

SURREY COUNTY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

APPEALS AGAINST RULINGS MADE BY A DIRECTOR AT SURREY EVENTS

A ruling made by a director can be appealed by a player and the following procedure **must** then be followed:

- a Complete fully an EBU appeal form ensuring that all parties have had the opportunity to put their comments on the form in the appropriate place and have signed the form.
 - (i) full details of the hand with dealer, vulnerability, auction, alerts, explanations and play.
 - (ii) results of the board (at both tables for teams).
 - (iii) the grounds for appeal and statements made by players at the time.
 - (iv) signed statements on behalf of each pair or team if appropriate.
 - (v) the ruling in the first instance and who gave it.
 - (vi) Telephone numbers if the appeal is to be heard off site.

The appeal will be carried out in accordance with the EBU Tournament Directors' Guide (White Book).

If the appeal is being held on site and all parties attending, in the interest of saving time, they need not write their comments etc. The committee will first ask them if they agree to the facts related by the T.D. and then ask them for their comments etc. When the appeal committee have reached a decision, they will communicate this to the T.D., who has **the responsibility of informing both pairs**.

If the appeal is not heard on site then the T.D. **must** ensure that all parties write their comments on the form in the appropriate place & have signed the form. The T.D. should then send this appeal form to the Surrey Competition Chairman. If it is a simple application of the laws the Surrey Competition Chairman may seek a ruling from an EBU Panel Tournament Director, or he/she may send copies to three members of the Surrey Appeals Panel.

Appeals will generally be dealt with by correspondence rather than a meeting of the Surrey Appeals Panel. An appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of £20 per pair or £30 per team.

The T.D. or Surrey Competition Chairman, **must communicate** the appeal committee's decision to both pairs informing all parties that they have the right to appeal against the appeal committee's decision. Tell them to read the relevant Orange book statement (currently OB. 8A & 8B), in particular that the parties have the right to appeal further to the EBU with a letter to the Secretary of the Law & Ethics Committee, but such appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of £75.