

Law 30A – Pass Out of Rotation at RHO’s Turn to Call

If LHO does not accept the pass out of turn, the offender will simply have to repeat his pass at his correct turn to call.

Law 30B – Pass Out of Rotation at Partner’s or LHO’s Turn to Call

Law 30B is quite different to Law 30A. Initially there is no restriction on partner, except that he has UI from the cancelled pass out of turn. Even the offender is not required to pass. If the offender makes a comparable call, the auction continues normally. If he chooses something else, partner will have to pass for one round.

Example 34:

With North dealer the auction goes:

W	N	E	S
Pass	-	-	Pass

If West’s pass is not accepted, East is restricted in his choice of action by UI, but he does not need to worry about an unexpected end to the auction because his partner may make any call that describes a hand comparable to his pass-out-of-turn.

Let us assume that East opens 1♥ and South passes. West now has available calls such as Pass, 2♥, 1NT, 3H, 2NT (depending on its meaning), and some Bergen raises. These calls are all considered comparable as they are subsets of the universe of hands that would have passed initially (except for Pass, which is considered comparable because it has the same meaning). It is only when West chooses to make a non-comparable call that partner has to pass once.