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WBF Alerting Policy

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1. Preamble

- 1.1. The objective is to have a uniform WBF policy which is applied to all WBF events.
- 1.2. It is not intended that this should over-ride Alerting Policies developed by the Zone or NBOs.
- 1.3. Full disclosure is vital. However, players who participate in WBF events are expected to protect themselves to a large extent. They are also expected to observe the spirit of the Laws as well as the letter.
- 1.4. The Policy has been made as simple as possible. Players are, however, expected to alert whenever there is doubt. (N.B. Where screens are in use, an alert on one side but not on the other does not necessarily imply an infraction.)

2. Policy

The following classes of calls should be alerted:

- i Artificial bids should be alerted, natural bids should not.
- ii Those calls (i.e., bids, passes, doubles or redoubles) which have special meanings or which are based on or lead to special understandings between the partners. (A player may not make a call or play based on a special partnership understanding unless an opposing pair may reasonably be expected to understand its meaning, or unless his side discloses the use of such call or play in accordance with the regulations of the Regulating Authority). See also Law 40B.
- iii Non-forcing jump changes of suit responses to opening bids or overcalls, and non-forcing new suit responses by an unpassed hand to opening bids of one of a suit.

Players must also respect the spirit of the Policy as well as the letter.

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