

A Message from our Head Tournament Director

Check Your Bidding Box Settings Before Your Next Session

A simple settings check can prevent accidental passes and bidding errors

Important: If you have recently experienced an unexpected Pass during the auction, please check that **"Select pass as default bid in bidding box"** is switched **OFF** in your Play Settings. This is the most common cause of accidental passes reported to StepBridge Australia.

Step 1 – Open Your Settings

When you enter the Competition Lobby, click the blue button displaying your initials in the top-right corner of the screen.

This opens your player menu.

Select **Settings** from the menu.

Click your initials and select Settings.



Step 2 – Check Your Play Settings

Select the **Play** tab.

We recommend the following settings:

Bidding Box

- Compact
- Select pass as default bid in bidding box – OFF

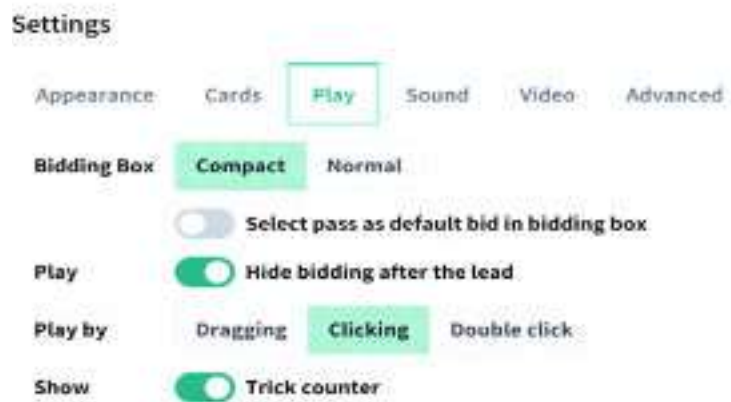
Card Play

Choose your preferred method:

- Dragging
- Clicking
- Double Click

The card play method is a matter of personal preference.

The important setting is ensuring that **"Select pass as default bid in bidding box"** remains switched OFF.

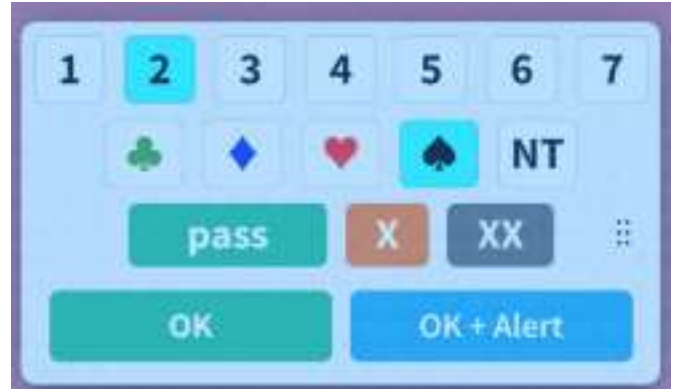


Step 3 – Using the Compact Bidding Box

With the Compact bidding box selected, bidding is completed in three simple steps:

1. Select the level (1–7)
2. Select the suit (♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT)
3. Click OK

If your bid requires a self-alert, click **OK + Alert** instead.



Step 4 – Self-Alerting a Bid

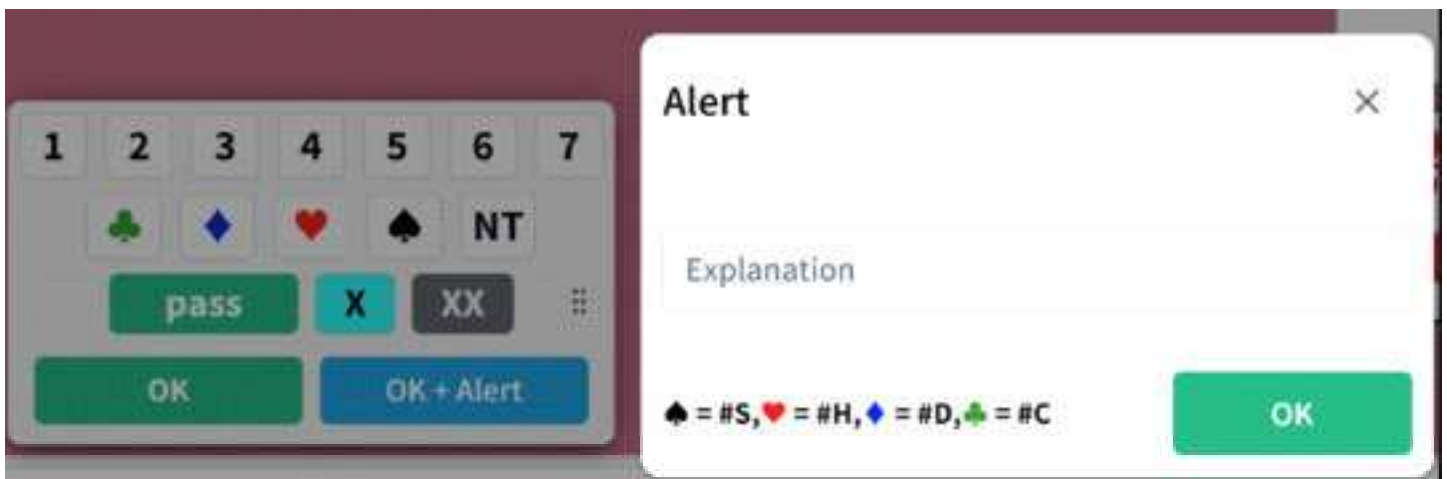
After selecting **OK + Alert**, an explanation box will appear.

Enter a brief description of your bid and click OK.

Examples include:

- Transfer to Hearts
- Stayman
- Weak Two in Hearts
- 5+ Clubs, 11–21 HCP

As a guide, explain what the bid means rather than simply naming the convention.



Quick Checklist

- ✓ Open Settings
- ✓ Select the Play tab
- ✓ Choose Compact bidding box
- ✓ Ensure "Select pass as default bid in bidding box" is OFF
- ✓ Confirm your preferred card play method

A quick settings check today could save a costly board tomorrow.