

St Jude's Bridge Club Bridge

Etiquette 1

At the start of every round after introductions are made each pair must inform their opponents of their basic system (e.g. forcing club, strength of no trump etc)

ALERTABLE CALLS

You should alert-

- any call that is a convention;
- any bid that is natural but unexpectedly weak;
- a forcing 1 Club opening needs to be alerted.

No Alert or Announcement is required for

- a 5-card Major suit opening bid
- Stayman 2 Club response to a 1NT opening bid
- strong Acol 2 club opening bid (23 points). If opening 2C with less than 23 points this should be alerted.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcements in the following three instances should be made each time the bid is made (no alert is required):

- when partner opens 1NT you state the range e.g. "12-14"
- when partner opens a "short" or "prepared" minor, you state the minimum number of cards held in the suit bid (e.g. "at least two clubs").
- when partner responds 2D or 2H as a "transfer" you say "transfer".

DOUBLES

For the purposes of deciding whether a 'double' should be alerted or not:

- any double on the first or second round of bidding of a one or two level natural suit bid is deemed to be a TAKEOUT DOUBLE;
- all other doubles are deemed to be PENALTY DOUBLES.

Any variations must be ALERTED.