

## **A Guide to Using BIDDING BOXES**

Before play commences: open the bottom of the bidding box, take out the bidding cards and then close the bottom of the box. Place bidding cards in the slots at the top with the pass, double, redouble cards at the front and the bids behind them.

At the end of play: replace all the cards, face up in order, in the bottom of the bidding box and close it again. Then take the closed boxes to the storage container.

**The following is a summary of the regulations governing the use of bidding boxes and is provided as a guide to their use. If in doubt, call the Director.**

1. A call is made by the player selecting the appropriate card from the bidding box and placing it on the table. Players should not touch any bidding cards before they have determined their call.
2. Starting with the dealer, players place the bidding cards on the table in front of them. Subsequent calls should then overlap neatly and evenly so that every call is visible and faced towards partner.
3. Should a call be cancelled following an irregularity, then the bidding card that represents the withdrawn call shall be restored to the player's bidding box.
4. Alerts are made by saying, "Alert" audibly and placing the alert card across the bidding card designating the alertable call. The alerted player must acknowledge the alert before calling.
5. A call is considered made when a bidding card is removed from the bidding box and held touching or nearly touching the table or maintained in such a position to indicate that the call has been made.
6. A call selected may be changed without penalty if it is determined by the Director that it is a call selected unintentionally.
7. All the bidding cards should remain on the table until after the opening lead has been faced.
8. Until they are removed from the table, a player can review the auction by inspecting the bidding cards. After the bidding cards are restored to their boxes a player may, at his first turn to play, require all previous calls to be restated (Law 20C2). Only an opponent shall respond to this.