

Managing Groups Part 4 - Group Setup Notation

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The most recent FASR notations approved by the Caller Training Committee are as follows:

FASR NAMING					
P	Partner	PL	Partner Line	PLO	Partner Line OUT Sequence
C	Corner	CL	Corner Line	CLO	Corner Line Out Sequence
O	Opposite	OL	Opposite Line	OLO	Opposite Line OUT Sequence
R	Right Hand Lady	RL	RHL Line	RLO	RHL Line OUT Sequence

This notation is fine, as far as it goes. There is an insinuation that if the Sequence element is not stated, the assumption is an IN Sequence state. This is fine, as long as the assumed Formations are always generalized Lines. However, these notations do not accommodate any MIXED pairing state. Relative Pairing states are always the SAME.

In relation to Groups structure, two elements are missing: (a) references to Box Formations, (b) and therefore required references to relative pairings, SAME or MIXED that carry inferences to Relative Sequence states in both Lines and Boxes.

The focus on Group usage is Getouts. Callers will create a Getout and then work back into the Setup required for the successful application. In the process, callers will gather their favorite Getouts into notes they can use reminders, since it takes a while to incorporate all the Getouts in our memory.

In constructing Getouts, we can use a common notation system that defines the Setups from which the Getouts are applied. Any such notation system should leverage off the currently accepted notations adopted by CALLERLAB. Such a Groups notation system will necessarily include identifiers for the following elements.

1. Group identifier. These follow logically from the Group name. These notations are in agreement with the CALLERLAB approved designations.
 - a. Corner Group C
 - b. Right Hand Lady Group R
 - c. Partner Group P
 - d. Opposite Group O
2. Formation identifier. These get a bit more complex. We will need identifiers for all 2x4 Formations, but for starters, we should set the identifiers for Lines and Boxes. There are different types of Line and Box Formations. An additional table is included later to try and capture what the various identifiers might look like. However, the basic Formations are Lines and Boxes.
 - a. Lines L (Agrees with CL designations)

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Group	Formation	Notations	Articulated Setup
Corner	Lines	CL	CORNER LINE
		CLO	CORNER LINE + R&L THRU
		CLM	CORNER LINE + LAD CHAIN
		CLMO	CORNER LINE + FLUTTER WHEEL
	Boxes	CB	CORNER BOX
		CBO	CORNER BOX + R&L THRU
		CBS	CORNER BOX + LAD CHAIN
		CBSO	CORNER BOX + FLUTTER WHEEL
Right Hand Lady	Lines	RL	RHL LINE IN
		RLO	RHL LINE + R&L THRU
		RLM	RHL LINE + LAD CHAIN
		RLMO	RHL LINE + FLUTTER WHEEL
	Boxes	R B	RHL BOX
		RBO	RHL BOX + R&L THRU
		RBS	RHL BOX + LAD CHAIN
		RBSO	RHL BOX + FLUTTER WHEEL
Partner	Lines	PL	PARTNER LINE
		PLO	PARTNER LINE + R&L THRU
		PLM	PARTNER LINE + LAD CHAIN
		PLMO	PARTNER LINE + FLUTTER WHEEL
	Boxes	PB	PARTNER LINE + R&L THRU + SLIDE THRU
		PBO	PARTNER LINE + SLIDE THRU
		PBS	HDS/SDS LEAD LEFT
		PBSO	HDS/SDS LEAD RIGHT
Opposite	Lines	OL	OPPOSITE LINE (IN)
		OLO	OPPOSITE LINE + R&L THRU
		OLM	OPPOSITE LINE + LAD CHAIN
		OLMO	OPPOSITE LINE + FLUTTER WHEEL
	Boxes	OB	OPPOSITE LINE + R&L THRU+SLIDE THRU
		OBO	OPPOSITE LINE + SLIDE THRU
		OBS	<STATIC> 4 LAD CHAIN + HDS/SDS LEAD LEFT
		OBSO	<STATIC> 4 LAD CHAIN + HDS/SDS LEAD RIGHT

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CORNER GROUP – LINES AND BOXES					
Setup	Group	Formation	Pairing	Sequence	Notation
	C	B	MIX	IN	CB
	C	L	MIX	IN	CLM
	C	B	MIX	OUT	CBO
	C	L	MIX	OUT	CLMO
	C	B	SAM	IN	CBS
	C	L	SAM	IN	CL
	C	B	SAM	OUT	CBSO
	C	L	SAM	OUT	CLO

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RIGHT HAND LADY GROUP – LINES AND BOXES					
Notation	Group	Formation	Pairing	Sequence	Setup
RBO	R	B	MIX	OUT	
RLMO	R	L	MIX	OUT	
RB	R	B	MIX	IN	
RLM	R	L	MIX	IN	
RBSO	R	B	SAM	OUT	
RLO	R	L	SAM	OUT	
RBS	R	B	SAM	IN	
RL	R	L	SAM	IN	

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PARTNER GROUP – LINES AND BOXES					
Setup	Group	Formation	Pairing	Sequence	Notation
	P	L	SAM	IN	PL
	P	B	SAM	OUT	PBSO
	P	L	SAM	OUT	PLO
	P	B	SAM	IN	PBS
	P	L	MIX	IN	PLM
	P	B	MIX	OUT	PBO
	P	L	MIX	OUT	PLMO
	P	B	MIX	IN	PB

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OPPOSITE GROUP - LINES AND BOXES					
Notation	Group	Formation	Pairing	Sequence	Setup
OLO	O	L	SAM	OUT	
OBS	O	B	SAM	IN	
OL	O	L	SAM	IN	
OBSO	O	B	SAM	OUT	
OLMO	O	L	MIX	OUT	
OB	O	B	MIX	IN	
OLM	O	L	MIX	IN	
OBO	O	B	MIX	OUT	

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Table of other 2x4 Formation Abbreviations

Formation	Abbreviation	Formation	Abbreviations
Right Two Faced Lines	rt2FL	Left Two Faced Lines	lt2FI
Right Columns	rtCol	Left Columns	ltCol
Double Pass Thru	DPT	Completed DPT	cDPT
Facing Lines	L	Out-Facing Lines	oL
Eight Chain Thru	B	Trade By	tbB
Right Hand Waves	rtW	Left Hand Waves	ltW