

WBF LC Commentary

Law 15A – Cards from Wrong Board

A player has taken the cards from a wrong board and has made a call. As long as his partner has not also made a call, the board is restored and the player now makes a call with the correct hand, otherwise an adjusted score is given. If his LHO has already made a call, it is cancelled and the information from that call is unauthorised for the side that held the incorrect hand.

If the board from which the wrong cards were taken is scheduled to also be played, the TD allows it without further rectification if the offender makes a comparable call (see new Law 23). The assumption in Law 15A3 is that this board is played against the same opponents. If the board can only be played against different opponents (possibly at a later juncture in the movement) then the TD may either allow the later play or alternately award an adjusted score.

Law 15B – Play of Wrong Board

When the wrong pair is at the table, as long as they have not yet played the board, we now leave them there, ending the annoying procedure of re-seating the proper pair and hoping the prior auction will be repeated. Sometimes this doesn't work out properly when the improper pair is not scheduled for the board at all. If they are scheduled for that board, the pair denied the opportunity to play it against the correct opponents plays it with their counterpart (the other pair who will miss it).

If the event is played as a barometer we consider a pair seated at a wrong table still to have played the right boards. This means that the TD may solve the problem in any reasonable way he sees fit, for example by altering the movement.