



SKY-BLUE BOOK



Roadmap to the Blue Book and White Book for online bridge

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0 Introduction

0.1 General

This book (the *Sky-Blue Book*) consists of EBU regulations and interpretations for online bridge competitions organised by the EBU. It is written to supplement the *Laws of Duplicate Bridge* (2017), The EBU *Blue Book* and The EBU *White Book* where the provisions of those laws and regulations are not applicable for online bridge. The title was chosen to reflect the mixture of *Blue* and *White* and the notion of bridge in the cloud(s).

The current scope of this book is for EBU events, where the EBU is the tournament organiser, and has been agreed by the Chief Tournament Director. Some sections are only relevant to pairs events or events played specifically on BBO.

The *Laws of Duplicate Bridge* are written and promulgated by the World Bridge Federation's Laws Committee (WBFLC). There is an earlier law book for online bridge, which the EBU has not adopted.

This book was begun in April 2020 and is effective from May 2020. The contents of the Sky-Blue Book from January 2022 have been merged into the Blue Book and White Book in September 2022. This document is a roadmap to where the material can now be found.

0.2 Acknowledgements

This *Sky-Blue Book* is published by the EBU: edited by the Deputy Chief Tournament Director and approved by the Chief Tournament Director. There has been input from the EBU Tournament Directors who are running the online games, and from members of the Laws and Ethics committee.

0.3 Other Tournament Organisers

Tournament organisers other than the EBU may choose to adopt these regulations.

0.4 Contacts

If you have any comments or queries, please address them to the current editor: Robin Barker (Deputy Chief TD), email robin@ebu.co.uk, telephone: 01296 317223.

0.5 Numbering

This document is numbered in a similar fashion to the EBU *White Book*, but it is numbered independently from the laws and regulation which it supplements. The material is organised in the order it appears in the Blue Book and then White Book, finishing (as the White Book does) with the laws themselves.

0.6 Abbreviations

References to the Blue Book and the White Book will be indicated by 'BB' and 'WB', respectively. Other abbreviations are from the White Book (WB 0.6).

1 Disclosure and Systems

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| 1.1 | Disclosure of Systems | <i>See BB 9A1</i> |
| 1.2 | Alerting and announcing | |
| 1.2.1 | What to alert | <i>See BB 4, BB 9A2</i> |
| 1.2.2 | How to alert/explain | <i>See BB 9A2</i> |
| 1.2.3 | Asking questions | <i>See BB 9A3</i> |
| 1.2.4 | Asking questions of both players | <i>See BB 9A3</i> |
| 1.3 | Misexplanations on BBO | <i>See BB 9A4</i> |
| 1.4 | Partnership agreements and understandings | |
| | By default, EBU online events are level 4 competitions,
but some 'relaxed' events are level 2 competitions | <i>See BB 7</i>
<i>See BB 6</i> |
| 1.5 | BBO robots: agreements and explanations | <i>See BB 9A5</i> |

2 Advice for Players

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| 2.1 | Communication | |
| 2.1.1 | 'At the table' communication (on BBO) | <i>See BB 9B1</i> |
| 2.1.2 | Illegal communication | <i>See BB 9B2</i> |
| 2.1.3 | Skip bids | <i>See BB 9B3</i> |
| 2.1.4 | 'Auto-play singletons' on BBO | <i>See BB 9B4</i> |
| 2.2 | Calling the TD | <i>See WB 1.1.2</i> |
| 2.3 | Behaviour | <i>See WB 1.5.2</i> |
| 2.4 | Appeals | <i>See WB 1.7.12</i> |

3 Regulations

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| 3.1 | Participants | <i>See WB 2.3.7</i> |
| 3.2 | Replacement of Players in pairs events | <i>See WB 2.3.8</i> |
| 3.3 | Withdrawal and late arrival in pairs events | <i>See WB 2.4.1.2</i> |
| 3.4 | Time Limits – Correction Periods | <i>See WB 2.5.6</i> |
| 3.5 | Matches Played Privately – online | <i>See WB2.6.3</i> |
| 3.5.1 | <u>EBU Knockout Events – General Regulations</u> | <i>In particular Section F</i> |
| | Players in the same room | <i>Regulation 58</i> |
| 3.5.2 | <u>Rulings & Appeals in Matches Played Privately Online</u> | |

4 Laws

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| 4.1 | Weighted scores on BBO (Law 12C1 (c)) | <i>See WB 8.12.15</i> |
| 4.2 | Unauthorised information (Law 16B, Law 73C) | <i>See WB 8.16.11</i> |
| 4.3 | Unintended calls and plays | <i>See BB 9C1</i> |
| 4.4 | Claims on BBO | <i>See BB 9C2</i> |
| 4.5 | Slow Play in pairs events on BBO | <i>See WB 8.81.4.4</i> |
| 4.6 | Information available from the platform | |
| | <i>To clarify that information provided by the proper use of the platform is authorised.</i> | |
| 4.6.1 | Review of the auction after Final Pass (Law 20C) | <i>See WB 8.20.4</i> |
| 4.6.2 | Inspection of quitted tricks (Law 66C) | <i>See WB 8.66.1</i> |
| 4.7 | Regulating Authority options – notes and aids to memory | |
| 4.7.1 | System card and notes (Law 20G3) | <i>See WB 1.6.4.2</i> |
| 4.7.2 | Aids to memory (Law 40B2 (d)) | <i>See WB 1.6.4.3</i> |