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To: All WBF Member NBOs

Dear NBO

The By-Laws of the WBF state (among other things) that the WBF Laws Committee is required to "make a comprehensive study and updating of the entire laws structure" at least once in every decade.

The Committee is now nearing the end of its current review of the laws and to this end is now making available to the WBF Member NBOs what it believes to be the penultimate version of the new 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

This material has been placed on the web in a password-protected area at the following location:

<http://www.ecatsbridge.com/lawscommittee/documents/default.asp?type=PDF>

You will receive the relevant login and password details via a separate email.

Each of the 93 documents that have been posted (one per Law) contains a copy of both the current 2007 Law and the new 2017 Law. All the changes (including both the additions and the deletions) are highlighted in **Yellow**.

It should be emphasized that there remains a possibility that some minor changes in wording may still be made. Any such modification will be uploaded when (or if) it is actioned and will appear in **Green**. The Table of Contents, Introduction, Definitions and the Index have not as yet been posted.

These draft documents are being made available now so as to provide NBOs with some advance notice about the upcoming changes such that they can begin the process of educating their TDs. This material will also allow NBOs to make preliminary arrangements for the translation of the text into a language other than English.





It is the committee's intention that the finalised version of these new laws will be presented to the WBF Management Committee at its Kansas City meeting in March with an accompanying recommendation that they be approved.

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