

HOW TO COMPLETE AN ABF CONVENTION CARD

Fold your card in half.

STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

Write you ABF number and your name

Write your partner's ABF number and their name

Write your Basic System.

For example: Acol or Std Am or SAYC or Precision etc.

Classification: Green Blue Red Yellow

Tick which classification applies to your Basic System:

“GREEN” classification says that all of your 1-level opening bids are natural, non-forcing, and promising at least 8 high card points. Suit bids must have at least 3 cards in that suit, but if you have a 4-4-3-2 shape with 3-2 in the minors you may open 1C. 1NT should be balanced or semi-balanced.

“RED” classification applies if any of your 1-level openings is artificial, including a short 1C (except for 4-4-3-2 precisely). Any system in which the basic 1-level opening structure varies according to position and/or vulnerability...

“BLUE” systems include a strong 1C or 1D opening that is artificial and forcing (e.g. Precision) + One of a major is natural and non-forcing + 1NT is non-conventional ...

“YELLOW” systems (aka HUM systems i.e. Highly Unusual Methods) include things like an opening pass that shows values, or an opening bid at the 1-level which denies an opening hand –Don't even go there!

A “BROWN STICKER” means the system has particular bidding sequences which the regulators feel might need special defence. They are reasonably uncommon, but an example is where you have an opening bid at the 2 level that shows a two-suited hand but neither suit is known e.g. 2NT shows 5/5 in either the minors or the majors.

A Brown Sticker can apply to any system.

* These are general, condensed guidelines. As always there are exceptions.