

Lawson Bridge Studio News December 2020

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Happy Holidays to You; however, You Celebrate This Season of Festival of Lights

In light of the Shelter-in-Place order and the reopening stages as well as the current surges in COVID-19 cases in Chicago, there will be no games scheduled until it is safe to hold them.

Thanks to those who are enjoying playing bridge online and designating Lawson Bridge Studio as their club to support.

ACBL Convention Charts—Open Chart:

Opening Bids

Disallowed Opening Bids (continued from last month)

9. An Artificial Three-Suited opening bid (with or without known shortness) that does not show at least Average Strength.
10. A 2-level or higher opening bid that could contain less than Average Strength showing a known suit and an unknown suit, where the unknown suit could be the suit opened.
11. A non-Forcing 2-level opening bid in first or second seat that has a Range of greater than 9 HCP and could show less than Average Strength.
12. A Purely Destructive opening bid.
13. Psyching an Artificial opening bid.

Rule Exceptions

The following are exceptions to the rules listed under “Disallowed Opening Bids”:

1. Any opening bid that promises a Very Strong hand is allowed.
2. Any bid that requires Average Strength to be legal may be made with Near Average Strength in 3rd and 4th seats. Bids with High Card Point minimums do not change.

Overcalls

1. After a Natural suit opening bid, a new suit Direct Overcall below 2NT that does not show at least one known suit unless that bid is an offer to play in No Trump or takeout of the opening bid.
2. After a Natural suit opening bid an Artificial direct 1NT overcall that does not show one of the following:
 - a. A Strong hand; or
 - b. At least three cards in all of the unbid suits; or
 - c. At least 4-4 shape in two known suits; or
 - d. At least 5-4 shape in two suits, at least one of which is known.
3. A Purely Destructive overcall.
4. Psyching an Artificial overcall.

Responses and Rebids

1. Psyching an Artificial response below 2NT to an opening bid or an overcall.
2. Psychic Controls.

To be continued in a future Newsletter.