

ANNOUNCEMENT & ALERT SUMMARY

Announcements:

- only apply on the first round of bidding i.e. the first (non-Pass) bid and the next three calls
- apply equally over intervention and to advancer's bids i.e. partner of overcaller
- never apply to overcalls
- do not apply to opening bids above 2NT – transfer pre-empts are alerted not announced
- always extend with fuller description where appropriate

Please be tolerant if opponents alert when they should announce or announce when they shouldn't.

| Opening Bid | Description | Announcement |
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| 1♣ / 1♦ | Non-forcing, may be fewer than 3 cards | "May be X" where X is 0, 1 or 2. Extend e.g. "May be X and may have up to 5♦" |
| 1NT | Natural, non-forcing | "12 to 14" (or appropriate range) and extend e.g. "may contain a low singleton" |
| 2 suit | Natural, may or will have just one suit | "Weak", "Intermediate", "Strong, non-forcing", "Strong, forcing" |
| 2NT/3NT | Natural, strong, non-forcing | No Announcement (or Alert) |

| Response to 1 suit | Description | Announcement |
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| New suit (including jumps below game) | Natural, forcing (not a jump bid) | No announcement or alert |
| | Natural, non-forcing (not passed hand, not over 1NT overcall) | "Natural, non-forcing" |
| | Natural, game forcing | "Natural, game-forcing" |
| | Jump bid: natural, (game-) forcing | "Natural, game-forcing" or "Natural, forcing" |
| | Artificial or natural, with support | ALERT |
| | Artificial, showing another single suit | Announce: name the suit shown |
| | 1♣ – 1♠: denying a major | "No major" |
| 1NT | Non-forcing, up to 10 HCP | No announcement or alert |
| | Non-forcing, may be > 10 HCP | "Up to 11", "Up to a bad 12", etc. |
| | Forcing – does not show specific suit or suits | "Forcing" Extend e.g. "may have weak raise" |
| | Artificial, showing another suit | Announce: name the suit shown |

| Response to 1NT / 2NT | Description | Announcement |
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| 2♣ / 3♣ | Asking for 4-card majors | "Stayman" Extend e.g. "at least invitational" |
| New suit (including jumps below game) | Natural, non-forcing | "Natural, non-forcing" |
| | Natural, forcing | "Natural, forcing" |
| | Artificial, showing another suit | Announce: name the suit shown |

DOUBLES

| Bid that is doubled | Meaning of double | Announcement / Alert |
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| ONLY ON THE 1ST ROUND OF BIDDING: | | |
| Natural 1NT opening bid | Not penalties | ALERT |
| | Penalties, but may be based on a balanced hand with less than 15HCP | ALERT |
| Suit bid showing the suit | Penalties | ALERT |
| 1NT response | Penalties | ALERT |
| ANY | Shows a single suit (different from the suit bid i.e. a Proxy) | Announce: name the suit shown |
| AFTER THE 1ST ROUND OF BIDDING: | | |
| ANY | Takeout or Penalty | No announcement or alert |
| AT ALL STAGES OF THE AUCTION: | | |
| ANY | An unexpected specific message e.g. number of controls; relates to another suit; shows weakness in bid suit; Lightner | ALERT |

REDOUBLES

| Bid that is redoubled | Meaning of Redouble | Announcement / Alert |
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| ONLY ON THE 1ST ROUND OF BIDDING: | | |
| ANY | Shows a single suit (different from the suit bid i.e. a Proxy) | Announce: name the suit shown |
| AT ALL STAGES OF THE AUCTION: | | |
| ANY | General strength or desire to play | No announcement or alert |
| | Other | ALERT |

ALERTS

Unless mentioned above, below 3NT continue to alert artificial calls and those with a specific unexpected meaning. In addition alert:

- Natural opening bids, or responses in a new suit, that have a second suit or support for partner
- Lead-directing Passes above 3NT

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