

THE GO TO LAWS

12 : Director's Discretionary Powers

16 : Authorised and Unauthorised Information

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72C : Awareness of Potential Damage

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DIRECTORS HAVE THE POWER

.... USE IT WISELY

Law 12

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WHEN THE LAWS SAY SO

NO RECTIFICATION PRESCRIBED

NORMAL PLAY NOT POSSIBLE

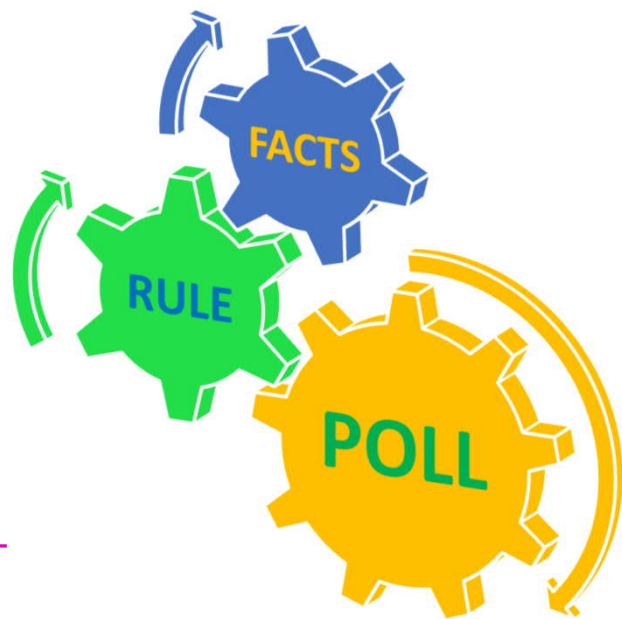
INCORRECT RECTIFICATION

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USING
YOUR
JUDGEMENT

GET OPINIONS
FROM OTHERS

CONSULT



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Give an **Assigned Adjusted Score** whenever possible

An Assigned Adjusted Score looks like a normal bridge score

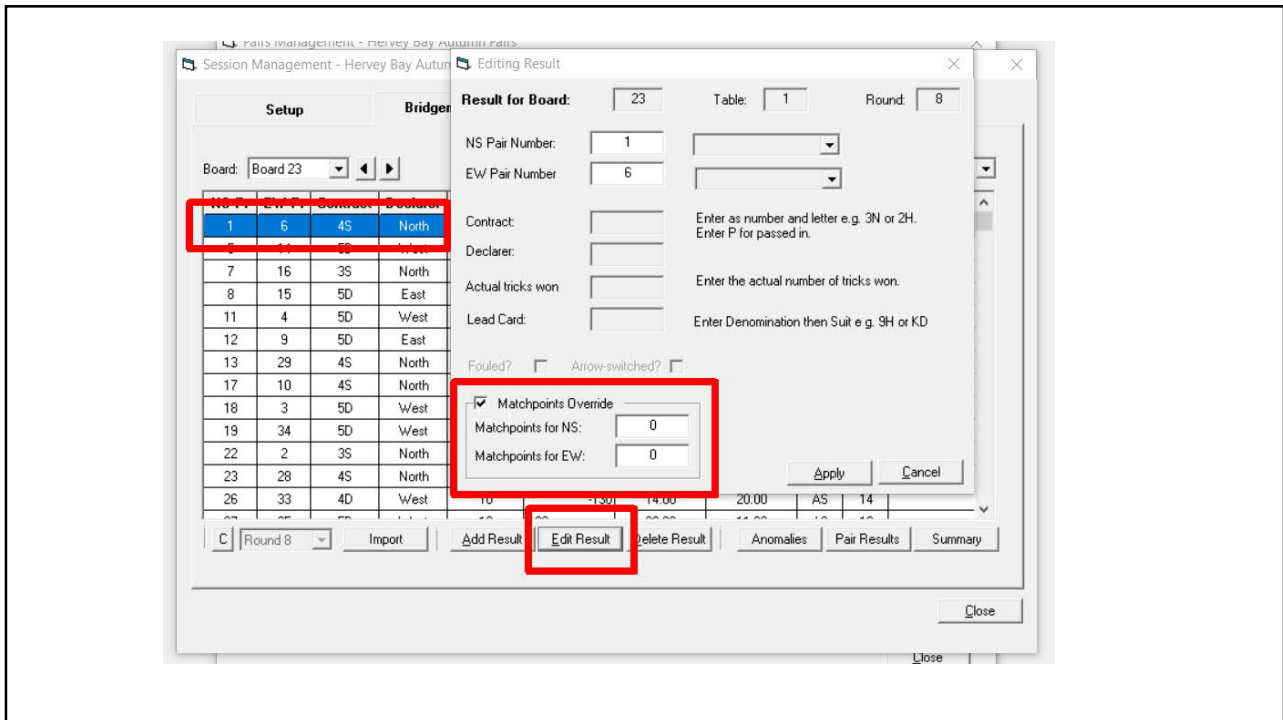
+420 -50 1100



Assigned Adjusted Scores may be weighted to reflect a number of potential results [Law 12C1(c)]

~~5♣E 10~~ 70% 4♥N 10 14 9.8 NS 11.6
 30% 4♥N 9 6 1.8 EW 12.4

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Law 12C1(d) If the possibilities are numerous or not obvious, the Director may award an **artificial adjusted score** (see C2 below).

C1(e) If, subsequent to the irregularity, the non-offending side has contributed to its own damage by an extremely serious error (unrelated to the infraction) or by a gambling action, which if unsuccessful it might have hoped to recover through rectification, then: (i) The offending side is awarded the score it would have been allotted as the consequence of rectifying its infraction.

(ii) The non-offending side does not receive relief for such part of its damage as is self-inflicted.

4♥N +420

5♦E +50

6♥XN -300

4♥N -100

5♦E +50 -50

6♥XN -300

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NS Score with no infraction 18

NS Score after EW infraction 6

What is the damage? 12

NS Score after NS serious error 0

What score is NS given? 12

EW Score (before infraction) 6



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2. (a) When owing to an irregularity no result can be obtained [see also C1(d)] the Director awards an **artificial adjusted score** according to responsibility for the irregularity: average minus (at most **40%** of the available matchpoints in pairs) to a contestant directly at fault, average (**50%** in pairs) to a contestant only partly at fault, and average plus (at least **60%** in pairs) to a contestant in no way at fault.

(b) When the Director chooses to award an artificial adjusted score of average plus or average minus at IMP play, that score is **plus 3 IMPs** or **minus 3 IMPs** respectively. Subject to approval by the Regulating Authority, this may be varied by the Tournament Organizer as provided for by Laws 78D, 86B3 and (d) hereunder.

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(c) The foregoing is modified for a non-offending contestant that obtains a session score exceeding 60% of the available matchpoints or for an offending contestant that obtains a session score that is less than 40% of the available matchpoints (or the equivalent in IMPs). Such contestants are awarded the percentage obtained (or the equivalent in IMPs) on the other boards of that session.

61.4%

36.7%

+ 3.4 imp

- 3.7 imp

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LAW 16 - AUTHORIZED AND UNAUTHORIZED INFORMATION

Legal calls & plays of the current board including illegal calls & plays that are accepted

Authorized information from a withdrawn action

Information specified in any law or regulation to be authorized or, when not otherwise specified, arising from the legal procedures authorized in these laws and in regulations

Information that the player possessed before he took his hand from the board (Law 7B) and the Laws do not preclude his use of this information

A player's own estimate of his own score - Traits of the opponents - Any requirement of the tournament regulations

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Extraneous Information from Partner

When is extraneous information from partner unauthorised?

When it might suggest a call or play

remarks

questions

replies to questions

unexpected alerts or failures to alert

unmistakable hesitation

unwonted speed

special emphasis

tone

gesture

movement or mannerism

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A player may not choose a call or play that is demonstrably suggested over another by UI if the other call or play is a logical alternative.

So ... what is a logical alternative?

A logical alternative is an action that a significant proportion of the class of players in question, using the methods of the partnership, would seriously consider, and some might select.

So ... how do you measure that?

1 in 4, at the very least, bordering on 1 in 5

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A player thinks an opponent has created UI ...

... and he thinks his side may be damaged ...

What should he do and when does he do it?

He may reserve the right to summon the Director later.

How does he do this? **Very Carefully**

Opponents should summon the Director immediately if they dispute the fact that UI was conveyed.

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When a player has **substantial reason** to believe that an opponent who had a logical alternative has chosen an action suggested by such information, he should summon the Director **when play ends**.

The Director shall assign an adjusted score if an offender has gained an advantage.

An Assigned Adjusted score whenever possible ...

... **which means almost always**

It is not an infraction to call the Director earlier or later.

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UI from Withdrawn Calls and Plays

Withdrawn actions are **AI** to non-offenders

Their own withdrawn actions and the offender's withdrawn actions are **AI**

All information from withdrawn actions is **UI** to offenders

Partner's withdrawn actions and those of the non-offenders are **UI**

A player of an offending side may not choose a call or play that is demonstrably suggested over another by unauthorized information if the other call or play is a logical alternative.

Rule # 1

**Get the Board Played
Whenever Possible**

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Extraneous Information from Other Sources

Received Accidentally

Considered innocent of any wrong doing

- looking at the wrong hand
- overhearing calls, results or remarks
- seeing cards at another table
- seeing a card belonging to another player at his own table before the auction begins

Director should be notified forthwith,
preferably by the recipient of the information

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If the Director considers that the information would likely interfere with normal play he may, **before any call** has been made:

- adjust the players' positions at the table, if the type of contest and scoring permit, so that the player with information about one hand will hold that hand
- if the form of competition allows of it order the board redealt for those contestants
- allow completion of the play of the board standing ready to award an adjusted score if he judges that the extraneous information affected the result
- award an adjusted score (for team play see Law 86B).

After the first call and before completion of the play proceed with either of the last two dot points

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LAW 26 – CALL WITHDRAWN, LEAD RESTRICTIONS

No Lead Restrictions

When an offending player's **call** is withdrawn and it is replaced by a comparable call (see Law 23A), then if he becomes a defender there are no lead restrictions for his side. Law 16C does not apply, but see Law 23C.

Only the replacement call, at the legal turn,
is used to measure comparability.

Information imparted later is not used.

Corrections made under 27B1(a) are included here
although they need not be comparable.

27B2 has a cross reference to 26B

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Lead Restrictions

When an offending player's call is withdrawn and it is **not** replaced by a comparable call, then if he becomes a defender declarer may, at the offender's partner's first turn to lead (which may be the opening lead) prohibit offender's partner **from leading any (one) suit which has not been specified in the legal auction by the offender**. Such prohibition continues for as long as the offender's partner retains the lead.

Possibly some unfairness here

Declarer may forbid a suit totally
unconnected to the infraction

... and some traps

1D	1H	1S	Pass
2S	Pass	Pass	Pass

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LAW 72C – AWARENESS OF POTENTIAL DAMAGE

If the Director determines that an offender **could have been aware** at the time of his irregularity that it **could well damage** the non-offending side, he shall require the auction and play to continue (if not completed). At the conclusion of play the Director awards an adjusted score if he considers the offending side has gained an advantage through the irregularity.