

ANNOUNCING AND ALERTING POLICY
Of
ENGLISH BRIDGE UNION.

Dear friends,

English Bridge Union – the controlling authority of Bridge game in United Kingdom has published the alert policy. Usually, Commonwealth nations prefer UK to ACBL regarding Bridge with a few exceptions.

It is our wish that all bridge tournaments in all parts of the world, openly announce their ALERT POLICY so that experienced top players do not get any UNDUE ADVANTAGE over innocent opponents. In some countries, no alert policy is fully published and the decision of the Director (may or may not be knowledgeable about the correct alert policy) is final. Innocents get betrayed.

We have published EBU “ANNOUNCING AND ALERTING POLICY” elsewhere. We suggest each organization having its own alert policy based on WBF Laws 2007.

Organizations should appoint a committee of experienced Bridge knowledgeable persons to formulate the ANNOUNCING AND ALERTING POLICY. If there is already one such policy, it may kindly be updated and **all the bridge players are made aware of it.**

We see daily in tournaments, light opening bids and transfer bids (opening 1 Diamond shows Heart, 1 Heart shows Spades, 1 Spade shows a NT hand and 1NT contains single Club or diamond suit and need not be balanced etc) at all levels being made. In a lighter vein, we state that nowadays, one is keen to upset the bidding rhythm of opponents by bidding their suits first. Poor innocent opponents neither understand nor dare to ask for explanation. Convention cards are not insisted except at national level & that too in later stages.

We hope situation improves where all it is deficient by adopting a comprehensive alert policy and informing players about their rights.