



Laws of duplicate Bridge 2017

Ruling Simulations

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HAND 1: SIMULATION RULING



W	N	E	S
	1S	2S ¹	3S
4C	4S	5C	X ²
P	6S	all pass	

		S	AK964		
		H	K3		
		D	AQJ102		
		C	8		
S	10853			S	2
H	875	Dealer North	H	AJ1094	
D	98	Love all	D	74	
C	K764		C	QJ1092	
		S	QJ7		
		H	Q62		
		D	K653		
		C	A53		

1=Ghestem hearts & clubs

2=Control

Q clubs to ace, three rounds of trumps, plays Ace diamonds and all follow. North claims diamonds are good, you get one heart at the end.

West says play on and all concur. North draws the last trump and make the contract. West now calls TD asking for adjustment since North clearly forgot about the trump and realised after I said play on.....

RULING Under law 68D2(b)(ii) the score now stands



HAND 2: SIMULATION RULING



East opens 1♣, West raises to 4♣

East to play 4♣

North leads A♦ Out of turn (if asked, A from AK).

TD!

Lead not accepted, and Diamond lead prohibited. ♦A returned to hand

South leads ♣A, followed by a small club. North wins and plays ♦A, ♦K, for one down.

East calls TD. *“Without information from ♦A lead the normal lead from South is ♥J but knowing his partner has ♦AK makes the club lead easier, attempting to get into partner's hand.”*

	S	32		
	H	862		
	D	AK10653		
	C	K10		
S	Q987		S	AKJ54
H	AQ3	Dealer East	H	K754
D	QJ	NS Vul	D	74
C	Q854		C	J2
	S	106		
	H	J109		
	D	982		
	C	A9763		

RULING

Under Law 50E2 the information from the penalty card is *unauthorised* for South once returned to North hand

& Law 50E4 since the outcome of the board could have been different, adjust the score (this is likely to be weighted e.g. 50% of this... 50% of that), trying to achieve as near as possible the outcome without the penalty card.



HAND 5: SIMULATION RULING



North passes and East opens 1NT and West bids 2♦ OOT.

TD!

If asked, 2♦ is transfer to hearts.¹

After ruling, bidding –

W	N	E	S
	Pass	1NT	2D (natural)
3H	Pass	4H	All pass

West plays 4♥ and on the lead of Spade, heart or diamond makes 10 tricks. (Club lead may set the contract).

TD called, S says “without bid out of turn East would play the contract. I only bid 2♦ to complicate West’s bid. I wouldn’t normally bid 2♦ vulnerable after a 1NT opening and the bidding would be EW only 1NT – 2♦ - 2♥ - 3NT – 4♥ and I would lead a Diamond and with simple defense 1 down. West’s infraction gave him a good score.”

RULING

The 3H is not the infraction. As stated in Law 23C, there is no evidence that the good score is caused by assistance gained by the infraction. No adjustment

		S	98532		
		H	743		
		D	A752		
		C	5		
S	J6			S	AQ74
H	AK1082	Dealer North	H	QJ6	
D	K6	NS Vul	D	84	
C	10932		C	AK86	
		S	K10		
		H	95		
		D	QJ1093		
		C	QJ74		

Note 1:

If asked: After 2♦ overcall of 1NT EW play

x = penalty

2♥ = natural to play

2NT= ♦stopper, asks for 4 card major

3♦ no ♦stopper, asks 4 card major

3♥ = GF, 5 hearts

4♥ = to play



HAND 8: SIMULATION RULING



Before West can open the bidding East bids 1 Heart out of rotation. TD is called.

If the TD offers South the option of accepting the bid out of rotation South should decline.

If the TD asks West to make an opening call West should bid 1 Heart and North should overcall 1Spade.

After any further instructions from the TD East will bid 4NT. EW will then bid on to 6 Hearts but NS will sacrifice in 6 Spades and East will be the opening leader. North will ask if he can forbid a heart lead.

		S	AK9865		
		H	9		
		D	32		
		C	K743		
S	3			S	7
H	Q10874	Dealer West		H	AKJ652
D	AK1096	Neither Vul		D	QJ87
C	J9			C	A10
		S	QJ1042		
		H	3		
		D	54		
		C	Q8652		

RULING

29A South has the option to accept the call out of rotation

31B1 16C2 East's 1 Heart bid is cancelled. Bidding reverts to West for whom the withdrawn call is unauthorised information at that moment

31B2 31A2 16C2 26 After North has called East must make a legal call. If it is a comparable call there is no further rectification and East's withdrawn call is authorised information to all players. If it is not a comparable call then West must pass when it is next his turn to call, the withdrawn call remains unauthorised information and if EW become defenders lead restrictions will apply but as hearts have bid in the legal auction North cannot prohibit a heart lead



HAND 9: SIMULATION RULING



Bidding (EW silent): 1NT – 2♥ (transfer), 2♠ all pass

North plays in 2♠.

Lead ♦Q to ♦K; ♠2 to ♠J and ♠K; ♦J to ♦A; ♠A; ♣K; ♣A leading to this position

		S	5		
		H	KJ76		
		D	6		
		C	6		
S	Void			S	K
H	AQ832	Dealer North	H	94	
D	8	EW Vul	D	109	
C	J		C	Q10	
		S	1086		
		H	105		
		D	4		
		C	9		

RULING

Law 45 C4(b), card played with lack of concentration may not be changed

Ref Revoke, decide if it is to be corrected in Law 62 before deciding if established in Law 63 or penalising in Law 64. So apply Law 62 C3, both sides revoking causing revoke to be corrected

North calls for a diamond from dummy, dummy plays ♦4, North says *“oops, I meant heart”*. When TD comes North will say *“I had a hard day today, I’m tired and wasn’t concentrating”*

TD!

If TD allows change to heart, play continues normally.

If TD doesn’t allow change

♦8 from West, trumped by north, overtrumped by East!

East plays ♣Q and North says *“oops again – I have a diamond!”*

TD!



HAND 10: SIMULATION RULING



North opens 2D Flannery (11-15, 5 spades, 4 hearts) out of turn

TD!

Bid out of turn not accepted.

East opens 1NT, all pass.

East calls TD and wants to know if he can demand a diamond lead.

(Note: 2NT makes on any lead)

		S	KJ642		
		H	A1076		
		D	94		
		C	A10		
S	5			S	AQ109
H	J52	Dealer East		H	KQ3
D	Q832	Both Vul		D	KJ107
C	Q7642			C	J3
		S	873		
		H	984		
		D	A65		
		C	K985		

RULING

L23 – *Pass is not comparable to 2D opening*

L26B (note L26 has been changed and so a diamond lead cannot be demanded, but a lead of any one suit could be prohibited).



HAND 14: SIMULATION RULING



W N E S
 1♠ TD! 1♦¹ 1♦ is better minor (1NT=12-14)

1♠ TD!

After West's bid out of turn TD gives ruling and bidding continues

W N E S
 2♠ 3♦ 4♠ 2♣
 all pass

South leads ♦Q. Out of turn TD!

TD explains options and West accepts the lead out of turn and wants East to play the hand.

East plays 4♠. Lead ♦Q. Contract made (10 tricks makes unbeatable¹).

NS call TD "EW reached game on 23 points because West could bid at the 2 level with only 8 points and a 4 card suit"

		S	54		
		H	872		
		D	A106432		
		C	K2		
S	Q987			S	AK62
H	AJ3	Dealer East		H	KQ94
D	J9	Neither Vul		D	K75
C	10854			C	63
		S	J103		
		H	1065		
		D	Q8		
		C	AQJ97		

RULING

Law 23C Once the comparable call ruled, the knowledge of the withdrawn call is authorised. Hence: No adjustment.

Note: If we had been lenient and ruled e.g. 14-16 NT is comparable to a 15-17 NT and e.g. a hand had not invited, there is evidence of taking advantage of extra information and an adjustment may be made



HAND 15: SIMULATION RULING



South will open the bidding with 1 Diamond, West will make an intermediate jump overcall of 2 Hearts, North will pass and East will make an insufficient bid of 2 Diamonds. The TD is called.

If the TD offers South the option to accept the insufficient bid South will decline.

If East is asked to make a legal call he/she will bid 3 Diamonds.

If asked about the partnership's methods East will say that after partner overcalls, a cue-bid of the opponent's suit asks how good the overcall is and if maximum for a further description of the hand. It is often based on trump support but not always.

		S	106542		
		H	AJ10		
		D	J64		
		C	95		
S	K83			S	AQ97
H	K98543	Dealer	South	H	62
D	A8	NS	Vul	D	95
C	J8			C	KQ1074
		S	J		
		H	Q7		
		D	KQ10732		
		C	A632		

RULING

27A1 South has the option to accept the insufficient bid

27B1(b) 3 Diamonds is a comparable call to 2 diamonds as they have the same purpose. It is not 'making good' under 27B1(a) as 2 Diamonds does not specify a denomination.

23A3 There is no further rectification, no unauthorised information and no lead restrictions



HAND 17: SIMULATION RULING



Auction proceeds normally to 4Sx by East

Dummy's LHO will show dummy his hand after dummy spreads. Dummy looks at it.

Declarer should revoke on the first opportunity. Before the revoke is established, dummy says to declarer: "Don't you have (the suit)?" LHO calls TD and says that dummy saw his hand.

		S	8		
		H	Q83		
		D	QJ9732		
		C	864		
S	A1032			S	KQ9754
H	KJ106	Dealer North		H	52
D	1084	Neither Vul		D	K
C	Q2			C	J975
		S	J6		
		H	A974		
		D	A65		
		C	AK103		

RULING

Consider whether dummy tried to avoid looking

L43A3 says a defender may NOT show dummy his hand, consider procedural penalty

L43A2(c) dummy may not look

L43B2(b) then dummy not allowed to point out revoke, declarer must correct the card if the original card was illegal and the provisions of Law 64 apply as if the revoke had been established.



HAND 18: SIMULATION RULING



South is in 3NT and has 7 tricks

The lead is in dummy and he calls for D6. But dummy leads H6.

Each plays SQ and south the DJ and West H5. East leads D10 for the next trick and declarer thinks that it's a lead out of turn and calls TD

		S	
		H 64	
		D Q96	
		C	
S			S
H 85		BOARD 2	H Q3
D 75		NS Vul	D K
C J			C 109
		S	
		H 109	
		D AJ	
		C 5	

RULING: Apply law 45D, perhaps look at 16D.

The 2007 laws do not say what happens if it is too late to change a card misplayed by dummy.

The 2017 laws cover this 45D2

