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# 1 VÅRA SYSTEMREGLER

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WBF har en s.k. Systems Policy som beskriver vilka konventioner och "treatments" man får spela i olika tävlingar och hur dessa ska deklarerars. Vi har dessutom vissa egna tilläggsregler.

I OBS-tävlingarna tillämpar vi denna WBF-policy.

WBF indelar tävlingar i olika kategorier, kategori ett är den högsta (t.ex. Bermuda Bowl) och där allt är tillåtet. Sedan finns en kategori två och en kategori tre också. Se mer nedan om vad dessa kategorier innebär.

Vi kategoriserar våra OBS-tävlingar som "WBF Category 1".

WBF:s regler kan sägas röra två saker

1. När får man spela HUM och Brown Sticker conventions
2. Hur ska man redovisa dessa för motståndarna

Jag har interfolierat egna kommentarer på svenska (i fet stil). Hoppas dessa kan vara till hjälp i de fall ni undrar vad WBF:s regler innebär. Tyvärr är de reglerna nämligen inte alltid så klara som vore önskvärt.

# 1.1 WBF SYSTEMS POLICY 1995

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## WBF SYSTEMS POLICY 2000 (Adopted December 1994; amended October 1996 and January 2000)

### 1.1.1 OBJECTIVES

The objectives are to ensure that WBF Championships can be properly operated and adequately administered, with a fair and equal chance for all competitors, while at the same time affording proper consideration to progress and innovation; to ensure that players are in no doubt as to what is expected of them with regard to preparation and filing of systems material for WBF Championships.

Additions or amendments to this policy will normally be put into effect only after four months' notice.

### 1.1.2 DEFINITIONS

Average Hand	a hand containing one card of each rank
Weak	high card strength below that of an average hand
Strong	high card strength a king or more greater than that of an average hand
Natural	a call or play that is not a convention (as defined in the Laws)
Length	three cards or more
Shortage	two cards or less
Long Match	a match of 17 or more deals
Short Match	a match of less than 17 deals

## 1.1.3 HUM

For the purpose of this Policy, a Highly Unusual Method (HUM) means any System that exhibits one or more of the following features, as a matter of partnership agreement:

- A Pass in the opening position may have the values generally accepted for an opening bid of one, and the player who passes may hold values a queen or more above the strength of an average hand (an average hand contains 10 HCP)  
**Enligt denna definition spelar AI Roth HUM-system. En ren groda av WBF.**
- By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be weaker than pass.  
**Oklart stadgande. Förmodligen avses att om den undre gränsen för öppningsbudet är lägre än den undre gränsen för pass så faller det under definitionen.**
- By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be made with values a king or more below average strength.  
**Dvs på 7hp eller färre.**
- By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows (a) either length or shortage in a specified suit or (b) either length in one suit or length in another

## 1.1.4 CLASSIFICATION OF SYSTEMS

In order to facilitate recognition and handling, systems material will be identified by one or more of the following:

- a WBF coloured sticker;
- the appropriate name (hand printed or typed) colour;
- a check mark on a convention card next to the appropriate colour - in keeping with the following descriptions:

**Green** Natural

**Ingen av er lär hamna här.**

**Blue** Strong Club/Strong Diamond, where one club/one diamond is always strong

**Här hamnar de som spelar entydig stark klöver/ruter.**

**Yellow** Highly Unusual Methods ('HUM') as defined above.

**Här hamnar Säffle.**

**Red** Artificial: this category includes all artificial systems that do not fall under the definition of Highly Unusual Methods (HUM) systems [see definition below], other than Strong Club/Strong Diamond systems (see 'Blue').

Examples would be a system where one club shows one of three types - a natural club suit, a balanced hand of a specific range, or a Strong Club opener; or a system in which the basic methods (other than the no trump range) vary according to position, vulnerability and the like; or a system that uses conventional 'weak' or 'multi-meaning' bids (with or without some weak option) in potentially contestable auctions, other than those described in the main part of the WBF Convention Booklet

Här hamnar resten av er

## 1.1.5 BROWN STICKER CONVENTIONS AND TREATMENTS

The following conventions or treatments are categorised as 'Brown Sticker':

**Ett "treatment" är ett icke konventionellt bud som inte är helt "naturligt". Rent strikt är nämligen, enligt Kaplan och andra, "naturliga bud" enbart de bud som uttrycker en vilja att spela i det kontraktet man bjuder, medan treatmenten säger något annat/mer dock utan att bli konventionellt. Ett exempel: Om man väljer att låta 1H-öppningen visa 8-15 och minst 4H är detta ett treatment. Men även om det visar standardmässiga 11-21. Således innebär alla icke-konventionella bud – utom de rena slutbudet - ett treatment på ett eller flera sätt.**

**Anledningen till att man inte nöjt sig med konventioner utan även tagit med treatments, är, tror jag, att enligt lagen är bud på trekortsfärg, eller t.o.m. färre (så länge det visar styrka i färgen), inte konventionellt och det vill man i vissa fall komma åt. Detta är olagligt av WBF och enligt min information avser de ändra lagen så att de får lagstifta om sådana saker.**

Any opening bid of two clubs through three spades that:

- could be weak (may by agreement be made with values below average strength) AND does not promise at least four cards in a known suit.  
EXCEPTION 1: The bid always shows at least four cards in a known suit if it is weak. If the bid does not show a known four card suit it must show a hand a king or more over average strength. (Explanation: Where all the weak meanings show at least four cards in one known suit, and the strong meanings show a hand with a king or more above average strength, it is not a Brown Sticker Convention.)  
**Detta undantag är inte så lätt att förstå, koncentrera er på "Explanation" så blir det lättare. Så här är det (tror jag): Om ett öppningsbud 2K-3S kan innehålla mindre än 10 hp och inte lovar minst 4 kort i en känd färg så är det Brown sticker såvida inte alla de alternativ som kan vara svagare än 10 hp alltid visar minst 4 kort i en känd färg och samtidigt alla andra alternativ (dvs de alternativ som har en undre gräns på 10 hp eller mer) visar minst 13 HP. Ex: 2R visar svagt i H eller starkt i S (Acol). Ingen känd färg finns. Kan vara svagare än 10 hp. Men eftersom det alltid är H när det är svagt och det icke svaga alternativet visar minst 13 hp (antar vi) så är det inte Brown sticker.**

EXCEPTION 2: A two level opening bid in a minor showing a weak two in either major, whether with or without the option of strong hand types, as described in the WBF Conventions Booklet.

**Detta är felformulerat i den nya Policyn. Det är avsett som ytterligare ett undantag från huvudregeln men har framställts om ett ytterligare fall av BS. Jag har därför lagt till ordet "Exception 2" framför. Dvs det är inte en Brown Sticker om det är fråga om ett 2lå-öppningsbud som visar en svag 2-öppning i endera högfärgen (med eventuellt andra starka varianter) förutsatt att man spelar som i WBF booklet. Så här står det i den skriften:**

MULTI 2\* (... weak 2M; or ... )

An artificial opening bid with several meanings. The ONLY weak type must be a weak-two in a major suit.

**Specify** with one descriptive word in the NAME LINE before the word "weak" ... your STYLE for the weak 2M type: standard (i.e. fair six-card suit), or undisciplined (i.e. bad six-card suit or often fair five-card suit acceptable) or random (anything is acceptable). You may use a more descriptive adjective. After this, replace the word "or" with the strong hand types, using semi-colons. Here is a proper entry on the card: e.g. MULTI 2D (random weak 2M; 17-24 3-suiter; 25+ BAL) (Inside the card), you must include a full description of range and style for the weak type. Responder to 2D assumes a weak-two and bids as follows: Pass: Long diamonds; 2H: P/C; 2S: P/C, willing to play at least 3# opposite a weak 2H; 2NT: Forcing, showing genuine values, asking for clarification (**specify** rebids); All other heart bids are P/C (include something descriptive about STYLE here). You must have agreements about responses of 3m and 4m. You must have agreements about opener's immediate continuations with the strong hand type(s) over simple and jump responses. You must have agreements in competition (including Pass and RDBL).

**Note:** If you meet ALL of those conditions you may write nothing more than:

MULTI 2D(loose weak 2M; etc ...) in this section.

**Note:** If you have some special agreements, such as: "might pass a 2H response randomly with a weak 2S" or "pass over an opponent's DBL of 2D means nothing," such variations are sufficiently important to merit "QUOTES" around the NAME. Your opponents will want to know about this sort of thing in advance.

- An overcall of a natural opening bid of one of a suit that does not promise at least four cards in a known suit. EXCEPTION: A natural overcall in no trumps.
- Any 'weak' two-suited bids at the two or three level that may by agreement be made with three cards or fewer in one of the suits.

**Det här verkar avse såväl öppningsbud som inkliv.**

- Psychic bids protected by system or required by system.

**Obs att bud i systemet som ber partnern agera på ett visst sätt om han har psykat innebär att det blir en Brown Sticker. Men om man bara bjuder lite försiktigt för att se vad partnern gör (han kommer t.ex. att passa om han psykat) så verkar det inte falla under definitionen.**

None of the foregoing restrictions pertain to conventional defences against strong, artificial opening bids or defences against 'Brown Sticker' or HUM conventions.

Additional to the classification of systems in 1.1.4 above, any partnership using one or more 'Brown Sticker' conventions must indicate this alongside its system classification.

## 1.1.6 ENCRYPTED SIGNALS

Additional to the restrictions on bidding methods and conventions above, players may not use signalling methods by which the message or messages conveyed by the signals are hidden from the declarer because of some key available only to the defenders (i.e. encrypted signals are not allowed)

## 1.1.7 SYSTEMS ALLOWED AT WBF CHAMPIONSHIPS

In relation to the aspect of Systems to be allowed at WBF Championships, the events will be divided into three categories:

**Dessa regler är WBF:s. Vad EBL bestämmer är en annan sak. Enligt min erfarenhet ligger de, beträffande EM, nära kategori 1 - förmodligen exakt lika.**

### **Category 1: Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup**

For such events all classifications of systems will be permitted, subject to adequate disclosure, but teams using HUM systems must submit their Convention Cards in advance in accordance with the Conditions of Contest and will be subject to a reduction of seating rights, as follows:

Whenever a team with one or more pairs using a HUM system opposes a team that has no such pair, the HUM systems team will be the 'Away' team, and lines up first throughout.

No special seating rights or line-up restrictions shall apply when two teams containing HUM systems pairs (regardless of line-up) oppose one another.

### **Category 2: Knock-out matches of the Olympiad, : of the Rosenblum Cup and of the McConnell Cup and other Teams Championships as decided by the WBF Rules and Regulations Committee:**

The use of HUM systems is prohibited.

'Brown Sticker' conventions will be permitted, subject to adequate disclosure, but players using them must submit their Convention Cards in advance in accordance with the Conditions of Contest.

### **Category 3: Olympiad (Round-Robin), all Pairs Championships. Junior Teams Championships. Rosenblum Cup and McConnell Cup (short matches), at Transnational events and the IOC Grand Prix**

The use of both HUM systems and 'Brown Sticker' conventions is prohibited.

## 1.1.8 SYSTEMS MATERIAL

For all Category 1 Teams events, where Yellow (HUM) systems are permitted, any pair using a HUM system is required (in addition to the normal timely filing of the Convention card and Supplementary Sheets) to submit **the full system** in English at the beginning of the Championship.

Pairs using Green, Blue or Red systems are encouraged to submit their full system in English at the beginning of any WBF Championship.

In decisions taken by Tournament Directors and by the Appeals Committee, pairs who have submitted their full system will be given the benefit of any support this provides for an explanation given at the table, as far as this goes.

## 1.1.9 CONVENTION CARDS /SUPPLEMENTARY SHEETS

The principle of adequate disclosure requires that competitors fully disclose **all conventions and treatments requiring defensive preparation**. In addition to the Convention cards, pairs will use Supplementary Sheets to achieve this objective.

The use of Supplementary Sheets is not strictly limited for all events, provided that the entries are properly numbered to correspond to appropriately cross-referenced numbers on the Convention card itself. The sheets must readily legible and the numbered entries must be separated by discernible heavy lines. While brevity is encouraged, particularly for Category 2 and Category 3 events, full disclosure must not be prejudiced in any way as a result.

**All conventions and treatments requiring defensive preparation** must be listed on the front right part of the WBF Card. They must be explained and fully developed (including competitive agreements) either in the appropriate section on the outside or inside of the card, or, where there is inadequate space there, in the first numbered entries on the Supplementary Sheets.

The front right part of the Convention Card must include:

- All artificial openings (except strong one club/two club openings)
- Response to natural openings which are weak and conventional
- All conventional defensive bids used over natural openings of one of a suit (making sure that all two suited intervention is detailed precisely; the best way to do this is to write: 'Two Suiters' and include a reference number to an early Supplementary Sheet entry, which will provide the particulars).

If a pair uses any bid which should have been listed here, but which has been left out, and their opponents do not get to their best contract, there will be a strong presumption that the opponents have been damaged by not being able to prepare a defence. The offending pair may also be liable to incur a procedural penalty.

Any pair playing a HUM system or 'Brown Sticker' convention has a special obligation to present a complete description of both their bids and subsequent developments (especially competitive developments). If a pair uses an auction that is not fully described, then the same presumption of lack of advance notice (with adjustments and penalties as described in the preceding paragraph) shall apply.

For each tournament, the Conditions of Contest will state the date by which, and the address at which, systems material and Convention Cards (together with telephone and fax number or email addresses of the individuals best equipped to deal with queries regarding the system) must be received. The onus is jointly on the pair, the non-playing captain (where relevant), the NCBO and the Zonal Organisation to obtain the information required to meet this deadline. Failure to meet this deadline will result in automatic penalties, which will be fully described in the Conditions of Contest. Problems with systems should be referred to the Chairman of the Systems Committee or his nominee in accordance with details given in the Conditions of Contest.

After the closing date for submission of systems, the following will be the policy governing any changes to the Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets:

- a) Deletion of an item or a statement will be permitted upon application to the Chairman of the Systems Committee or his nominee
- b) A change replacing an agreement with another or to introduce a fresh agreement, where the new material is not Brown Sticker, will normally be permitted. The permission to use the new agreement will operate at the discretion of the Chairman, but will normally be from the morning of the second day after notification of the change is issued to other contestants



- c) Neither the replacement of a Brown Sticker convention with another Brown Sticker convention, nor the introduction of a new Brown Sticker convention will be permitted

It is strongly emphasised, and all contestants must note, that the policy stated above will be rigorously applied.

## **1.1.10 DEFENCE AGAINST YELLOW (HUM) SYSTEMS AND BROWN STICKER CONVENTIONS**

For Team events in Category 1, the following regulations will apply to defensive measures against HUM systems.

A pair opposing a HUM system pair will submit two (clearly legible) copies of their defence to the HUM system at an appropriate time and place prior to the start of that segment, to be specified in the Conditions of Contest. Such defences are deemed to be part of the opponents' convention card.

In preparing the defence against a HUM system, pairs using Green, Blue or Red systems are allowed to change their systems, including opening calls. Pairs using a HUM system are not allowed to change their opening calls.

The pair using a HUM system must inform the opponents in writing (two clearly legible copies) about their counter-defence at the table prior to the start of the session. In preparing their counter-defence, the pair using a HUM system is not permitted to change any of the highly artificial aspects of its system.

For Teams events in Category 1 and Category 2, the following regulations will apply in relation to defensive measures against Brown Sticker Conventions:

A pair may prepare written defences against the 'Brown Sticker' elements of any system. Such defences will have to be given to the opponents (two clearly legible copies) at an appropriate time and place prior to the start of that segment, to be specified in the Conditions of Contest. Written defences against Brown Sticker conventions are deemed to be part of the opponents' convention card.

## **1.1.11 NUMBER OF SYSTEMS ALLOWED PER TEAM**

For Category 1 events, a maximum number of four Red or Yellow Systems, of which only three may be Yellow, will be permitted for each participating team. A System, for the purpose of this section, may include different methods for different vulnerabilities.

Both members of the partnership must use the same methods.

## 1.2 WBF:S FÖRKORTNINGAR

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Nedanstående är de förkortningar som ska användas på de officiella deklARATIONERNA. Alla spelare rekommenderas att använda dem även i sina kompendier.

### The following abbreviations may be used (note the use of BLOCK CAPITALS and SLASHES (/))

(5431)	Any hand with that distribution (suits unknown)
5431	Five spades, four hearts, three diamonds, one club
5♠4♥(31)	A hand with five spades, four hearts, and 3♦1♣ or 3♣1♦
54(xx)	A hand with five spades and four hearts
ASK	Asking bid
ART	Artificial
ATT	Attitude
B	Black suit(s)
BAL	Balanced
BW	Blackwood
CB	Checkback
COMP	Competitive
CONC	Concentrated (e.g. all values in the bid suits)
CONST	Constructive
CTRL	Control
CUE	Cue-bid
DBL or X	Double
DISCG	Discourage (ing)
E	Even
ENCRG	Encourage (ing)
FRAG	Fragment
F	Forcing
F1	Forcing 1 round
F2NT	Forcing to 2NT
FG	Forcing to game
4SF	Fourth suit forcing
FREQ	Frequent
G/T	Game try
H	Honour (Ace, King, or Queen)
HCP	High Card Points
INV	Invitational
INQ	Inquiry
JTB	Jacoby Transfer Bid
KCB	Keycard Blackwood
L/D	Lead-directing
LEB	lebensohl (note the proper use of the lower-case "l")
LHO	The opponent on your left
L/R	Limit raise
L/S	Long suit
M	Major
m	Minor
MAX	Maximum, Maximal Maximal Overcall Double
MIN	Minimum
NAT	Natural
NEG	Negative
NEU	Neutral
NF	Nonforcing
NT	No Trump
NV	Nonvulnerable
OM	The other major

om	The other minor
OPPT	Opponent(s)
OPT	Optional
O/S	Outside
O/C	Overcall
P/C	Pass or correct
PEN	Penalty
PH	Passed hand
PRE	Pre-emptive
PUP	Puppet to (e.g. 2♣ forces 2♦)
QUANT	Quantitative
R	Red suit(s)
(R)	Relay (e.g. 2♣ asks for shape description)
RDBL	Redouble
RESP	Responder, Response, Responsive
REV	Reverse
RHO	The opponent on your right
RKCB	Roman Keycard Blackwood
R/O	Reopening
S/P	Suit preference
S/A	Suit agreement
S/O	Signoff, shutout
SOL	Solid (suit)
S-SOL	Semi-solid (suit)
SPL	Splinter, or short suit
S/S	Short suit
S/T	Slam try
STAY	Stayman
STR	Strong
SUPP	Support
T/O	Takeout
TRF	Transfer
UNT	Unusual No Trump
VUL or V	Vulnerable
w/	With
w/o	Without
WJO	Weak jump overcall
WJS	Weak jump shift
WK	Weak
x	Any suit; any small card
y/z	Any other suit(s)

If there are two versions for the same item, as in V or VUL, use the longer whenever space permits. If you wish to use other abbreviations, you must provide a readily visible EXPLANATORY "KEY" on each side of the card where such abbreviations will appear.

# 1.3 VÅRA REGLER I OBS

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## 1. HUM-SYSTEM

HUM-system är tillåtna men observera att par som spelar HUM aldrig kan bli uttagna till OS.

Man är tillåten att göra vilka som helst ändringar i sitt system (även öppningsbud) när man möter HUM-par. Om man själv därmed blir HUM-par gäller motsvarande regler för en själv som för motståndarna.

## 2. BROWN STICKER CONVENTIONS (BS)

BS är tillåtna.

De ska indikeras invid system klassificeringen (oklart hur WBF menar att det ska gå till). Vi gör som så att vi skriver "Brown Sticker Conventions exists".

## 3. SKRIFTLIGA FÖRSVAR MOT HUM OCH BS

Man får ha med sig skriftliga försvar mot HUM och BS vid bordet och man får titta på dessa under spel och budgivning.

Sådana skriftliga försvar ska vara SBF tillhanda senast 5 dagar innan spelstart och anses vara en del av systemdeklarationen. Förbundet lägger ut dessa på hemsidan för OBS-1.

I kontra-försvaret mot motståndarnas försvar får HUM-paret inte ändra sina öppningsbud och inte heller ändra andra "Highly artificial aspects of its system". Vad detta senare betyder vet jag inte, jag kommer att använda mitt omdöme om frågan kommer upp.

## 4. SYSTEMDEKLARATIONER

Systemdeklarationerna ska se ut som dem WBF står bakom. De ska vara i endera av de format (alla elektroniska) som är godkända inom landslagstruppen (se nedan).

## 5. UPPLYSNINGSSKYLDIGHET

Inför OBS-tävlingarna gäller följande former av upplysningsskyldighet

a) SYSTEMBESKRIVNING

Par som spelar HUM-system ska skicka in hela sin systembeskrivning

b) SYSTEMDEKLARATION

Alla par ska skicka in sin systemdeklaration, ifylld enligt föreskrifterna härom.  
Notera särskilt reglerna för hur BS ska beskrivas.

c) "MEDDELANDEN INFÖR OBS"

För alla gäller dessutom att man ska skicka in en redogörelse för det man tror att det kan vara bra för motståndarna att känna till redan innan tävlingen startar, så att de i lugn och ro hinner fundera igenom sitt försvar.

Man måste dock använda sitt omdöme. Många av er kanske inte har något alls att berätta. Att ni spelar t.ex. dubbeltydig klöver är inget ni behöver berätta för motståndarna. Det är era ovanliga överenskommelser i competitiva eller potentiellt competitiva lägen som motståndarna behöver känna till på förhand.  
B.S. ska givetvis redovisas här.

d) **FÖRSVAR MOT HUM (ändrat)**

Om HUM-par deltar och man önskar använda sig av rätten att studera sitt försvar mot detta HUM-system under budgivning och spel så ska försvaret dokumenteras och skickas in.  
Obs att försvar mot BS ej behöver skickas in i förväg.

All dokumentation enligt punkt a-d ska, så länge ej särskild dispens ges, vara i elektronisk form i och i ett format enligt nedan (se under "SYSTEMINFO PÅ VÅR HEMSIDA").

Dokumentation enligt punkt a-c ska skickas in via email till SBF senast 12 dagar innan tävlingen startar och för dokumentation enligt punkt d gäller på motsvarande sätt 5 dagar innan.

Par som ej uppfyller dessa skyldigheter riskerar att mista rätten att utnyttja metoderna ifråga. Vid grövre förseelser kan även straffpoäng komma att utdelas.

## 6. "REQUIRING DEFENSIVE PREPARATION

Vad som står i system policyn om All conventions and treatments requiring defensive preparation... gäller. Dvs t.ex. ska alla konventioner och "treatments" som kräver förberedelser av motståndarna vara uppskrivna på höger framsida av systemdeklarationen (om plats inte finns så genom hänvisning till Supplementary sheets). De ska dessutom vara fullständigt förklarade, inklusive competitiva regler (dvs när motståndarna agerar) - lämpligen i supplementary sheets.

Ett visst mått av sunt förnuft måste dock användas. Vi tolkar det som konventioner och treatments t.o.m. svarshandens 1:a bud.

## 7. KONVERSATION VID BORDET

All konversation vid bordet ska vara på engelska när något kort är utanför sitt fack. Om alla korten är instoppade i sina fack får man tala annat språk om man så vill.

Straffpoäng utdelas vid grövre eller upprepade förseelser.

# 1.4 SYSTEMINFO PÅ VÅR HEMSIDA

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På landslagstruppens hemsida hos SBF ska systemdeklarationer (inkl. supplementary sheets), meddelanden och systemkompendier (om paret ej valt att hålla detsamma hemligt) lagras.

Dessa sänds in till Thomas Ivarsson på SBF via email.

Systemdeklarationer ska vara i ettdera av följande godkända format

1. MS Word (rekommenderas)
2. RTF (rekommenderas)
3. PDF
4. CCE v 2.16 (där man kan skriva ut färgerna i bokstavsform, dvs C för ♣, D för ♦ etc. (Obs att inget hindrar att man själv använder ett annat format i normala fall men att man sedan vid inskickningen själv omvandlar till ett av dessa fyra godkända format).

Övrig dokumentation ska vara i sådant format som är läsbart för ansvarig på SBF:s kansli.

All denna systeminformation ska vara på engelska.  
Systemdeklarationerna skall se ut som WBF:s.

Se till att hålla dessa färska och uppdaterade. Detta gäller särskilt inför OBS-tävlingar.

Mall för deklARATION i Word och CCE finns på landslagets hemsida.