</i>	11 C14-17	Level 4 only	August 1st 2010
<p>Section expanded and added to as follows</p> <p>11 C 14 <i>Artificial openings in a minor</i></p> <p>Any opening bid of 1♣ or 1♦ is permitted that shows at least four cards in a specified suit, forcing or not.</p> <p>11 C 15 <i>Openings in a major: general</i></p> <p>An opening bid of 1♥ or 1♠ is only permitted if it shows at least four cards in the suit bid, forcing or not.</p> <p>11 C 16 <i>Previously permitted agreements</i></p> <p>The following agreements previously permitted under separate permissions are now covered by the above arrangements:</p> <p>(a) Moscito 1♦</p> <p>(b) SCAMP 1♦</p> <p>11 C 17 <i>Withdrawal of some previously permitted agreements</i></p> <p>At Level 4 openings in a major have been amended so that they must show the suit bid. As a consequence certain agreements that were previously permitted may only be played at Level 5.</p> <p>a. Moscito 1♥/♠</p> <p>b. Strong Major</p> <p>c. Balanced Major</p> <p>d. Stevenson 1♠</p>				

13	<i>P.51</i>	11 F 2	Level 2,3,4	August 1st 2010
Add the following to the section				
11 F 2	<i>Natural</i>			
	(c) a balanced or semi-balanced hand, or 7222 hand with a 7-card minor			

14	<i>P.51</i>	11 F 3	Level 3,4	August 1st 2010
Add the following to the section				
11 F 3	<i>Natural</i>			
	(c) a balanced or semi-balanced hand, or 7222 hand with a 7-card minor			
	(d) a balanced or semi-balanced hand, or 7222 hand with a 7-card minor, or 4441 or 5431 or 6331 hand			

15	<i>P.60</i>	11 N 3	Level 2,3,4	August 1st 2009/10
Delete existing 11N3 (a) and (b) and replace with				
11 N 3	These may be played as either take-out or penalty. This includes the practice of doubling on balanced hands with (near) opening values or with 3+ cards in any unbid major(s) without any other distributional constraints.			

16	<i>P.61</i>	11 N 8	Level 2,3,4	August 1st 2009/10
Expand 11 N 8 to include the following:				
11 N 8	<i>1NT overcalls</i>			
	(c) a balanced or semi-balanced hand, or 7222 hand with a 7-card minor, or 4441 or 5431 or 6331 hand			

17	<i>P.61</i>	11 N 9	Level 2,3,4	August 1st 2009
1NT overcall for takeout: 1NT may be played as a takeout bid (similar to a takeout double) of any agreed strength.				
Natural jump overcalls: These are permitted.				
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.				

18	<i>P. 62</i>	11 N 17 - 22	Level 3,4	August 1st 2010
Renumber the existing 11N17 – 21 as new 11N18 – 22 and add the following new 11N17				
11 N 17 <i>Doubles as suit transfers</i>				
It is permitted to double to show length in any one specified suit provided that the quality of the suit, and, as a minimum, its strength conform to the standards generally played for a natural call at the level that would result from the completion of the transfer.				

19	<i>P. 67</i>	Old 11R	Level 2,3,4 and 5	August 1st 2010
Renumber the old 11R section as 11S to allow for new section 11R				

20	<i>P. 65</i>	New11R	Level 5	August 1st 2010
11 R Level 5 Permitted Agreements				
At Level 5 any agreement permitted at WBF/EBL Category 3 is permitted, as defined in 11 R 1-4. Also some additional agreements as described in 11 R 5-7.				
11 R 1 <i>Definitions</i>				
		Average Hand	a hand containing 10 high-card points (Milton Work) with no distributional values	
		Weak	high-card strength below that of an average hand	
		Strong	high-card strength a king or more greater than that of an average hand	
		Natural	a call or play that is not a convention ('special partnership understanding' as defined in Law 40B1(a))	
		Length	three cards or more	
		Shortage	two cards or fewer	
		Long Match	a match of 17 or more deals	
		Short Match	a match of fewer than 17 deals	
11 R 2 <i>Highly Unusual Methods (HUMs)</i>				
Highly Unusual Methods may not be played, unless they are, or have previously been, permitted at EBU Level 4 (see sections 11 R 5-7). A Highly Unusual Method means any system that exhibits one or more of the following features, as a matter of partnership agreement:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A Pass in the opening position shows at least the values generally accepted for an opening bid of one, even if there are alternative weak possibilities. (b) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be weaker than Pass. (c) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be made with values a king or more below average strength. (d) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either length or shortage in a specified suit. (e) By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either length in one suit or length in another. 				
EXCEPTION: one of a minor in a strong club or strong diamond system.				
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11 R 3 *Brown Sticker Conventions and Treatments*

Brown Sticker Conventions and Treatments may not be played, unless they are permitted at EBU Level 4. The following conventions or treatments are categorised as 'Brown Sticker':

- (a) Any opening bid of two clubs through three spades that:
- (1) could be weak (may by agreement be made with values below average strength)

AND

- (2) does not promise at least four cards in a known suit.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) The bid always shows at least four cards in a known suit if it is weak. If the bid does not show a known four-card suit it must show a hand a king or more over average strength.

(**Explanation:** Where all the weak meanings show at least four cards in one known suit, and the strong meanings show a hand with a king or more above average strength, it is not a Brown Sticker Convention.)

- (2) A two-level opening bid in a minor showing a weak two in either major, whether with or without the option of strong hand types, as described in the WBF Conventions Booklet, is not a Brown Sticker Convention.
- (3) AKQxxx(x) in a single suit is not a hand which is below average strength.

- (b) An overcall of a natural opening bid of one of a suit that does not promise at least four cards in a known suit.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) A natural overcall in no trumps.
 - (2) Any cue bid that shows a strong hand.
 - (3) A jump cue bid in opponent's known suit that asks partner to bid 3NT with a stopper in that suit.
- (c) Any 'weak' two-suited bids at the two or three level that may by agreement be made with three cards or fewer in one of the suits.
- (d) Psychic bids protected by system or required by system.
- (e) None of the foregoing restrictions pertain to conventional defences against strong, artificial opening bids or defences against 'Brown Sticker' or HUM conventions..

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20	<i>P.65</i>	New11R	Level 5	August 1st 2010
11 R 4	<p><i>Random openings</i></p> <p>It is forbidden to open hands which, by agreement, may contain fewer than 8 high-card points and for which no further definition is provided.</p>			
11 R 5	<p><i>EBU Level 4 agreements</i></p> <p>All methods permitted by EBU Level 4 may be used, whether categorised as Brown Sticker or not.</p>			
11 R 6	<p><i>Other permitted agreements</i></p> <p>Stevenson 1♠:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">This shows a hand with Clubs or Diamonds as the longest suit.</p>			
11 R 7	<p><i>Previously permitted agreements</i></p> <p>The following agreements previously permitted under separate permissions at Level 4 are now covered by the above arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Moscito 1♥/♠ (b) Strong Major (c) Balanced Major 			



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