

Lawson Bridge Studio News May 2020

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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

May 4	No Game Scheduled	Jun 1	To Be Announced (TBA)
May 6	No Game Scheduled	Jun 3	TBA
May 11	No Game Scheduled	Jun 8	TBA
May 13	No Game Scheduled	Jun 10	TBA
May 18	No Game Scheduled	Jun 15	TBA
May 20	No Game Scheduled	Jun 17	TBA
May 25	No Game Memorial Day	Jun 24	TBA
May 27	No Game Scheduled	Jun 26	TBA
		Jun 29	TBA

In light of the Shelter-in-Place order through May, there will be no games until it is safe to hold them, thus the To Be Announced. Also see the www.bridgeinchicago.com for the latest closing of games.

ACBL Convention Charts: Before presenting the Open Chart, the following are the Definitions continuing from April 2020 issue:

1. Hand strength:

- a. **"Average Strength"**: A hand that has at least 10 HCP or meets the "Rule of 19".

I didn't have this definition last month, so I am including here:

"Rule of 20 - Count your high cards, add the length of your two longest suits if you reach 19/20 INCLUDING 2 quick tricks, open. The rule of 19 is used in England; the same as the USA uses the rule of 20! "

2. "Natural":

- a. Any opening bid, response, or overcall in a suit at the one-level showing 4 or more cards in the suit bid, except as provided in 2(f) and 2(g).
- b. Any opening bid at the two-level or higher showing 5 or more cards in the suit bid.
- c. Any response or rebid in a minor at the two-level or higher showing 3 or more cards in the suit bid.
- d. Any response or rebid in a major at the two-level or higher showing 4 or more cards in the suit bid.
- e. Any suit overcall at any level showing 4 or more cards in the suit bid.
- f. A 1C opening bid showing 3 or more clubs. This opening may also include exactly 4=4=3=2 shape.
- g. A 1D opening bid, overcall, or response showing 3 or more diamonds.
- h. A NT opening bid or overcall that contains no voids, no more than one singleton, which must be an ace, king, or queen, and that does not contain 10 or more cards in two suits combined.
- i. A call is still Natural if it also shows distribution in another suit.
- j. A pass, double, or redouble is Natural if it suggests the current contract as the final contract.
- k. After the opening bid any bid is Natural if it suggests the contract bid as the final contract.

3. "Quasi-Natural":

- a. A minor suit bid that is either Natural or shows a pattern that meets the definition of a Natural NT opening.
- b. Any opening bid at the two-level or higher showing 4 or more cards in the suit bid.

4. "Purely Destructive Initial Action": An opening bid or an overcall that satisfies none of the following:

- a. 4+ cards in a known suit.
- b. 5+ cards in one of two possible suits.
- c. 5+-4+ distribution in any two suits.
- d. An either/or combination of any two of a, b, or c (which may be the same option twice).
- e. A Three-suited hand.
- f. At least Average strength.
- g. Any Natural or Quasi-Natural opening bid.

5. "Advancer": Overcaller's partner.

6. "Agreement": Partnership understandings of methods adopted by the partnership that are reached explicitly by discussion or implicitly through the mutual experience or awareness of the players. This applies to all calls, allowed and disallowed.

7. "Artificial": Any call that is not Natural or Quasi-Natural.

8. "Balancing Seat": After the bidding has been opened, a player who would end the auction if that player passed.