

LCBA 2015-16 APPEAL (& PSYCHE) FORM – League Matches only

STATEMENT OF BASIC FACTS		Director –		Date –	
Division -		Home Team -		Away Team -	
Board No -		Dealer -		Vul.-	
NS Captain (& team) –				EW Captain (& team)–	
Players Names Below		Hands		N ♠	
North –				♥	
South –				♦	
				♣	
W		♠		E ♠	
East –		♥		♥	
West –		♦		♦	
		♣		♣	
AUCTION		S		♠	
NS system -				♥	
EW system -				♦	
In record below also Record Announcements and insert A for Alert H for Hesitation				♣	
West Calls		North Calls		East Calls	

Nature of Alleged Irregularity in either Auction or Play reported to Director
(e.g. hesitation, other unauthorised information, misinformation etc.)

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RESULT (actual or adjusted etc) Appealed Against Opening Lead

If play of the hand was completed with a different result, prior to Director ruling state that result:

Contracts & Results

At other table played in the same orientation (1)

At the two tables played in the other orientation (2) and (3)

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT OF FACTS (see overleaf) [continue on separate sheet if necessary]

STATEMENT BY APPELLANT (see below) [continue on separate sheet if necessary]

COMMENT (if any) by OTHER SIDE (see below) [continue on separate sheet if necessary]

This form should normally * (see below) be completed FULLY, and signed by Director & both sides on the match night; then submitted by email (or duplicated & posted) as indicated below. If not countersigned on the night the appellant MUST ALSO send an emailed or photocopy to the other captain.

Signature for Appellant Side

[either player at table
or captain]

Counter Signature for Other Side

[either player at table
or captain]

NOTES:

Signature of Director

General: It is the duty of the Home Captain/Team to provide an authorised copy of the 2007 Laws of Bridge, the 2015 Blue Book, the LCBA League Playing Director's Guide and the LCBA OTN League Rules, all of which potential appellants may refer to. [Away Captains may consider it prudent to carry their own.]

The Director (Away Captain, or his nominee, unless agreed otherwise) is there to give any rulings required. In the rare cases of an appeal being made against his ruling he is asked to assist the Laws & Ethics Committee [L & E] in arriving at a correct judgement by providing a brief statement of facts explaining the basis of his ruling. If, as will sometimes happen, a Director is unsure what ruling to make, he should be open about this. He should give some ruling & advise the team ruled against to lodge an appeal so that the matter can be properly resolved by the L & E.

System Cards: If the appeal concerns anything directly or indirectly involving the bidding, as the L & E may need to explore the systems employed, copies of relevant System Cards must be attached to this document.

*** Appellant unsure whether to Appeal.** To preserve the right to appeal a ruling you MUST notify both your opponents and the Director of this at the end of the day's play if not earlier. You will also need, at least partially, to complete the Appeal Form so the basic facts are recorded and agreed on the night. If later - perhaps next day after consulting a 'friend' (such as a qualified Director) - you decide not to proceed simply let both your opponents and the Director know.

Appellant Statement. This should make clear the BASIS OF APPEAL indicating (i) What actions is/are involved, and (ii) In what way (if any) you were damaged as a consequence of them. [If it relates to the play use the diagram overleaf to show the cards still held when the alleged offence occurred by crossing through (/) cards already played.]

Submitting the Appeal. Any appeal against a decision of the Director must be sent within 3 days of the match, by email or post*, to the LCBA League Secretary (Richard Smith @ 5 Sedgefield Drive, Thurnby, Leicester LE7 5PT) for the attention of the L & E. [* copies of documents posted should be retained]

Psyche Reports If a psychic bid is reported to the Director, he shall, on request, record the details of the board on which it occurred, and report them as above, for the attention of the L & E.