

QBA System Regulations Changes - 2025

The Caboolture Bridge Club, like most clubs, allows only two bidding systems for play in regular sessions - a **Green System** (Natural) and a **Blue System** (Strong eg. Precision).

Recently, the ABF System Regulations were updated and those changes are reflected in the QBA System Regulations.

The classification of **Green Systems** has not changed to any great degree but what has changed is the way they are described.

The definition of a **Green System** is to be found in **QBA Regulations Section K 2** and now states:

- All one-level opening bids are natural and **non-forcing**. If players claim to be playing a natural system like Standard American and Acol, 1C **may not be forcing under any circumstances**. That is not new but what is new, is that players may now agree to open 1C with a singleton. A responder must be able to pass when not holding clubs and fewer than 6 HCP in order to be a **Green System**.
1C and 1D openings must not be artificial and must not be forcing. If, in an otherwise standard system, 1C promises 1+, 2+, 3+, 4+ clubs, then it will still be a Green System if responder passes with < 6 HCP.
(See **QBA Regulations Section G 3.2** for guidance on the announcement required after a 1C opening).
- If the partnership agreement is that the responder must respond to a 1C opening because the opener may be short in clubs, then the 1C opening has the additional meaning that the 1C opening is forcing and **fails the requirements of a Green System**. If this bidding also fails the **Blue System**, the system may be re-classified to being a **Red System**.
- An opening bid of one of a major guarantees length (4+ cards) in the denomination named. This doesn't affect players playing five-card majors.
- 1NT should be balanced or semi-balanced.
- All one-level opening bids must, by agreement, promise at least 8 HCP.