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LAWS and REGULATIONS and NBOs

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There are two main sets of rules in bridge

LAWS of CONTRACT BRIDGE REGULATIONS



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LAWS

80A 1: The Regulating Authority under these laws is:

- for its own world tournaments and events the World Bridge Federation.
- the respective Zonal Authority for tournaments and events held under its auspices.
- for any other tournament or event the National Bridge Organization under whose auspices the tournament takes place.

There are many laws allowing options
for the **REGULATING AUTHORITY**



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LAWS

The RA can choose between options in Laws

1B 16B2 41A 45A* 80A3
93C3

The RA can announce procedures in Laws

12C2(b),(d) 18F 20F1 20G3
21B1(a) 40A1(b) 40B1(b)
40B2(a)-(d) 70E2 73A2
78D 80B1/2 86B3



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REGULATIONS

THE CHOICES AND PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY EXERCISING OPTIONS IN THE LAWS ARE RA* REGULATIONS. THEY HAVE THE WEIGHT OF LAWS FOR THE JURISDICTION CONCERNED.

THE RA* CAN ADOPT OTHER REGULATIONS WHICH –
PROVIDED THEY DON'T CONFLICT WITH A LAW - ALSO HAVE THE WEIGHT OF LAW FOR THE JURISDICTION CONCERNED.

*Regulating Authority or its designee or assignee



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LAWS

80A 3: The Regulating Authority may delegate its powers (retaining ultimate responsibility for their exercise) or it may assign them (in which case it has no further responsibility for their exercise).

80B: The Regulating Authority may recognize an entity, designated the '**Tournament Organizer**', ...(who) is responsible for arranging and preparing a tournament or event. The Tournament Organiser's powers and duties may be delegated



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LAWS

Let's look at LAWS 40B.1 and 40B.2 to understand the power and possibilities granted to the Regulating Authority (and by extension) any body organising a duplicate event.



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REGULATIONS – LAWS 40B1, 40B2

A SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP UNDERSTANDING

“(is) one whose meaning in the opinion of the RA may not be readily understood and anticipated by a significant number of players in the tournament.”

40B1(c): “artificial meaning” also.

“The RA is empowered without restriction to allow, disallow, or allow conditionally, any special partnership understanding”.



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REGULATIONS – LAW 78D

“The Tournament Organizer should publish Conditions of Contest in advance of a tournament or contest. These should detail conditions of entry, methods of scoring, determination of winners, breaking of ties, and the like. The Conditions must not conflict with law or regulation and shall incorporate any information specified by the Regulating Authority. They should be available to contestants.”



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REGULATIONS

It is recommended that each NBO (or RA) prepare a **GENERAL REGULATIONS** (Conditions of Contest) document with regulations that apply to all events, and **SPECIAL REGULATIONS** dealing with issues connected to a specific event.

In addition specific topic regulations such as alerting can (preferably) be part of the General Regulations or separately written.

It is a good idea for an NBO to prepare a template for the listing of conditions for the use of clubs or other local bodies.



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EXAMPLES OF REGULATIONS

Date/dates of Tournament

Mobile phones

Format

Participation requirements

Method of Scoring

Substitutes

Number of stages

Tie breaking

Qualification details

Determination of winners

Carry over

Awards (prizes, master points)

Number of Rounds/Sessions
each stage

Correction/Appeal times
(79C,92B)



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REGULATIONS

Murphy's Law and Bridge Law 94 states that no matter how many regulations you have, there will always be at least one incident not covered by any of them.

It is recommended to insert a clause in the General Regulations such as –

An issue not covered by regulation shall be determined by reference to an appropriate regulation (1) of the EBL, (2) EBU (White Book) or (3) of the ACBL.



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EBL REGULATIONS

EBL General Conditions of Contest (GCoC)
Supplemental Conditions of Contest (SCoC)
WBF Guide to Completion of WBF Convention Card
Bidding Box, Bridgemates and Screen Regulations
Alert Regulations
Systems Policy
System Cards
Eligibility Code
Review Regulation
Psychic Bidding
Dress Code
Disciplinary Code
Master Point Regulations
Anti-Doping Regulations



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GCoC

Language
Length of matches
NPC
System cards
Substitutes –
teams, pairs
Penalties
Incorrect seating
3rd place play-off
Fouled boards

SCoC

Team or Pair events
Dates
Schedule of play
Format
Movement
Seating
Carry over
Protest, appeal time
Byes
Awards



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REGULATIONS COMMON TO – WBF, EBL, ZONES, NBO

Some regulations are – or should be – common to RAs
Anti-doping, Bidding Box, Screen.

(for WBF, EBL): Alert & System regulations (inc. Brown
Sticker Regulations)

Regulations are periodically updated. The
Alert, Systems and Screen regulations are in need of
revision.

However, the need for commonality presents difficulties.



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Which EBL regulations could be useful for NBOs?

Bidding Box

Screens

Review

Guide to Completion of System Card



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Let's look at some of the EBL regulations

Alert Policy

EBL Systems Policy

Brown Sticker Regulations

HUM Systems

Categories

Section 6

System Cards

Review Regulation