

English Bridge Union Club Director Training Course

'BOOK RULINGS' COURSE PREPARATION MATERIAL

Before you attend the 'Book Rulings' Course, your tutors would like you to spend some time familiarising yourself with the Law Book and its contents. One of the major difficulties faced by novice (and not so novice!) TDs is finding the appropriate Law to deal with the problem that confronts them at the table. To help you with this preparation, we have compiled a number of fact-finding exercises that will require you to look up and record information from the Law Book. Don't worry if you do not have time to do this before the course, as we will run through the answers on the day.

All those attending the course should bring with them a copy of *The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007*. It is recommended that you have your own copy of the Law Book or borrow the club copy, because most club directors find it helpful to 'tab' or 'highlight' parts of their own book to help them locate the most frequently used sections.

Definitions

You should recognise that this chapter is a full part of the Law Book — these definitions are part of the Laws of Bridge. Most of the technical terms used throughout the Laws are defined here.

Note how each of these terms is defined

<i>Bid</i>	
<i>Call</i>	

<i>How do these two terms differ?</i>	
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<i>Denomination</i>	
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<i>How does Law 29C affect this?</i>	
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<i>Honour</i>	
<i>Psychic call</i>	
<i>Rotation</i>	

<i>Round</i>	
<i>Session</i>	
<i>How are these two terms related?</i>	

Law 1 to 8 The Pack, boards, seats, dealing and moving

Problem	Your Ruling	Law Number
<p>An E/W pair in a Mitchell movement wants to change their seats from E/W to W/E, so that one player can sit over a particular adversary.</p> <p>Would you let them?</p>		
<p>Before play started the dealer sticker has fallen off Board 2 (It should be East) and has been replaced as North. Five rounds of the movement have been played when the board reaches your table.</p> <p>What would you do?</p>		
<p>NS have made a grand slam on the first round of the evening. When the board is played in Round 2 it is noticed that both North and East have a 3 of Hearts. The pack has no 2 of Hearts.</p> <p>Do you let the result stand?</p>		
<p>North concedes a penalty of 3400 in 7 Spades Redoubled. It emerges later that the hand has not been properly dealt on this evening but had been played in the Saturday evening 'Bridge Supper'</p> <p>Do you let the result stand?</p>		
<p>Players are arguing at the table because North, declarer, wants to remove the board and put it on the floor while he plays the hand. East/West insist that it should stay on the table.</p> <p>How do you settle this dispute?</p>		

Law 9, 13, 14 and 15 Irregularities, wrong number of cards, missing cards, wrong seats

Who can draw attention to an irregularity: During the auction?	
During the play?	
When should the director be summoned?	

Which laws do you use to deal with the following problems?

Problem	Solution	Law reference
Before the auction begins North/South have 14 and 12 cards and have looked. North has the 2 of Hearts that belongs to South.		
North — South have 14 and 12 cards. North has the Ace of Hearts that belongs to South.		
Play is almost complete. North, East and West have 3 cards left, South, a defender, only 2. You find the 9 of Clubs — a trump (and now a master) — on the floor at an adjacent table. South has earlier discarded in trumps.		
A pair, late to move, arrive at the table in a Howell movement to find that their E/W seats have been taken by the wrong pair. East, the dealer has opened 1NT.		