

Lawson Bridge Studio News March 2018

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Club Games – Rates are for each player

Games: 6:20 pm at Ann Sather's Restaurant, 909 West Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

Mar 5	Open Pairs—\$12	Apr 2	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month
Mar 7	O/I Pairs—\$12	Apr 4	O/I Pairs ACBL Charity Month
Mar 12	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund—\$13	Apr 9	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month
Mar 14	O/I Pairs Grassroots Fund Game—\$13	Apr 11	O/I Pairs ACBL Charity Month
Mar 19	Open Pairs—\$12	Apr 16	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month
Mar 21	O/I Pairs—\$12	Apr 18	O/I Pairs ACBL Charity Month
Mar 26	Open Pairs—\$12	Apr 23	Open Pairs Unit 123 STaC
Mar 28	O/I Pairs—\$12	Apr 25	O/I Pairs Unit 123 STaC
		Apr 30	Swiss Teams ACBL Charity Month

2017 LAW 23 – COMPARABLE CALL (This law is new in the 2017 revision; Please read the Ruling the Game articles in the January 2018 and February 2018 issues of the Bridge Bulletin concerning this law.)

A. Definition

A call that replaces a withdrawn call is a comparable call, if it:

1. has the same or similar meaning as that attributable to the withdrawn call, or
2. defines a subset of the possible meanings attributable to the withdrawn call, or
3. has the same purpose (e.g. an asking bid or a relay) as that attributable to the withdrawn call.

B. No Rectification

When a call is cancelled (as per Law 29B) and the offender chooses at his proper turn to replace the irregularity with a comparable call, then both the auction and play continue without further rectification. Law 16C2 does not apply, but see C following.

C. Non-Offending Side Damaged

If following the substitution of a comparable call [see Laws 27B1(b), 30B1(b)(i), 31A2(a) and 32A2(a)] the Director judges at the end of the play that without the assistance gained through the infraction the outcome of the board could well have been different, and in consequence the non-offending side is damaged, he shall award an adjusted score [see Law 12C1(b)].

2017 LAW 24 - CARD EXPOSED OR LED DURING THE AUCTION

When the Director determines that during the auction, because of a player's own error, one or more cards of that player's hand were in position for the face to be seen by his partner, the Director shall require that every such card be placed face up on the table until the auction ends. Information from cards thus exposed is authorized for the non-offending side but unauthorized for the offending side (see Law 16C).

A. Low Card Not Prematurely Led

If it is a single card below the rank of an honor and not prematurely led, there is no further rectification (but see E following).

B. Single Card of Honor Rank or Card Prematurely Led

If it is a single card of honor rank or is any card prematurely led, offender's partner must pass when next it is his turn to call (see Law 72C when a pass damages the non-offending side).

C. Two or More Cards Are Exposed

If two or more cards are so exposed offender's partner must pass when next it is his turn to call (see Law 72C when a pass damages the non-offending side).

D. Declaring side

If the offender becomes declarer or dummy the cards are picked up and returned to the hand.

E. Defenders

If at the conclusion of the auction the offender is to become a defender, every such card becomes a penalty card (see Laws 50 and 51).

2017 LAW 22 – END OF AUCTION

The auction ends when:

- A.** One or more players having bid, there are three consecutive passes in rotation subsequent to the last bid. The last bid becomes the contract (but see Law 19D).
- B.** All four players pass (but see Law 25). The hands are returned to the board without play. There shall not be a redeal.