

2017 ANC Systems and Defences

1. General

GREEN, BLUE and RED systems and BROWN STICKER conventions are permitted in all Interstate Teams Championships (ITC), Australian Butler Pairs Championship (ABPC), Country Butler and ANC Congress events, with the exception of the Restricted Butler Pairs and masterpoint-restricted ANC Congress events, in which only GREEN and BLUE systems are allowed. YELLOW systems are permitted only in the ITC and in the Final stages of the Open ,Women's and Seniors' ABPC.

2. ITC

2.1 Complete systems (except those parts noted below in 2.2) must be submitted before 4.00pm, Friday 16th June, 2017. These systems must be submitted as an electronic file uploaded to the ABF website (www.abfevents.com.au/events/ANC/2017). A maximum of four A4 pages of supplementary sheets may be included for any one system. Complete and detailed notes with a bona fide defence must accompany any YELLOW system. Each team is permitted a maximum of four systems. Any pair playing a YELLOW system must lodge four copies of detailed system notes with the Chief Tournament Director (CTD) before the Captains' Meeting.

2.2 A concise summary of a YELLOW system that is to be used only against an opposing pair who play a YELLOW system must be lodged with the ABF on-site Representative before the Captains' Meeting. Two copies must be distributed at the Captains' Meeting to each captain whose team includes a pair playing a YELLOW system.

2.3 Each player must bring to the table a ABF standard system card, identical to the one submitted in 2.1, unless any changes have been approved by the CTD and copies provided to other captains at the Captains' Meeting to be held on Saturday, 15th July, commencing at 6.15pm.

3. ABPC

3.1 YELLOW systems, including those that are to be played only as a defence against pairs playing a YELLOW system, must be lodged with the Tournament Organiser (TO) before 4.00pm, 7th July, 2017. Pairs must lodge an adequate current ABF Standard system card with a maximum of four supplementary A4 sheets, printed, typed or written in black ink on one side. Pairs must also lodge a bona fide defence. Pairs who fail to meet these deadlines may not be permitted to play a YELLOW system for some or all the event.

3.2 Notes incorporating a pair's defence to BROWN STICKER conventions, defence to a YELLOW system or a YELLOW system pair's "defence against the defence" must be:

- (a) printed, typed or written in black ink on a maximum of two sides of an A4 sheet,
- (b) lodged with and approved by the CTD 15 minutes before the scheduled session time in which they are first to be used,
- (c) identical for each player, and
- (d) available to the opponents during the auction and play.