



Surrey County Bridge Association

Rulings in matches played privately

A player who wishes to get a Director's ruling in a match played privately should normally:

- a. raise the question (for example by reserving his/her rights) before he/she removes the cards from the next board.
- b. confirm the request for a ruling before the players compare scores for that set of boards.

If a player is unaware of an irregularity (for example a revoke) until later, then the time within which a ruling should be requested is extended, but not beyond the time at which the result of the match becomes final. When both captains have agreed the score and signed the result sheet, the result becomes final.

If a director's ruling is required, the team captains should do one of the following:

1. agree an outcome.
2. agree a suitable arbiter
3. contact any EBU panel Tournament director whose telephone numbers are listed in the EBU diary.
4. submit the facts to the organiser of the event for example the League Secretary, who will arrange for a ruling. The captains must then send the organiser the following (all duly signed):
 - full details of the hand including auction, alerts, explanations, play, dealer and vulnerability.
 - such statements as the players wish to make.
 - the results on the board in both rooms.
 - the grounds for requesting a ruling.

In addition, unless the matter arose during the last set, a provisional substitute board should be played and the swing reported on the results sheet. The results sheet should be marked "subject to ruling on board ...".

If the ruling is that the board be cancelled, and this ruling is known to the captains before the start of the last set of boards, then a substitute board with identical dealer and vulnerability should be added to the next set of boards to be played.

Appeals against rulings in matches played privately

A ruling made under 2, 3 or 4 above may be appealed by either captain. Please give names and email addresses of captains and team members.

Such an appeal should be made to the Surrey Competitions Subcommittee. The appeal should accompany the results sheet and should comprise (all duly signed):

1. full details of the hand including auction, alerts, explanations, play, dealer and vulnerability.
2. such statements as the players wish to make.
3. the results on the board in both rooms.
4. the grounds for requesting an appeal.
5. the ruling in the first instance and who gave it.
6. the swing on any substitute board that may have been played.

If the ruling was obtained under 4 above, the details (i) to (iv) have already been submitted. An appeal against a ruling under 4 above should be notified by the appellant captain, without delay, to the organiser for the event in question. (If an EBU Appeals form is available, please use it.)

Appeals will generally be dealt with by correspondence rather than a meeting of the Surrey Appeals Panel. The appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of £30.00.

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