

Lawson Bridge Studio News March 2023

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Club Games – Rates are for each player

Games: 6:20 pm at Ann Sather's Restaurant, 909 West Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

Mar 1	Grass Roots FUNd —\$14	Apr 3	Charity Club Championship —\$14
Mar 6	2023 Club Championship —\$13	Apr 5	Charity Club Championship —\$14
Mar 8	2023 Club Championship —\$13	Apr 10	CHICAGO NABC FUND RAISER —\$14
Mar 13	QTR Club Championship —\$13	Apr 12	CHICAGO NABC FUND RAISER
Mar 15	QTR Club Championship —\$13	Apr 17	Charity Club Championship
Mar 20	2023 Club Championship —\$13	Apr 19	Charity Club Championship
Mar 22	2023 Club Championship —\$13	Apr 24	Charity Club Championship
Mar 27	2023 Club Championship —\$13	Apr 29	Charity Club Championship
Mar 29	2023 Club Championship —\$13		

COVID-19 Update

Cook County COVID-19 risk level is remaining low. For the zip codes that I track, the new cases have remained flat over the past few weeks. Masks are optional as to whether to wear or not wear, depending on your comfort level in your activities. Masks will be beneficial with the other virus circulating this winter.

11/8/2020 ACBL Alert Procedure Definitions (continued from previous newsletters)

<https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/AlertProcedures2.pdf>:

Redoubles

Alert redoubles except as listed below.

Do NOT Alert the following redoubles:

1. A redouble that shows general strength, and suggests playing the current contract or penalizing other contracts.
2. A redouble that shows a specific number of cards or strength in partner's suit.
3. A redouble in balancing seat or after a balancing double that suggests doubt about the current contract or is a suggestion to play a different contract.
4. A redouble that shows a control in the suit that was doubled.

Delayed Alerts

In any case where a bid is Alertable, but the bid is 3NT or higher, and the auction is at or beyond opener's rebid, delay the Alert until the end of the auction. Additionally, Control Bids should be Alerted at the end of the auction even if they are below 3NT. Alerts of passes, doubles, and redoubles are not delayed regardless of the level of the auction. When behind screens or online, do not delay any Alerts.

At the end of the auction both defenders should Alert any Alertable bids by their partners with a Delayed Alert. The declaring side should explain any Alertable bids where Alerts were delayed.

Pre-Alerts

Before the auction begins on the first board of a match or round, you must inform the opponents if you play any of these systems:

1. Any system that includes at least one 1-level Opening Bid that is not Natural or that is Forcing.
2. Any canape system.
3. Playing different systems depending on seat or vulnerability. It is not considered a different system if the only change is No Trump Range (and responses) or Opening Bid strength.

Additionally, you must inform the opponents about any Artificial Opening Preempts below 3NT.

There is an 2022 update to the Alert Procedure at <https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/Alert-Procedures.pdf>. The 2021 version was covered in Newsletters 2021 Nov & Dec; 2022 Mar, Apr, Jul, Sep, Oct, Nov & Dec; and 2023 Jan, Feb, & Mar. My apologies for mentioning the wrong internet url for several of these months.