

## **BRENDA'S SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THE NEW ACBL CONVENTION CARD**

New ACBL Convention Card - card from 2004 updated in 2023. In general, anything that is printed in RED must be alerted. Anything printed in BLUE must be announced. There are 24 Parts for filling out the convention card. I'll tell you what things that have changed from 2004 on each Part.

The following are changes to the ACBL Conventional Card explanations located at:

<https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/Conventional-Wisdom/Conventional-Wisdom-All.pdf>

Part 1 - no changes

Part 2 - the announcement has changed from "transfer" to "hearts" (assuming the bid was 2 Diamonds). This isn't a big deal but someone may say something to you. The 25 line is red so say alert if you are using this as a relay to clubs.

Part 3 - this is a continuation of the NOTRUMP section

Part 4 - this focuses on the 2NT opening section and there are no changes

Part 5-9 no changes

Part 10 - Weak jump shifts not in competition no longer have to be alerted

Part 11 - no changes

Part 12 - continuation of doubles and support doubles and redoubles no longer have to be alerted

Part 13 - no changes

Part 14 - no changes

Part 15 - Direct Cue bids - several changes to this section. A column for "artificial bids" has been added with no alerts or announcements needed. The "natural" and "strong T/O" options for majors and minors are now both alertable. Only the Michaels bids are not alertable at all.

Part 16 - no changes

Part 17 - Notrump overcalls - the only change is that now if the bid only shows the minors, it must be alerted. If it shows the 2 lowest unbid suits then no alert is required.

Part 18 - Defense vs notrump - if you play anything other than natural bids, it still must be alerted, even though the lines are now black and not red.

Part 19 - Over Opp's T/O Double - there is additional option that must be announced - Transfer Resp

Part 20 - 19 continued - no changes

Part 21 - no changes

Part 22 - Leads - there are a couple of changes - leading the low card from a doubleton is no longer alertable, against a suit contract there is no suggested card from AKx

Part 23 - no changes

Part 24 - general overview of the card - an additional suggestion is to take a quick look at your opponent's card when you sit down at the table. Very few people do this but it isn't a bad idea.

Conventional Wisdom Convention Card explanations for 2004.