

## COMMON DIRECTOR CALLS and TIPS

**Director please** .. turn your body so the sound is heading toward the director so they can hear you .. good directors acknowledge your request so you don't need to keep calling .. the person who called the director speaks first, but everyone (except dummy) will have an opportunity to speak .. people speak one at a time .. do not interrupt other speakers.

**Opening lead out of turn** .. the declarer has 5 options .. 1) you can be the dummy by putting your hand on the table (please record and score the board as your partner being the declarer of record) .. 2) you can see the dummy first and continue to play in the normal rotation .. 3) you may also choose to forbid or 4) demand the lead of the suit from the correct side, but the card led in error is restored back to their hand and they may play what they wish .. 5) or you may ignore the improper lead and let the correct opening leader choose whatever they wish and the penalty card remains

**Subsequent lead out of turn** .. only options 3-5 apply.

**REVOKE (failure to follow suit)** .. long ago this was intending to penalize, whereas rules changed and intention is to restore equity .. usually this is a one trick penalty unless the HAND that revoked won the trick where two tricks are rewarded .. situations do occur when more tricks can be awarded (most often when running suit is disrupted)

**INSUFFICIENT BID** .. this is a complex topic due to a recent rule change, but unless there was a mechanical error, the first option is the next player without assistance from their partner may accept or reject the bid. some bids are "INADMISSIBLE" and may not be accepted. If the bid is not accepted, the director must decide what corrections are allowed as the correction must be "similar" in nature to the insufficient bid.

**CLAIMING** .. either side may "claim" at anytime during the hand. It is important to call the director immediately if you don't agree as other choices you make may be affected. You are expected to explain your line of play. All 4 players may agree to continue playing the hand if they all agree, but call DIRECTOR if not. All players are encouraged to play when the outcome of the remaining tricks is known.

**ALERTING** .. the failure to timely alerts or announcements or misinformation given is a frequent reason why directors make rulings ..