

# LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE 2017

## Key points

- Not a lot changes; a number of clarifications to wording (eg unintended bids), some extra comments (some already known, some about AI/UI from withdrawn actions and penalty cards) and some completions to existing rules (eg handling both side revoking on same trick).
- Rectifications have developed to improve the chance of a meaningful bridge result

## Changes affecting players

- You don't need to call TD about your own mis-explanation until just before the opening lead (was previously call TD immediately you realise)
- You can look at other hands with the permission of an opponent (was previously just permission of the Director)
- A defender may not show dummy their hand.
- If the opponents claim, you can ask to play on and if all four agree then the director is not called and the "claim" is ignored.

## Changes the Director announces to the players when required

- "Comparable Call" introduced : a replacement which does not generate UI. Its use brings no lead penalties.
- When a suitable replacement is not supplied, lead penalty changes : only option is the prohibition of any one suit not specified in the legal auction.
- Insufficient Bid : can be replaced with a comparable call or by the lowest sufficient bid specifying the same denomination.
- Pass/Bid/Double out of rotation : can be replaced by a comparable call, and if not, restriction is partner must pass once (was previously pass throughout)
  - if OOR at partner's turn, partner gets to make any legal call first.
- Extra cases of taking away an offender's advantage, but not necessarily rewarding the non-offenders.
- Extra option for declarer if defender makes premature play (to pick the suit offender's partner must lead)
- Explicit mention of a penalty against a player who uses Unauthorised Information.