

WBF LC Commentary

Law 17D3 – Player Deprived of the Right to Call (By a Pass Out of Rotation)

Example 14: WNES Pass Pass - Pass

If all four hands have been returned to their respective pockets, there can be no rectification (Law 17D2).

Otherwise, if the TD is called he should give West the option to accept the pass out of turn (we are not yet in the position where there are three passes after a call has been made). If West then elects to pass again the bidding reverts back to East (the passes made by South and West are removed). This should carefully be explained to West. When West does not pass but bids 1♦ (for example) the auction continues normally.

Example 15:

If the auction goes: WNES Pass 1♥ Pass Pass - Pass Pass

Again we have three passes, one of which was out of rotation. The fact that East (in this example) passed after the pass-out-of-turn does not make him an offender, he is allowed to accept the pass out of rotation. Only North's pass is a potential source of UI.