

# ACBL MID-CHART

Conventional agreements permitted by the ACBL Convention Charts are subject to the regulations documented in the ACBL Alert Pamphlet. For a complete list of definitions see Alert Pamphlet-Definitions.

This chart applies to:

1. All NABC+ events with no upper masterpoint restrictions played at an NABC.
2. All unrestricted Flight A regionally rated events at an NABC.
3. Any bracket of a bracketed KO at an NABC which contains no team with a bracket designator (average masterpoints of the entire team) of less than 1500 points.

This chart (or any part) may apply to any sectionally or regionally rated event or tournament at sponsor's option provided that this has been included in tournament advertising. (The requirement for advertising does not extend to use in Flt. A or high brackets of KOs.)

When using a method permitted by the Mid-Chart but not by the General Convention Chart, a pair is required to:

1. Pre-Alert the method(s)
2. Have a written description of the method(s) available for the opponents.
3. Except for those methods authorized by sections #1 – 5 below, have a copy of the approved suggested defense available for each opponent. Approved defenses are available in the ACBL defense database at

[http://www.acbl.org/tournaments\\_page/charts-rules-and-regulations/tournament-specific-regulations/defense-database/](http://www.acbl.org/tournaments_page/charts-rules-and-regulations/tournament-specific-regulations/defense-database/).

**A defense to a method which requires the above pre-Alert (whether the approved one or one provided by the opposing pair) may be referred to during the auction by both pairs.**

To get a method approved, a complete written explanation of the method and a complete written defense must be submitted to ACBL in Memphis, electronically to the Competition and Conventions Committee at [candc@acbl.org](mailto:candc@acbl.org)

**NOTE: Weak artificial openings, or bids which require a defense of more than one page, are unlikely to be approved for two board segments.**

**\*\*Unless specifically allowed, or listed on the ACBL Defense Database site, methods are disallowed\*\***

1. All of the ACBL General Convention Chart.
2. Relay (tell me more) systems that promise game-forcing values.
3. All other constructive rebids and responses are permitted - except for:
  - a. relay systems that show less than game-forcing values,
  - b. conventional calls after natural no trump opening bids or overcalls with a lower limit of fewer than 10 HCP or with a range of greater than 5 HCP (see #10 under RESPONSES AND REBIDS and #7 under DISALLOWED on the General Convention Chart) – however, this prohibition does not extend to no trumps that have two non-consecutive ranges neither of which exceeds 3 HCP,
  - c. conventional calls after a weak two-bid with an agreed range of more than 7 HCP or an agreement where the suit length may be four cards (see #7 under RESPONSES AND REBIDS and #7 under DISALLOWED on the General Convention Chart). THIS APPLIES TO BOTH PAIRS.
4. Defenses to natural no trump opening bids and overcalls.
5. Any strong (15+ HCP) opening bid.

*The following items are approved for all Mid-Chart events of the specified round length (#), but pairs playing them must bring two copies of the approved written defense, offering a copy to each opponent.*

<http://www.acbl.org/?p=512>

6. A 4 level minor opening showing an unspecified major. (2)
7. Opening two hearts showing at least 10 HCPs, 3 suits, short diamonds. (2)
8. Opening two spades showing at least 5 – 5 in the minors. (2)
9. Transfer opening bids at the two-level or higher showing a weak bid in the suit being transferred to. (2)
10. Opening two clubs bid showing a weak two diamond bid (5+ cards) or a strong hand. (2)
11. A 3 level opening bid showing an unknown solid suit. (2)
12. Opening 4NT to show a strong minor suit. (2)
13. A two heart opening showing 5 – 5 (or more) in the majors. (2)
14. A weak two diamond or two heart opening bid showing at least 5-4 in the majors, if the five-card suit is known. (2)
15. Opening weak two hearts showing 5-5 (or more) in hearts and any other suit. (2)
16. A weak two diamond or two heart opening bid showing at least 5-4 in the majors, if the five-card suit is unknown. (6)
17. A 2NT opening bid showing an unspecified minor. (6)
18. Opening two diamonds showing a weak two-bid in an unspecified major; may include additional strong meanings. (6)
19. Opening two spades to show an unspecified minor. (6)
20. A two club opening showing a limited hand with a major. (12)
21. Opening one heart to show spades with 11 – 21 HCPs. (12)

*Additional Mid-Chart approved bids, defenses and segment approvals can be found at [http://www.acbl.org/tournaments\\_page/charts-rules-and-regulations/tournament-specific-regulations/defense-database/](http://www.acbl.org/tournaments_page/charts-rules-and-regulations/tournament-specific-regulations/defense-database/)*

## DISALLOWED

1. Conventions and/or agreements whose primary purpose is to destroy the opponents' methods.
2. Psyching of artificial opening bids and/or conventional responses thereto.
3. Psychic controls (includes ANY partnership agreement which, if used in conjunction with a psychic call, makes allowance for that psych).
4. Forcing pass systems.
5. Relay (tell me more) systems except those that are game-forcing.
6. Opening one-bids which by partnership agreement could show fewer than 8 HCP (not applicable to a psych).
7. Psyching a conventional agreement which may show fewer than 10 HCP and which is not permitted by the General Convention Chart. This includes psyching responses to or rebids of these methods.
8. Any weak opening bid which promises an unknown suit may not include as the unknown suit the suit named (the suit opened).

## CARDING

*Same as listed on the General Convention Chart.*