

Condoning

One of those jargon words

When a player ignores an opponent's error and plays on they are said to have 'condoned' it.

Most common errors can be condoned:

- Leads from the wrong hand
- Insufficient bids
- Bids out of turn

Once an error has been condoned then there will be no penalty; play will just continue

- A few things may not be condoned:
- A revoke that has not yet become established
- A double by the partner of the last bidder
- A re-double not preceded by an opponent's double
- An opening lead out of turn by Declarer or Dummy
- A bid of more than 7. *Many years ago it was possible to sacrifice in 8 of a suit.*
- Calls after the auction has ended (ie after three in turn passes)
- A lead out of turn on trick 13

If any of these situations arise then it will be necessary to refer to the relevant laws. Please ask if unsure – it doesn't happen very often.