

# Remit to: ClubsNZ (via 500 Rules Committee)

Dated: 23rd February 2024

## 1. Proposed New Rules:

Rule 4(l) The Kitty may be viewed by the maker (winning bidder) **only**, who may, or may not, exchange the 3 cards. The kitty (and discards) may not be viewed or altered after the first card has been led.

Rule 4(m) If any card from the kitty (or discards) is revealed by the maker or looked at by their partner the maker's bid is deemed lost and the bid deducted from their score. The opposition score 100 penalty points.

Rule 4(n) If the maker fails to leave exactly 3 cards in the discarded kitty, before the first card is led, then Rule 5(f) is invoked.

Rule 4(o) A card is deemed "led", when it is the first card played in the trick, at the moment it is exposed to any of the other players, regardless of whether or not it has been released by the player. An invalid lead shall be treated as an exposed card.

## 2. Proposed Amendments

Rule 1(c)

Change "460" to read "490"

Background & Reasons:

The current Rule is historic and based on the original full play of 500 points, not the restricted time of 10 minutes, therefore it is unfair when determining which pair wins or loses when the game is played to 4 hands/10 minutes and not necessarily 500 points.

Accumulating "10 point tricks" up to 490 is usual in many forms of the game and Rule 1(a) must still be satisfied to win a game.

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