



WOKING BRIDGE CLUB



APPEALS PROCESS

When the Director is called to your table, it is usually to make a ruling regarding The Laws of Duplicate Bridge. In many cases, such as a Lead Out of Turn, the Director is able to make a ruling at the table and play resumes with no further action required. Such rulings are called Book Rulings. Less frequently, for instance in cases concerning Unauthorised Information, the Director is required to make a Judgement Ruling which may necessitate an adjustment to be made to the result obtained at the table. In such cases, at the close of the session, the Director will assemble the four players to review the facts and to make a judgement which is as fair as possible to both sides. In reaching a decision, the director will consult two club directors or experienced players present at the session.

Very occasionally, players feel compelled to appeal against a Director's ruling which they consider to have been incorrect or unfair to them. It is quite acceptable to make such an appeal. However, both members of the partnership must agree to making the appeal, which may be made immediately at the end of the session or within a specific time period, after which no appeal may be made. The time limit for making an appeal at Woking Bridge Club is 24 hours after the end of the session. So that is 10:30pm and 4:00pm the following day for Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon sessions respectively.

The first step in making an appeal is to inform the Director involved, who will then issue the appellants with the EBU's Appeal Form. This is also available from the Club Documents section of our website. The form will need to be completed fully by both pairs concerned and the Director, who will arrange for a panel of three of the club's Directors, none of whom were involved in the original ruling, to adjudicate the appeal. Full disclosure of the result of the Appeals Committee will be made to all involved. Should the appellants disagree with the Appeal Committee's decision, they may make a further appeal to the EBU, which will require a deposit of £75.

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