



## Preface

Are you on the same page as your partner?

Or is she even reading the same book?

Years of play will tell you, of course, but so will the "Partner's Covenant."

Wanting to play better with a partner is necessary for both duplicate and kitchen bridge. When duplicate bridge is played, the first thing that will be discussed is the bidding system often through the use of a convention card.

But in order to play with a partner well, a lot more than just what is on the convention card needs to be discussed. In this book, an in-depth look at the convention card is done as well as several other necessary topics. Each partner should answer and compare. I suggest a chapter at a time.

However, when kitchen or party bridge is played, the bidding is often just discussed in the post mortem. This book will reduce the number of post mortems.

The covenant I ask you to make is thus:

"I will read enough of these pages I need to read to be on the same page as my bridge partner."

Are you and your partner willing to ask and answer the right questions?

If you are, then here are some questions. The first chapter is an overview and the remaining chapters are the details.

I have included my answers so that the reader can compare her answers to mine.





Here are the symbols representing yourself and your three favourite partners. The reader should fill in his symbol with every statement he is in agreement. If you give this book to a partner, borrow his book and transcribe the answers here.

Symbol	Player's Name	ACBL Number	Date
□	Warren Watson	N/A	N/A
◁	_____	_____	_____
△	_____	_____	_____
▽	_____	_____	_____
▷	_____	_____	_____

**Note:** The symbols allow solution by shading the symbol so comparisons can be made at a glance. I recommend an HB pencil as a felt pen will show through. My answers are ■ which is yes or true and □ which is no or false.





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# Chapter One

## Summary

### 1.1 General Approach

#### 1.1.1 Systems

Which systems are you familiar with?

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|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ Standard American | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ Two-Over-One |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ Strong Club       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ Blue Team    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ Acol              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ EHAA         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ Polish Club       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ Schenken     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ KS                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ Forcing Pass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ Other _____                  |   |

#### 1.1.2 Standard American

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|---|--|
| A new suit at the two-level promises 10+ HCPs.              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ |
| A new suit at the two-level promises 10+ points.            | <input type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$            |
| The next bid can be a pass.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$            |
| The next bid can be a pass only in a misfit situation.      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ |
| A new suit at the two-level is less than 10 HCPs when:      |  |
| RHO doubles because a redouble is 10+.                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ |
| After a 1NT overcall because a double is 10 HCPs.           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ |
| Partner doubles, a jump is 10+.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$            |
| Preceded by 1NT or a negative double.                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ |
| Response to a takeout double (8 to 11)                      | <input type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$            |
| Jump response to a takeout double in competition (8 to 11)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ |
| Simple response to a takeout double in competition (5 to 7) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\heartsuit \spadesuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$ |

