

Law Change Notes for Clubs and Players

- Law 1C Clubs, when replacing decks, should replace them with decks which have symmetrical backs.
- Law 7 Note that boards must now be kept in the centre of the table ***in the correct orientation.***
- Law 9 Dummy may now attempt to prevent an irregularity by any player, but is still unable to draw attention to an irregularity which has occurred until play concludes, except for correction of a mistaken explanation by Declarer.
- Law 13 When an incorrect number of cards is discovered before the player has made a call, the board will now be corrected and played, but may require the Director to later award an adjusted score.
- This Law applies when one or more hands have more than 13 cards.
- Law 14 This Law applies where there is a deck of less than 52 cards.
- Law 15B If, after the beginning of the Auction period, one or more players discover they have previously played the board, the board is cancelled.
- Law 20 If a player realizes they have given a wrong or incomplete explanation of partner's call or calls, they must call the Director prior to the facing of the opening lead.
- A player may not ask questions for their partner's benefit or with the intent to elicit an incorrect response from their opponent.
- Law 23 Comparable calls will be covered elsewhere in the notes for Directors.
- Law 24 This Law refers only to cards exposed during the Auction from the first call to the final pass. Law 49 refers to cards exposed by defenders during the play. For all other times the card is returned to the hand and Law 16 applies.
- Law 25 The criterion for judging when a call is unintended has become more stringent because loss of concentration is not justification for changing a call.
- Law 26 Players should be advised of the possible lead consequences when considering replacement calls.
- Law 27 Note that this Law refers to denominations (a suit or suits or NT) shown, not merely named.
- Law 30 Calls out of rotation may be withdrawn and later replaced with comparable calls which allow the offenders to continue bidding.
- Law 42 Dummy may now try to prevent *any* irregularity.
- Law62A A player is now responsible for correcting a revoke when attention is drawn to the irregularity, instead of when they become aware of it.

Law 66 Declarer or defender may now inspect, but not expose, their own card played to a trick until one of their side plays to the next trick.

Law 68 When claiming or conceding, the player must show their cards.

With the concurrence of *all four players*, play may now continue if the non-claiming or non-conceding side so requests, but the attained table result will then stand. This procedure can only be followed if the Director has not been called.

Law 75 Players should note that it is an infraction to explain an agreement where one does not exist, e.g. by stating an opinion as if it were an agreement, or “I’m taking that as...”.

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