

ORANGE BOOK CHANGES

Since publication of the *Orange Book 1998*, the following corrections and additions have been made, and details published in *English Bridge*. The list is correct as at 1st September 2002. New items are printed in ***bold italics*** under a shaded heading.



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1	12.1.1	<i>LEVEL 2</i>	EB August 2000, p21
Addition. After item (d) insert:- “(e) from any bid of 4NT or higher onwards”			
2	12.2.3	<i>LEVEL 2</i>	EB August 2001, p31
Addition. After item (f) insert:- “Note – additional distributional constraints (e.g. no four card major) are permitted as treatments – see 9.4.2”			
3	12.5.2	<i>LEVEL 2</i>	EB October 1998, p29
Note – the word “thereafter” should be used in the context of the auction on the hand concerned.			
4	12.12.1	<i>LEVEL 2</i>	EB October 1999, p27
Addition. Amend to read:- “You may overcall either on 3 cards, or solely to show strength in the suit bid rather than length, by agreement, but only if you do not play any conventional calls thereafter.”			
5	12.12.5	<i>LEVEL 2</i>	EB August 2000, p21
Addition. Change heading to:- “Responses to overcalls and doubles” [Note – the text is unchanged, but the application is extended]			
6	12.12.9	<i>LEVEL 2</i>	EB August 2000, p21
Additional paragraph under 12.12:- “12.12.9 Defence by fourth hand After a raise, any defence is permitted. After any natural response (including pass), any meaning may be played for NT bids, cue-bids of the opponent’s suit(s) and double.”			
7	12.13.1	<i>LEVEL 2</i>	EB August 2000, p21
Amendment. The existing section (b) is deleted in its entirety and replaced by:- “(b) You may use 2-level bids and, if you’ve passed, double to show any one of: (i) any hand containing a specified suit of at least four cards. (ii) three suits, at least 4-4-3, of which at least one is specified. Note: players abuse this by bidding, say, 2→to show hearts and another suit and then rebidding 3→to show just clubs: this is not allowed.” [Note – sections (a), (c) and (d) are unchanged].			

8	13.1.1	LEVEL 3	EB August 2001, p31
<p>Addition. After final bulleted point add:- “Special treatment: You may exclude a defined suit length from a natural opening bid (e.g. 1↔= 4 cards or at least 6 but not precisely 5).”</p>			
9	13.1.2	LEVEL 3	EB August 2001, p31
<p>Addition. After item (c) insert:- “Note – additional distributional constraints (e.g. no four card major) are permitted as treatments – see 9.4.2”</p>			
10	13.2.2	LEVEL 3	EB October 1999, p27
<p>Addition:- “Mattos 2NT response to one of a suit opening bids. This shows game try values with a void in partner’s bid suit.”</p>			
11	13.2.2	LEVEL 3	EB August 2002, p 32
<p>Addition:- “Pagan 3→response to 1↔or 1↵. This shows either a limit raise with 4-card support or a natural strong jump shift in –s”</p>			
12	13.3.1	LEVEL 3	EB August 2002, p 32
<p>Amend text to:- “You may open 1NT as either natural (see 12.5.3) or artificial. In addition an otherwise natural 1NT may be played to include hands with 4-4-4-1 distribution (with a singleton of any rank) or 5-4-3-1 distribution with a singleton honour, provided that the point count is strictly within the agreed range for a natural 1NT. More restrictive constraints, e.g. relating to the rank of the singleton or the length of specific suits, are permitted.</p> <p>Note – players who wish to play that a natural 1NT opening may include hands with 4-4-4-1 or 5-4-3-1 distribution must prominently disclose this fact (specifically on the front of the card where an EBU 20A convention card is in use), and must be careful to provide full disclosure of all agreements as to the use of a 1NT opening, stating when a singleton may be expected, and what rank of singleton may be expected. In addition, such 1NT openings must be alerted.”</p>			
13	13.3.3	LEVEL 3	EB August 2002, p 32
<p>Amend text to:- “Artificial, may be any shape, must be forcing for one round and must have at least 17 HCPs or equivalent playing strength. Any response is permitted which is forcing and/or shows at least 4 cards in the bid suit, whether strong or weak.”</p>			
14	13.4.2	LEVEL 3	EB August 2000, p21
<p>Addition:- “Major two-suiters A 2↵ opening may show a major two-suiter (at least 5-4) of any agreed range. All continuations are allowed.”</p>			

15	13.4A.1	LEVEL 3	EB August 2002, p 32
<p>Addition. New heading 13.4A “Three of a suit opening bids” “You may play these to have any meaning which includes length (at least 4 cards) in the bid suit.”</p>			
16	13.6.1	LEVEL 3	EB October 1999, p27
<p>Addition. Amend to read:- “You may overcall either on 3 cards, or solely to show strength in the suit bid rather than length, by agreement, but only if you do not play any conventional calls thereafter.”</p>			
17	13.7	LEVEL 3	EB August 2000, p21
<p>Amendment. The existing paragraph 13.7.1 is deleted in its entirety and replaced by:- “13.7.1 Defence in protective position After 1NT and two passes, any defence may be played. (Note: this includes playing a double to have a non-penalty meaning). 13.7.2 Examples of conventions covered by 13.7.1. Donovan double: A double by a passed hand in the protective position shows at least 3-3 in the majors. Gilzali double: A double by a passed hand in the protective position shows a weak hand with a suit (overcalls show a stronger hand).”</p>			
18	14.2.3	LEVEL 4	EB August 2000, p21
<p>Addition:- “Anglo-Saxon responses to 1→ 1↓ shows 0+ HCP with at least 4-4 in the majors 1NT shows 0+ HCP without a 4 card major 2↓ shows a stronger hand with at least 4-4 in the majors 2NT shows a stronger hand without a 4 card major”</p>			
19	14.2.4	LEVEL 4	EB October 1998, p29
<p>Correct text to:- “Examples of conventions covered by 12.3.4 and 12.3.6 (previously Restricted Licence): Fit jumps (previously Fit-showing jumps) if showing values for a raise; SNAP; Drury.”</p>			
20	14.3.1	LEVEL 4	EB August 2002, p 32
<p>Amend text to:- “You may open 1NT as either natural (see 12.5.3 and 13.3.1) or artificial (see 13.3.3).</p>			
21	14.3.3	LEVEL 4	EB August 2001, p31
<p>Addition:- “Bowles: an opening 1NT shows precisely 5 Hearts and a maximum of 16 HCPs, Rule of 18. All continuations are allowed.”</p>			

22	14.4.3	LEVEL 4	EB August 2000, p21
Addition:- “Two-suiters A two-level opening may show two defined suits of any length (at least 4-4) and of any agreed range. All continuations are allowed.”			
23	14.4.4	LEVEL 4	EB August 2001, p31
Addition (new paragraph):- “Other permitted convention Bowles an opening 2→shows precisely 5 Spades and a maximum of 16 HCPs, Rule of 18. All continuations are allowed.”			
24	14.9	LEVEL 4	EB August 2001, p31
Amend heading to:- “Defence to One of a Suit Opening Bids” Add:- “Note – defence to higher suit opening bids is covered by 12.1.1 (d).”			
25	14.9.1	LEVEL 4	EB October 1999, p27
Addition. Amend to read:- “You may overcall either on 3 cards, or solely to show strength in the suit bid rather than length, by agreement, but only if you do not play any conventional calls thereafter.”			
26	14.9.4	LEVEL 4	EB August 2001, p31
Add “Williams 1↓ overcall an overcall of 1↓ over a natural 1→opening may be played as natural or balanced, any defined values (Note – a 1↓ overcall of a conventional 1→opening may have any agreed meaning – see 12.11.1).”			

In addition to the changes to the regulations relating to permitted conventions and agreements, there are two changes to the alerting regulations.

27	5.4.3	ALERTING	EB August 2002, p 32
Add new paragraph “5.4.3 Because of agreements which your opponents are unlikely to expect, you must alert: (h) a natural 1NT opening which may be made on 4-4-4-1 or 5-4-3-1 distribution.”			
28	5.4.4	ALERTING	EB August 2002, p 32
Amend paragraph (g) to read:- “5.4.4 You should not alert: (g) a natural 1NT opening that has some agreed distributional restraints like, for instance, having no 4-card major, or allowing a 6-card minor, but where the agreement is that the distribution may contain a singleton, the opening should be alerted.”			