



New Zealand
Contract Bridge Association

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NZBCA OFFICE

I will be away on holiday from 17 to 25 February (Hong Kong and China – not Surfers!) and the office will be closed throughout that period.

SYSTEMS

The Regulations Committee have issued a clarification of the Systems Policy for Junior Tournaments (See page D2 of the Manual):

Green Systems are **NATURAL** with opening two bids being:

- 2C which shows a strong hand and is forcing for at least one round of bidding
- A single suiter in the suit bid – any strength
- A 2NT that is strong and balanced

The notes 1 and 2 under Junior Tournaments refer to *Blue Systems* when played in a Junior Tournament or the Rubber Bridge Competition.

This has also been clarified on the website

<http://www.nzcba.co.nz/directing/systemregulations.asp>

2005 National Trials

The 2005 National Trials for Open, Women and Seniors will be held in Auckland from 25 to 28 March. There will be 4 Open, 6 Women and 6 Senior Teams. Further details can be found on the NZCBA website (www.nzcba.co.nz)

Qualification Points: These will be reintroduced for the 2006 Trials and will be effective from 1 February 2005. A list of tournaments carrying qualification points will be issued later this month.

Bridge Development Grants

A reminder to clubs that NZCBA allocates a grant to each Centre every year. If you wish to obtain financial assistance for improvers lessons, directors seminars or other coaching (beginners classes in some instances), please contact your Centre.

There is also an additional grant to Centres to cover school and tertiary college bridge programmes.