

## Simplified ANNOUNCEMENT & ALERT Summary

When to ANNOUNCE? There are some Information bids and Artificial bids which are now announced. These are generally the Strength of an Opening 1NT, Stayman and Transfers and some Jump bids.

When to ALERT? If partner bids something else which is not Natural or has a different meaning to that expected. Use the ALERT CARD for these bids which are not Natural.

Please be tolerant if opponents alert when they should announce or announce when they shouldn't.

### OPENING BIDS

Opening Bid	Description	Announcement
1♣ / 1♦	Minimum of 3 Cards and Non-forcing	No announcement (or Alert)
1♣ / 1♦	May have fewer than 3 cards	"May be X" where X is 0, 1 or 2.
1NT	Natural, non-forcing	"12 to 14", "15 to 17", etc
2♣ / 2♦	Artificial and forcing	ALERT (explain if asked)
2 of a suit 2♦/♥/♠	Natural, may or will have just one suit	"Weak", "Intermediate", "Strong, forcing" "Strong, non-forcing"
2NT	Natural, strong, non-forcing	No Announcement (or Alert)
3♣/♦/♥/♠	Pre-empt (6+ card suit)	No Announcement (or Alert)
3NT	Gambling 3NT (Long solid Minor) Natural, strong, non-forcing	ALERT No Announcement (or Alert).

### DOUBLES

Bid that is doubled	Meaning of Double	Announcement / Alert
<b>ONLY ON THE 1st ROUND OF BIDDING:</b>		
Natural 1NT opening bid	For Penalties Not penalties	No announcement or alert ALERT
Suit bid showing the suit	For Penalties For Takeout	ALERT No announcement or alert
1NT response	For Penalties For Takeout	ALERT No announcement or alert
<b>AFTER THE 1st ROUND OF BIDDING:</b>		
Any Double	Takeout or Penalty	No announcement or alert
<b>AT ALL STAGES OF THE AUCTION:</b>		
Any Double	An unexpected specific message e.g. relates to another suit; or shows weakness in bid suit.	ALERT

**NB:** This is a Simplified version of the Announcement and Alert Summary, which intended for Improvers and also updating experienced players, to help with the common Bidding and Doubles requirements. The Full Announcement and Alert Summary, is shown on the Club Notice Board.