

Burnham Undo Tournament Regulation: Effective January 6th 2025

With effect from January 6th 2025, Burnham Bridge Club is changing its Tournament Regulation on Undos in online games played on BBO. Ever since Burnham sessions started online the regulation has been to not allow Undos in the bidding or play. We are changing this to allow Undos in the bidding *but not in the play*.

Undos in the bidding will be allowed for genuine misclicks, *but not for changes of mind, lapses of concentration or inattention to the game*.

The regulation will be based on extracts from the Laws of Bridge (2017) and the EBU Blue Book (2024) – see below. Please note that opponents have the right to refuse an Undo request if they are unsure of the circumstances; the TD must be called if there is a request for an UNDO in the auction, and the situation is at all unclear. It is not “unfriendly” to call the director at any time in our game.

Most misclicks can be avoided if your BBO account settings “Confirm Bids” and Confirm Cards” are turned on.

Extract 1: Taken from the WBF Laws of Bridge (2017)

LAW 25 - LEGAL AND ILLEGAL CHANGES OF CALL

A. Unintended Call

1. If a player discovers that he has not made the call he intended to make, he may, until his partner makes a call, substitute the call he intended for the unintended call. The second (intended) call stands and is subject to the appropriate Law, but the lead restrictions in Law 26 do not apply.
2. If the player’s original intent was to make the call selected or voiced, that call stands. A change of call may be allowed because of a mechanical error or a slip of the tongue, but not because of a loss of concentration regarding the intent of the action.

Extract 2: Taken from the EBU Blue Book (2024)

9C	Online laws - UNDOs
9C.1	<i>Unintended calls and plays</i> BBO and RealBridge allow for calls and plays to be withdrawn on the request of the player, and with the agreement of the opponents: called an ‘UNDO’.
(a)	In all EBU events, there are no UNDOs in the play.
(b)	UNDOs are allowed in all EBU events in the auction for genuine ‘misclicks’ – a ‘misclick’ corresponds to a ‘mechanical error’, see Law 25A2. Misclicks may be reduced if the double-click to accept method is used.
(c)	The time limit on corrections in Law 25A (until partner makes a call) applies online – the player should not request an UNDO if they have seen partner’s subsequent call. Note it is possible that the UNDO request may not appear to other players after they see the partner’s call. The director should be called and will rule on this and other matters related to the original call.
(d)	The TD must be called if there is a request for an UNDO in the auction, and the situation is at all unclear.

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	(e) If the other side accept the request for an UNDO (without calling the TD) they will usually be deemed to have accepted the replacement call (Law 25B1: the second call stands and the auction continues).
	(f) If there is an UNDO request for a genuine unintended call but the platform has reached the point where the change of call is no longer possible, the director rules that it is too late to change the call and the result stands - there is no score adjustment. (This happens on BBO if a board is passed out despite an UNDO request, the platform moves on to the next board, and the board which was passed out cannot be replayed.)
	(g) It is an offence to call once an UNDO request has been made.