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Change of card [2] (08:33:07 WedAug 7 2002)

Variation on the theme . Declarer is playing in a heart contract. He plays a club from dummy and intends to ruff it . the cards are slightly sticky and when he looks down the heart is there and on top of it is the jack of spades . The card was not dropped in the usual sense but the director ruled that the heart was played and the spade was accidently exposed. Agree ? Or should he rule that the spade is played as it was on top . Declarer clearly stated that he intended to play the trump.

[Edited By bluejak at 14:16:40 Wed Aug 7 2002]

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Re: Change of card [2] (14:26:34 WedAug 7 2002)

It is a little difficult to find this in the Laws! However, there is no doubt that the effect of the Laws on declarer is that cards intended to be played are played, those not intended are not. The effect of what you describe here is the same as if the heart was played and the spade was dropped, so I would rule the heart is played and the spade is returned to hand.

Is this covered by the Laws, Ed? 🤖

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Ed

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Re: Change of card [2] (07:14:33 ThuAug 8 2002)

Not specifically, but Law 48A says

Quote:

Declarer is not subject to penalty for exposing a card, and no card of declarer's or dummy's hand ever becomes a penalty card. Declarer is not required to play any card dropped accidentally.

So if the TD decides that the spade was dropped accidentally, this law would govern. On the evidence available, I agree with your ruling, David. 📖

Joost Boswijk

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Re: Change of card [2] (10:43:36 ThuAug 8 2002)

Isn't this covered by law 58 B2:

Quote:

If a player leads or plays two or more cards simultaneously:

If more than one card is visible, the player designates the card he proposes to play; when he is a defender, each other card exposed becomes a penalty card (see Law 50).

and then 48A?

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Re: Change of card [2] (12:00:59 ThuAug 8 2002)

Sounds the correct answer to me!

Yes, I had a blind spot, and thought that Law only applied ot
defenders. But it doesn't, of course. 😞

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Re: Change of card [2] (23:34:39 SatAug 10 2002)

Heh. *You* had a blind spot? I missed that law entirely. 😞

Perhaps there should be cross references between the two laws. 😊

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Declarer changes card (10:33:43 SatAug 10 2002)

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Right hand leads spade,
 declarer plays club,
 Left hand plays diamond
 Declarer says wait, I have a spade and takes up club and plays a
 spade.
 Question: Is left hand diamond a penalty card or can it be taken
 back in hand and played at any time?

JimO

Re: Declarer changes card (13:41:03 SatAug 10 2002)

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Law 47D.
 After an opponent's change of play, a played card may be
 withdrawn without penalty (but see 62C2) to substitute another
 card for the one played.

Law 62C.

1. Each member of the non-offending side may, without penalty,
 withdraw any card he may have played to the revoke but before
 attention was drawn to it (See Law 16C).
2. After a non-offender so withdraws a card, the hand of the
 offending side next in rotation may withdraw its played card, which
 becomes a penalty card if the player is a defender (See Law 16C).

Since the defenders are the non-offending side here, LH may
 change his card without penalty. This change of play is authorized
 information for the defenders, unauthorized for declarer, according
 to Law 16C.
 (I am assuming LH has no spades; if LH has also revoked, then he
 must correct his revoke, and the diamond becomes a major penalty
 card.)

-Jim O'Neil
 Oak Park, IL

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Re: Declarer changes card (21:51:58 SatAug 10 2002)

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Director Discovers Revoke (20:02:44 MonJul 8 2002)

Would appreciate your advice on the following: Can a director while contemplating a frivolous claim of damage use 81C6 to penalize a revoke not discovered by any of the players?

N dealer: 1D - 3C - P - 3H, all pass. North led the K of D, south played the 3; North led A of D, south played the 8. North continued with a diamond and South ruffed it. Play continued to the end of the hand. Table result: 3H, -1.

Director called. EW stated: 1. they were damaged because North played low-high with a doubleton stating it was illegal to do so without a pre-alert as stated in the new ACBL alert procedure change. 2. Had they known it was a doubleton they would have trumped it. [Nothing was ever said about the revoke!] The "expert" player insisted I refer to the new alert procedure. I told them to score the actual result and I would get back to them.

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.....Q7
.....52
.....AK754
.....QJ62
AJT.....543
....AKJT63.....8
....JT6.....Q2
....9.....AKT8743
.....K9862
.....Q974
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During the second round, I got back to this problem. No where could I find evidence of a pre-alert for discarding. I decided his confusion was leading low from a doubleton as a pre-alert in the alert procedure changes.

However, when I looked at the actual hands, I saw South's revoke. Even the person who actually revoked (a known, weak, yet very ethical player) did not know she revoked

I adjusted the score to +170 for EW, taking the revoke into consideration. Was I correct?

Thank you,
Dini Romito

JimO

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Re: Director Discovers Revoke (21:16:11 MonJul 8 2002)

First. leading low from a doubleton requires a pre-alert in ACBL events; upside-down signals do not.


Second, the penalty for an established revoke does not apply after 1) the non-offending side has called on the next deal, or 2) the round has ended. See Laws 64B4 and 64B5.

So it would be inappropriate to assess a 2-trick penalty (but appropriate to restore equity - adjust the score to whatever EW would have done without the revoke; at best +140 here).

-Jim O'Neil

Shuffler

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Re: Director Discovers Revoke (02:58:58 TueJul 9 2002)

Let's assume I handled this problem during the same round when I was called to the table. In my review of the hands, I discover the revoke. Would I then apply 81C3 and take the revoke into consideration for the score or would I keep silent and give EW +140?

Thank you, Dini

Ed

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Re: Director Discovers Revoke (04:37:58 TueJul 9 2002)

I agree with Jim as to the ruling given the original scenario. I think that if you discover the revoke at the time you're called to the table, you have to rule that the penalty applies.

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Re: Director Discovers Revoke (21:49:52 SatAug 10 2002)

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Change of card (14:37:44 FriJul 26 2002)

I have copied this from another Laws forum.

Would you please give me a ruling on the following: -

W is playing in a contract of 5 D. At a certain stage S wins (and now has 2 tricks) and leads a club, W (having no clubs) drops a heart - says she made a mistake and then picks it up and plays a trump...making her contract.

I am querying the fact that she was permitted (by the Director) to change her play. Had she not been allowed to change her card she would have gone one down.

Please explain!

Many thanks,
Denise Gordon

JimO

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Re: Change of card (17:54:22 FriJul 26 2002)

Law 45C2:

Declarer must play a card from his hand held face up, touching or nearly touching the table, or maintained in such a position as to indicate it has been played.

Derek

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Re: Change of card (05:21:50 SatJul 27 2002)

Law 45 C4(b) . A player may change an inadvertant designation if done without pause for thought. In this case you would need to be at the table and be aware if the exact timing to decide whether it is inadvertant or a mistake . It seems to be a close call as to which way to rule.Declarer is in 5D and has already lost two tricks and it would be close to irrational not to trump the return when void in the

suit .



JimO

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Re: Change of card (13:48:40 SatJul 27 2002)

45C4(b) does not apply here - that applies to a named or designated card (e.g, declarer's call of a card from dummy), not to a played card.

-Jim O'Neil

Ed

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Re: Change of card (03:18:56 SunJul 28 2002)

Jim is correct that Law 45C4(b) does not apply here.

Neither does Law 45C2.

Law 48A says:

A. Declarer Exposes a Card

Declarer is not subject to penalty for exposing a card, and no card of declarer's or dummy's hand ever becomes a penalty card.

Declarer is not required to play any card dropped accidentally.

TD ruled correctly, but it would have been better had TD read the applicable law at the table. 😞

<p>JimO</p> <hr/> <p>offline 175 posts Forum Host</p> <p>Reply</p>	<p>Re: Change of card (03:28:02 SunJul 28 2002)</p> <hr/> <p>If the card was dropped accidentally, then declarer may change it, of course, but that's not how I understand the situation. If she made a mistake and played the wrong card, then she may not change it.</p> <p>Perhaps the original poster should clarify what was meant by "dropped" and "made a mistake".</p> <p>-Jim O'Neil</p>
<p>[]</p> <hr/> <p>Reply</p>	<p>Re: Change of card (04:52:46 MonAug 5 2002)</p> <hr/> <p>People seem to have missed the fact that W was revoking in playing a heart, and may correct the revoke prior to a subsequent trick, and declarer cannot have a penalty card, so may pick it up and chage without penalty</p>
<p>[]</p> <hr/> <p>Reply</p>	<p>Re: Change of card (21:14:58 MonAug 5 2002)</p> <hr/> <p>oops.....disregard that last reply, got the contract wrong sorry 😊</p>
<p>Ed</p> <hr/> <p>offline 173 posts Forum Host</p> <p>Reply</p>	<p>Re: Change of card (06:45:51 WedAug 7 2002)</p> <hr/> <p>Quote: JimO at 03:28:02 Sun Jul 28 2002</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>If the card was dropped accidentally, then declarer may change it, of course, but that's not how I understand the situation. If she made a mistake and played the wrong card, then she may not change it.</p> <p>Perhaps the original poster should clarify what was meant by "dropped" and "made a mistake".</p> <p>-Jim O'Neil</p> </div>

I agree with your interpretation in your first paragraph, given your understanding of what happened, though I did read "dropped" as meaning "accidentally".

Agree also that clarification would help.

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misexplanation (06:25:06 SatJul 27 2002)

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North opens 1S, East overcalls 2S, alerted wy West as Clubs and Diamonds, South pass, West 3D, N doubles
East has ----
ARD10xx
x
ADVxxx
Whats is he allowed to say, knowing that the CC mentions Michaels (2S shows H and C)
What if there were no CC available ?
Many thanks

JimO

Re: misexplanation (13:43:14 SatJul 27 2002)

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There are 2 issues here - Unauthorized information and Misinfomation. (See Laws 16 and 75).
East is allowed to bid his hand, but must ignore West's misexplanation. He must assume that West took his 2S bid to mean H+ minor. West's explanation is UI for East.
After the auction is over, if E-W become the declaring side, or after the play is over, if E-W become defenders, they must inform the opponents that the 2S bid was explained incorrectly. N-S may be intitled to redress if they were damaged by the incorrect explanation.
If there is no convention card (a procedural violation), the situation is the same, as we are to assume a mistaken explanation, rather than a mistaken bid, in absence of evidence to the contrary.

In this case, E should be allowed to bid his hand - 4H seems about right - bending over backwards to not use the UI from partner's misexplanation.

-Jim O'Neil

bluejak

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Re: misexplanation (22:10:15 SunJul 28 2002)

It is only a procedural violation not to have a CC if it is played in a jurisdiction that requires one - not all do.

Otherwise, I agree with what Jim says.

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[James Vickers]

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Preventing an irregularity (11:05:39 FriJul 26 2002)

It is a basic tenet that the laws define correct procedure, and that anything not specifically sanctioned in the laws is not allowed. Thus:

Dummy may point out to his partner who is detaching a card to play that the lead is in dummy (or that a defender has the lead), as this is sanctioned in Law 41.

Dummy may not point out that a defender who is detaching a card is not on lead, as this is not specifically sanctioned.

So far agreed?

Last night my partner pulled out a card to lead to a trick, not having noticed that declarer had won the last trick. I stopped him in time, but an opponent objected that I was not allowed to do so.

Which law or regulation (or inference from either of these) allows me to do this?

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Re: Preventing an irregularity (14:48:53 FriJul 26 2002)

None. I think it is illegal.

I know everyone does stop their partner from doing things wrong when defending, and people rarely comment, but I actually think it is illegal. As you say, there is no Law allowing it, so 🌈

Let's see whether Ed comes up with something I have missed.

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Ed

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Re: Preventing an irregularity (03:27:39 SunJul 28 2002)

Don't think so. Law 9A2(b)2 and Law 46B2 specifically allowed dummy to attempt to prevent declarer's irregularity. I can't find any similar law allowing a defender to attempt to prevent his partner's.

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Misuse of stop card? (14:52:28 FriJul 26 2002)

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Last night a lady asked me if I use the stop card when I think the next player may have any problem to bid. An example:

..... N E S W
..... 1H - (1S) - stop 3H - (3S)
stop 4H

If N thinks than E may have any problem in his turn to bid, he use the Stop.

I didn't see anything like this before, but I think it is not lawful.

You don't think this way to use of the stop card (at least randomly) may be a way to transmit a UI to partner (I have a limit bid, the problem is for them)? Oppinions?

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Re: strager stop (15:07:18 FriJul 26 2002)

The rules for Stop cards are very simple: if your next call is a jump bid then you **always** use a Stop card: if it is not a jump bid, or it is a pass, double or redouble, then you **never** use a Stop card. Nothing else is legal.

There are some places which do not use Stop cards: but everywhere that does the above rules apply.

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Drawing inferences at your own risk (05:07:36

SunJul 21 2002)

I read about this happening just the other day:

A grand slam was bid in spades with 9 total trumps, missing the queen.

One of the opponents hesitated for a long time before passing the final 7S bid.

Declarer played him for the spade queen, finessed and went down. The spades were 2-2.

When asked by the director why he'd paused so long, LHO said that he was thinking of bidding 7NT and trying to calculate whether that would give a lesser minus to his side!

The director ruled 7S made!

The AC reversed the decision, saying that the declarer was entitled to draw inferences, but at his own risk.

This is fair enough, but it does seem as though there was some gamesmanship afoot here. In a case like this, can a procedural penalty be given to the "offending" side, whilst still allowing the result (7S-1) to stand?

I put this in the same category (almost) as hesitating with a singleton and wonder what you think.

bluejak

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Re: Drawing inferences at your own risk (

14:47:57 SunJul 21 2002)

Certainly you can penalise a player for breaches of etiquette, ethics, and the like, but in this case the director was completely wrong and declarer was very silly. There is no hint of gamesmanship here.

When a player reaches 7♠ and his opponent hesitates it means that his opponent is wondering whether to bid 7NT as a save, and he is extremely unlikely to have the queen of ♠s.

I am sure the Appeals Committee was right on this occasion.

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Re: Drawing inferences at your own risk (23:10:46 SunJul 21 2002)

Yes, I know the AC was right in reversing the diector's ruling, but (and I didn't put in all of the background here) I think it's possible that the defender in question WAS trying to put one across and that so, should have been penalised in some way.

That defender was a very experienced player - it's inconceivable that he could not know that going down 13 (or even 9 for that matter) would exceed the grand slam score. It was thought that he was deliberately pausing in order to cause confusion.

Quote:

A player may not attempt to mislead an opponent by means of remark or gesture, through the haste or hesitancy of a call or play (as in hesitating before playing a singleton), or by the manner in which the call or play is made.

I thought possibly the given situation might be covered by the above rule. If so, how could/would it be dealt with?

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Re: Drawing inferences at your own risk (

14:43:38 FriJul 26 2002)

I agree with your reading of the Laws, but I do not believe it can possibly apply in this situation.

The defender would never be trying to mislead declarer in this position since he could surely not believe that declarer was so tortally naive as to play him for the SQ. In fact his hesitation would give the position of the SQ away as being in his partner's hand if declarer had really thought about it.

Whatever he was thinking about, it was not an attempt to mislead declarer, since he had exactly what the hesitaiton showed: no defence!

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Misexplanation (15:21:40 SatJul 20 2002)

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AQ72

J75

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Board 31, NS Vul,

W N E S

1D - X - P - 2H

*3D - 4H - **P - P

5D - P P X

all pass Result: 5Dx down 2, -300

* West asks what the 2H bid means. North says weak. The bid was not alerted.

**After North bid 4H, East says I thought playing standard the jump to 2H showed 9+ pts, and South shakes his head yes. The bidding continued. End of the auction, director called. North says he forgot the jump shift meaning with this partner who he has played with often, and plays it weak with his regular partner. He thought his partner had six hearts and a weak hand. EW complain they have been damaged. North says to West that he would bid 5D anyway, not vulnerable. West says probably so but still wants an adjustment for the misexplanation.

I did not change the result. How would you rule?

Thanks for your guidance.

Dini

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Re: Misexplanation (15:35:48 SatJul 20 2002)

Sorry. I'm new at this. Hpefully OK now.

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Re: Misexplanation (00:23:54 SunJul 21 2002)

It looks like you have the E and W hands reversed, but never mind.



West claims his side were damaged. I don't see how, though. After all, he said he would bid 5D anyway. Besides, he **knew** North's explanation was wrong, after East's question and South's response. So it begins to look like he's trying for a double shot. Not a good plan. Absent damage, no adjustment for the misexplanation.

The conversation between East and South raises a more interesting question, IMO. East's question, at the time it's made (he should have waited until the bidding was over), and South's response, conveys UI to West and, to me, suggests that NS might make 4H, and so perhaps West should sacrifice. So bidding on is an infraction. I might just adjust the score back to 4H making for NS on that basis. I could be wrong, though, and if so I'm sure David will correct me. 🏠

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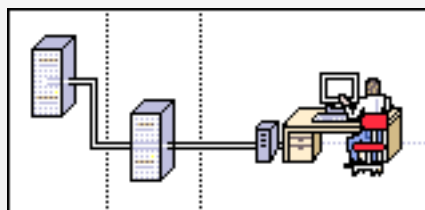
Re: Misexplanation (01:50:52 SunJul 21 2002)

There seem to be increasing incidences of the non-offending side wanting adjustments made when the opps have infringed in any way, whether there is damage or not.

I'm not sure if this is just ignorance or something worse. At the Zone this problem has increased to epidemic proportions, together with failures to alert, inadequate disclosure and deliberate slowness.

I'd be interested to have some information about procedural penalties, when they are applied and under what circumstances, as it seems to me that increased use thereof would solve a few problems.

Also, are these problems perhaps more evident in online bridge?



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Re: Misexplanation (14:41:13 SunJul 21 2002)

I do not think the problems from misinformation are increasing, except insofar as the world is getting generally more litigious which means that director calls are increasing over time. 😞

I believe the problem to which you refer is based on ignorance usually. A lot of players expect a good score whenever their opponents get something wrong, but they always have! 🤔

Online bridge does have specific problems since it has a number of people playing who have never been trained in playing in a social format. 😞

On the actual hand I, too, see no damage.

As far as the hand diagram is concerned if you select the code Pre [in the box marked "Select a code here" and type within Pre and



/Pre then things will look exactly as you type.

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Director Discovers Revoke (10:55:18 TueJul 9 2002)

Would appreciate your advice on the following: Can a director while contemplating a frivolous claim of damage use 81C6 to penalize a revoke not discovered by any of the players?

N dealer: 1D - 3C - P - 3H, all pass. North led the K of D, south played the 3; North led A of D, south played the 8. North continued with a diamond and South ruffed it. Play continued to the end of the hand. Table result: 3H, -1.

Director called. EW stated: 1. they were damaged because North played low-high with a doubleton stating it was illegal to do so without a pre-alert as stated in the new ACBL alert procedure change. 2. Had they known it was a doubleton they would have trumped it. [Nothing was ever said about the revoke!] The "expert" player insisted I refer to the new alert procedure. I told them to score the actual result and I would get back to them.

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.....AK754
.....QJ62
...AJT.....543
...AKJT63.....8
...JT6.....Q2
...9.....AKT8743
.....K9862
.....Q974
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During the following round, I got back to this problem. Nowhere could I find his statement of a pre-alertable discarding low from a doubleton. I decide he is confused by the leading low from a doubleton as a pre-alert in the alert procedure changes.

However, when I look at the hands, I see that South has indeed revoked. The players did not know of the revoke, even the person who actually revoked (a known, weak, yet very ethical player).

I adjusted the score to +170 for EW taking the revoke into consideration. Was I correct?

Thank you,

Dini Romito

[Edited By bluejak at 10:15:36 Fri Oct 4 2002]

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Re: Director Discovers Revoke [copied from Bravenet site] (11:05:17 TueJul 9 2002)

Yes, I think so. You are required by Law 81C6 to deal with all matters that come to your notice.

Incidentally, I agree with you over the unnecessary pre-alert. There is a type of bullying good player (fortunately very rare in England 🌈 but sadly a bit more common in North America 😊 smile: that tries to use the Laws and regulations to his advantage. Best is always to produce the Law or regulation in print and read it out.

The general approach to a revoke not noticed by the players is to wait until the next hand or round has started so there will be no penalty tricks for the revoke but to restore equity under Law 64C, ie return tricks lost by the revoke but no more. If you think ten tricks would have been made without the revoke your ruling is right. 🌈

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[jmm]

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Re: Director Discovers Revoke [copied from Bravenet site] (10:52:20 WedJul 10 2002)

Hi all,

is it possible to apply a split score like:

3 H - 1 for E-W
3 H + 1 for N-S

in this situation?

In fact, the non offending side has lost his right to penalize the revoke... I had allways the doubt...

thanks

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Re: Director Discovers Revoke [copied from Bravenet site] (16:45:02 WedJul 10 2002)

An interesting idea!

No, I do not think so. If you read the revoke Laws 61 to 64 then up to a certain moment there is an automatic penalty: after that moment htere is no automatic penalty, but Law 64C still applies [and when the Correction Period mentioned in Law 92B has expired nothing can be done].

So there is no way you can penalise one side the automatic penalty wiothout giving the other side the benefit.

Of course, Law 64C refers to assigning an adjusted score. A split score is not totally impossible though it is difficult to think of a case, and a weighted score is possible. But those are assigned scores, nothing to do with the automatic penalty tricks.

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<p>[Anon]</p> <hr/> <p>Reply</p>	<p>Concessions Law 68 (02:56:06 MonJul 8 2002)</p> <hr/> <p>If I immediately object to partner's concession of the remaining tricks and summons the director , does play continue with L16 applying or does play cease with the director awarding the remaining tricks to each side as if there had been a claim or concession .</p>
<p>[Robin.Barker]</p> <hr/> <p>Reply</p>	<p>Re: Concessions Law 68 (12:53:21 MonJul 8 2002)</p> <hr/> <p>Yes, if your partner concedes and you (a defeneder) object then play continues. Isn't that what L68B says?</p> <p>More interesting is when partner claims some but not all of the remaining tricks, thereby conceding the remainder. You may object to that concession, and if so there is a question as to whether play continues. I (and others) thought play ceased because of the claim, but the instruction from the EBU L&E is that play continues, as perl Law68B.</p> <p>Robin</p>
<p>JimO</p> <hr/> <p>offline 175 posts Forum Host</p> <p>Reply</p>	<p>Re: Concessions Law 68 (16:52:28 MonJul 8 2002)</p> <hr/> <p>Law 68B Concession Defined Any statement to the effect that a contestant will lose a specific number of tricks is a concession of those tricks; a claim of some number of tricks is a concession of the remainder, if any. A player concedes all the remaining tricks when he abandons his hand. Regardless of the foregoing, if a defender attempts to concede one or more tricks and his partner immediately objects, no concession has occured; Law 16, Unauthorized Information, may apply, so the Director should be summoned forthwith.</p>

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Re: Concessions Law 68 (00:17:36 TueJul 9 2002)

In some ways the wording of the Law is unhelpful. Jim has quoted the correct Law, but as Robin notes, there is some doubt when a player concedes some but not all of the remaining tricks.

If a player concedes all the remaining tricks, and his partner immediately objects, then no concession has occurred and play continues. That is clear, and there can be no argument.

If a player concedes some but not all of the remaining tricks then he has claimed the remainder. While "no concession has occurred" if his partner immediately objects what happens to the claim?

Well, despite what several authorities think is how the law reads, it is now clear: the WBF Laws Committee has stated that no claim has occurred either, so play proceeds.

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Misinformation (07:11:53 TueJun 25 2002)

Last night -

(1NT) 2D* (X) P

(2NT) P (3D) All pass

1NT was 12-14

2D alerted - showed S and another

The X was explained as takeout of D

Pd passed the initial X just in case I had D. He was expecting opener to bid again over 3D as the X was meant to be a takeout X.

Opener held

KQxx

xxx

KQxx

Qx

Responder held

Jxxx

KQxx

AJxxx

My hand

Axxx

x

xx

ATxxxx

We are cold for 5C. 3D made on a misdefence. Director ruled the contract should be changed to 3C making 5 our way.

I found this a curious ruling. Any comments?

Cheers

Ron Lel

[Edited By Ed at 23:24:52 Tue Jun 25 2002]

JimO

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Re: Misinformation (15:31:59 TueJun 25 2002)

It is a curious ruling.

Law 12C2 states "When the Director awards an assigned adjusted score in place of a result actually obtained after an irregularity, the score is, for the non-offending side, the most favorable result that was likely had the irregularity occurred..."

So he must conclude that you would get to clubs, but not to game. Sounds like a real cop-out "compromise ruling".

Back to the irregularity, what is their actual agreement as to the meaning of double after 1NT-2D? If their actual agreement is that it is T/O of Diamonds, and Responder misbid, then there is no MI. But there is a real UI issue.

Responder is not allowed to "hear" Opener's explanation.

It is likely that he would pass 2NT or raise to 3NT, and be held to 5 tricks - 2NT-3 or 3NT-4 would be a likely result.

But curiouser and curiouser - Opener did not bid as if Responder had what Opener explained that Responder had.

What is he doing passing 3D if X was a T/O of Diamonds.

If their actual agreement was that double was something else besides T/O of diamonds - e.g., showing values and diamonds, or general willingness to defend, then there is a MI issue.

I don't know what you play after double (Astro? Systems on - 2H would ask for cheapest 5-card suit - Overcaller would bid 3C - Partner would raise? to 5?) In any case 5C= does seem likely.

-Jim O'Neil

[Edited By Ed at 23:25:34 Tue Jun 25 2002]

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Re: Misinformation (22:48:10 TueJun 25 2002)

Quote: JimO at 15:31:59 Tue Jun 25 2002

Back to the irregularity, what is their actual agreement as to the meaning of double after 1NT-2D?
-Jim O'Neil

Their actual agreement is that X is penalties.
We play "system on" after a X.

I thought it was a curious ruling. Thanks Jim

Ron

[Edited By Ed at 23:26:09 Tue Jun 25 2002]

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Re: Misinformation (23:36:32 TueJun 25 2002)

I changed the thread subject, since there wasn't one. 😊

Curious indeed. Why **would** opener pass 3D? Perhaps some mannerism or comment of partner's clued him that the X **wasn't** meant as takeout. IAC, I agree that it appears this TD was trying to make everybody as happy as possible. I think I would have ruled differently. 🙄

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Re: Misinformation (12:38:25 WedJun 26 2002)

Like Jim and Ed I doubt that the ruling was right. 😊

However, I do not think you should be so surprised over the pass of 3D. My guess is that opener was not completely certain about the meaning of the double, and re-considered after the 3D bid. Sure, he should have called the Director then himself, but players usually don't. 😊

Still, there was both misinformation and unauthorised information: it seems likely that the non-offenders would have reached 5C some of the time, so should probably have been given that; or if in a Law 12C3 jurisdiction [such as England] given a weighted score including a part of 5C.

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Re: Misinformation (01:05:13 ThuJun 27 2002)

About 1/4 of the field bid to 5C-I am pretty sure we would have. You are right about not being surprised at the pass of 3D. This is a husband-wife pair who have done some dubious things in the past as well. I just thought changing -110 to +150 was a "neither fish nor fowl" ruling, particularly when the opps insisted that they would have definitely bid 5D had we gone on. +800 anyone?

Cheers & thanks for the comments.

PS I showed the director your comments last night in the nicest possible way and he admitted that maybe he was a bit lenient, but said that we were expected to thrash this team anyway????

Ron Lel

bluejak

Reply

Re: Misinformation (09:47:51 ThuJun 27 2002)

That's easy, Ron: remind the Director about South Korea and Spain in the World Cup. Spain was expected to win, and there were two very dubious decisions by the officials! South Korea duly won. 🤔

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revoke penalty (21:07:42 MonJun 17 2002)

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Ed

Re: revoke penalty (21:46:39 TueJun 18 2002)

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Aye, aye, sir or ma'am (as the case may be).

When a revoke is established (there are a couple of ways that can happen) then, after play ceases,

If the player who revoked won the trick on which he revoked, then the penalty is two tricks
else if the offender's partner won the trick on which the revoke occurred or any later trick then the penalty is one trick *and* if any subsequent trick was won by the revoking player with a card he could have played to the revoke trick, an additional one trick penalty is assessed.

There is no penalty if the offending side did not win the revoke trick or any subsequent trick, or for a subsequent revoke in the same suit by the same player, or if the revoke was due to failure to play a card faced on the table (including a card in dummy's hand) or if attention is first drawn to the revoke after the non-offending side has made a call on the next board, or if attention is first drawn to it after the round has ended, or if the revoke occurred on the twelfth trick.

In addition, Law 64C says "When, after any established revoke, including those not subject to penalty, the Director deems that the non-offending side is insufficiently compensated by this Law for the damage caused, he shall assign an adjusted score".

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Re: revoke penalty (09:52:23 MonJun 24 2002)

Ed is right, as usual. However, this method of counting penalty tricks, while common enough, often confuses people. In a publication called "Duplicate Bridge Rules Simplified", which is exactly what it says, there is a method suggested by someone in the publisher's office, and here it is:

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PROCEDURE WHEN A REVOKE IS ESTABLISHED

How many tricks did the OFFENDING SIDE win from the revoke trick onwards (INCLUDING the revoke trick)?

[a] NONE:

.. there is no Penalty.

ONE:

.. **PENALTY .. ONE TRICK transferred.**

♣ TWO or MORE:

Did the revoke card win the revoke trick?

YES .. PENALTY .. TWO TRICKS transferred.

NO Did the OFFENDER (not his Partner) win a subsequent trick with a card that could have been legally* played to the revoke trick?

.. YES .. PENALTY .. TWO TRICKS transferred.

.. NO PENALTY .. ONE TRICK transferred.

*** Note: this refers to "a card that could have been LEGALLY played to the revoke trick", not necessarily reasonably!**

Tricks are transferred as shown to the opponents at the end of the hand. If the revoke penalty is insufficient compensation for the non-offenders then see RESTORING EQUITY on page 30.

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Incidentally, this booklet was revised by me, but I am not claiming any credit whatever for the above!

If anyone would like to purchase a copy then write to Mr Bridge <mrbridge@mrbridge.demon.co.uk> Since it is written for an English audience there will be some English regulations that do not apply elsewhere, but in general it is helpful for club Directors everywhere!!!

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Re: revoke penalty (21:24:46 MonJun 24 2002)

Hm. I like that method. I'll have to see if I can get a copy of that booklet. 

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Hesitation (19:37:23 FriJun 21 2002)

Acol bidding MPs Local club.

1s 2c

2s 2n

3c 3s

2S and 3C (in particular the 3c call) made after significant hesitation. - 20 seconds (!!) on 2S then 30+ secs for 3C. 2N seems reasonable here.

Has responder got a 70% call (so called because 70% of the field might call 3s).

You might argue 2S guarantees 6.

I contend 2n is THE limit bid and 3C is very probably final - especially as the hesitation was evident.

Being club pairs I didn't think it warranted an objection but had this arisen at a more senior level I feel I would have reserved my rights and now ask for an impartial view on this matter (assuming that the hesitation is a given).

JT

Axxx

Kx

KTxxx

Opener (not so difficult to find 2s)

AQxxxx

x

Txx

AJx

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Re: Hesitation (03:36:24 SatJun 22 2002)

The auction went

1S-2C
2S-2N
3C-3S

There was hesitation on the 2S and 3C bids. Now, a hesitation is not in itself an infraction. The question is, did responder take an action which was "demonstrably suggested" over a logical alternative by the hesitation? In order to answer that, we have to figure out what the hesitation(s) might have suggested.

It appears to me the hesitations both suggest that opener is unsure whether to bid on, and so they suggest that perhaps responder should pass rather than continue. That being the case, passing would be an infraction of Law 16, bidding on would not. So I would rule "no infraction, no adjustment". I am, however, prepared to be told I'm wrong - which I'm sure David will do, if necessary. 🏠

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Re: Hesitation (10:07:21 MonJun 24 2002)

In basic Acol, 3C is forcing, so there is no reason why responder should do other than bid 3S.

As for responder's 2NT bid, I think opener will usually have extra value - he cannot be thinking of passing a forcing 2C - but surely 2NT is automatic?

I do think it a pity that clubs do not get a few rulings in these positions. If done politely and nicely they do no harm, but teach people about rulings for when they play in bigger events.

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change in declaration (14:23:09 MonJun 17 2002)

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Hello

1) S opens 1C, N 1H , S 1NTWest pass , and now, simultaneously, S says Sorry and puts 1 S in place of 1NT, and North puts 2H
N says Oh I have not noticed you said 1S and West askx what is going on and calls Director
South asked, claims that he never intended 1NT in effect he has 5 C and 5 S (if he had only 4 S, does your ruling change ?)

2) Does the 2 bids mad simultaneouslyt (1S and 2H) indicate that the illegal one is made after the legal one, and in that case has S made a bid out of turn ?

Many thanks

AL. OHANA

Ed

Re: change in declaration (18:02:42 MonJun 17 2002)

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Gah. What a mess. 🙄

Law 25A says "Until his partner makes a call, a player may substitute his intended call for an inadvertent call but only if he does so, or attempts to do so, without pause for thought. If legal, his last call stands without penalty; if illegal, it is subject to the applicable Law."

Ordinarily, this would be simple. It looks to me like this law applies, so S would be allowed to change his call, if the change is before his partner called. But it's not - it's simultaneous with his partner's call. So we look further into the law, and we find law 33: "A call made simultaneously with one made by the player whose turn it was to call is deemed to be a subsequent call." So S, who has made a call simultaneously with his partner's legal call, has called out of turn, and his call is, on top of that, insufficient.

Law 27C says an insufficient bid out of rotation is dealt with by law 31. Law 31 refers us, in the beginning to law 29, which says that offender's LHO (in this case, West) may elect to call, thus condoning South's call. No penalty, auction continues. If West does not so elect, South's call is cancelled, auction reverts to East. Now we're back in Law 31...

If East passes, South must repeat his call, which is insufficient, so now we go back to that law (Law 27) and West has the option to

accept the insufficient bid, or not. If he accepts it, the auction continues and there is no penalty. If he does not, then South must substitute either a sufficient bid, or a pass. If he bids 2S, no problem, auction continues (although if the TD decides the IB "conveyed such information as to damage the NOS he may adjust the score" (Law 27B1(b))). If he bids anything else, or passes, his partner must pass for the rest of the auction.

If East makes any other legal call, South may in turn make any legal call. If that call repeats the denomination of his BOOT, then his partner must pass at his next turn. If the call does not repeat the denomination of his BOOT (spades), North must pass whenever it is his turn to call, and the lead penalties of Law 26 may apply. In either case law 23, regarding a damaging enforced pass applies (basically, it says if TD determines NOS were damaged by the enforced pass, he should consider adjusting the score).

So the answer to your question is yes, South has made a bid out of turn. 🌈

South's actual holding is irrelevant.

South should have called the director **as soon as** he realized the bid he'd put down was not the one he wanted to make. Then the first thing the TD would have done (assuming he determines the TD call was before North's bid) would be to cancel North's bid (Law 9: after the TD is called, no player shall take any action until the TD makes his ruling). If South calls the TD **after** North bids, he's out of luck. It's too late to change his call.

bluejak

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Re: change in declaration (09:38:06 MonJun 24 2002)

Certainly a mess! Ed has given an excellent summary of a very tricky problem, and there are really only two things to add.

First, he uses bridge abbreviations that are well-known in other forums, but may not be here. I shall soon post a list of such abbreviations, but for ht etime being here are the ones he has used:

BOOT: bid out of turn

TD: tournament director

NOS: non-offending side

LHO: left-hand opponent

Second, when he says 'South should have called the director as soon as he realized the bid he'd put down was not the one he wanted to make' Ed is theoretically right. But in practice this is not workable. Players correct bidding box errors all the time without benefit of a TD, maybe 50 times a night in the average club.

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director is to be called if the claim is contested. He should require declarer to repeat his line of play statement (without amplification), and then require all four hands to be faced, and hear defender's objections. In this case, defenders rightly point out that if declarer leads the CK, West gets a ruff. Unless it is absolutely clear that declarer intended to lead the SA (for example, declarer had just been drawing trumps, and it is clear he had a count of them), TD should rule one trick to defenders. But not if TD is convinced declarer would have drawn the last trump. (In the given case, I don't see any reason to believe declarer would have led the trump).

Ruling: one of the last two tricks to defenders, under Law 70C.

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[dospilla

organising a two table home tournament (

23:48:12 SatJun 15 2002)

Reply

Hi there, I lost my Howell booklet and just cannot remember to organize a two-table tournament with friends. Can you help?

Thanks a lot

Diego

JimO

Re: organising a two table home tournament (

05:57:32 SunJun 16 2002)

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If you are running a pair game:

Rd Table 1 Table 2

NS EW NS EW

1 4 1 2 3

2 4 2 3 1

3 4 3 1 2

Boards are relayed between tables each round. The movement may be curtailed after any round without board factoring.

If you want to run an individual:

Rd Table 1 Table 2

N E S W N E S W

1 8 6 1 2 5 3 7 4

2 8 7 2 3 6 4 1 5

3 8 1 3 4 7 5 2 6

4 8 2 4 5 1 6 3 7

5 8 3 5 6 2 7 4 1

6 8 4 6 7 3 1 5 2

7 8 5 7 1 4 2 6 3

Again, boards are relayed; the movement may be curtailed at any time.

-JGO

Timmy

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Re: organising a two table home tournament (

06:09:59 SunJun 16 2002)

Here's a possible option:

The ACBL calls this Home Style Pairs - also called "rotating teams".

The scoring can be win-loss or victory points.

With two tables there should be three rounds of 7, 8 or 9 boards. Each pair will play with each other pair as teammates and as table opponents once each.

bluejak

offline

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Re: organising a two table home tournament (

23:11:52 SunJun 16 2002)

Good answers - but there is one point. If you are not careful, in either the individual or the pair game, you will finish up with people scoring the reverse of each other at the other table. For example, if at table one A beats B by 13 imps then at table one D beats C by 13 imps!

The way to avoid this is at one table only [the one with the stationary pair or player] to "arrow-switch" half the boards. This means that the stationary pair/player plays half the boards as North-South, half as East-West. You will find this a big improvement.

While VPs are acceptable in such a match [win-loss is not much fun at home] I would not bother: play straight imps.

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ruling (14:53:01 ThuJun 13 2002)

North as declarer in 4h. East got the lead with last trump then proceeded to cash in his 3 spade winners. arriving at Club Queen singleton and diamond Ace, King doubleton in dummy. East leads last spade and north tells dummy to play the Club Queen, then immediately corrects this without pause and tells dummy to instead play the diamond king. West had not played to this trick yet. East states that club Queen must be played. Ruling please.

Donald

bluejak

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Re: ruling (01:29:10 FriJun 14 2002)

An inadvertent designation may be changed if the change is done or attempted without pause for thought.

Since you attempted to change it immediately all the TD has to do is to decide whether you mean the diamond all along and said the wrong thing, in which case it may be changed, or whether you changed your mind in an instant, in which case it may not be changed.

From what you have said I would not be too surprised if the TD decided it was a change of mind and did not allow the change. 😞

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Deviating from Partnership Agreements (

17:46:49 TueJun 11 2002)

I discovered the following quotation, attributed to Edgar Kaplan, on the internet:

"Having an agreement with one's partner does not create an ironclad contract with one's opponents."

(This is similar to a saying attributed to Terence Reese: "A convention in bidding is an agreement between partners, not an undertaking to opponents.")

I'm curious, first, if anyone can authenticate that Kaplan actually spoke or wrote these words attributed to him.

More importantly, is the assertion made in this pungent citation consistent with the Laws?

In the absence of explicit discussion, how many times may someone depart from a partnership agreement before one is considered to have established a new implicit agreement?

TIA

Ed

offline

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Re: Deviating from Partnership Agreements (

23:59:24 TueJun 11 2002)

I've heard both those quotes before, too, but I can't say I know whence they come.

The assertion is most certainly in accordance with the laws. "A player may make any call or play (including an intentionally misleading call - such as a psychic bid - or a call or play that departs from commonly accepted, or previously announced, use of a convention), without prior announcement, provided that such call or play is not based on a partnership understanding." -- Law 40A.

There is no firm guidance of which I'm aware as to when a usage becomes an implicit agreement. I've heard some people say once is enough, but I don't buy that. Three times **may** be enough, unless they occur at long intervals. "In 1990 and 1995 partner made this call, and both times he had X" does not, IMO, make it an agreement. But as there's no firm guidance, I would imagine a TD will do the best he can, and an appeals committee might or might not agree with him.

bluejak

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Re: Deviating from Partnership Agreements (

00:58:42 WedJun 12 2002)

I have not heard the quote from Kaplan, but i have heard Reese's one attributed to Kaplan. However, I have read Reese's quote in a book by reese sometime. I am not sure, but I think the quote may



just be Reese's and word of mouth has got it wrong.

The only other thing I would add to Ed's reply is that we now have all major authorities accepting that one occasion does **not** make an agreement.

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Re: Deviating from Partnership Agreements (

03:49:34 WedJun 12 2002)

Reply

David, when you say "all major authorities," could you elaborate on this, please. Thanks!

bluejak

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Re: Deviating from Partnership Agreements (

01:16:22 FriJun 14 2002)

The ACBL have said that one occasion does not make an agreement, and they were the authority that seemed previously to think so. Certainly some ACBL TDs in the past have told a pair who psyched that they now have an agreement for the rest of their lives, which is silly.

The WBF Laws Commission have made it clear somewhere in their writing.

I know of no authority now that suggests one occasion makes an agreement.

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