



# Amendment to the Alerting Regulations Implementation May 2013 Bulletin

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The Board has approved an amendment to the Alerting Regulations which requires "Announcing" of the following bids:-

## **1. Announcing of 1C and Natural 1NT opening bids**

The partner of a player who makes a **1C or Natural 1NT opening bid**, shall promptly alert the opponents by announcing their systemic agreement using the following descriptions:

- **For 1C opening bids in;**
    - **Natural (Green) systems**  
The appropriate length of the club should be announced i.e. ("2 plus", "3 plus", "4 plus", etc)
    - **For Strong Club (Blue Systems)**  
The word "**Strong**" together with the minimum HCP holding (e.g.16+) should be announced
    - **For system options other than those above (e.g. a Polish 1C)**  
The word "**Unusual**" should be used
  - **For a Natural 1NT opening bid:**
    - "12 to 14" (or the appropriate range)
- 2.** You must promptly alert any other call during the auction if it is conventional (see Alerting procedure below)

## **For Mistaken Announcements**

- The opening bidder may not correct the error during the auction nor may he/she indicate in any manner that a mistake has been made. If at the end of the auction he/she is to be declarer or dummy, then the Director must be called before the opening lead is made and his/her opponents informed that in his opinion an error has been made. If he/she is a defender, the Director must be called at the end of play, but not earlier (**See Law 20F5**).

- The opening bidder must carefully avoid taking any advantage of unauthorised information arising from an incorrect announcement by partner, **Law 16B** may apply.
- For calls made by opponent that are based on the incorrect announcement of the system agreement, **Law 21B** applies.

**Within at least the first month, to facilitate the uptake of this initiative, Directors are requested to adopt a pragmatic approach to any failure to "Announce"**



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