

WBF LC Commentary

Law 31 - Bid out of Rotation

The general approach is similar to the application of Law 30 (and Law 32).

In all the examples that follow, West is dealer and the call out of turn is not accepted. We assume that no special agreements are in use.

Law 31A - With RHO to Call

If the legal call is comparable to the bid out of turn, there is no restriction in the auction. If not partner has to pass once.

Example 35: West is dealer

W N E S
1NT - 2♦ (a bid out of turn - meant as a transfer for hearts)
2♦ 2♥ (the real auction continues without restriction since East's bid shows hearts)

Law 31B - With Partner or LHO to Call

Partner is initially restricted by UI and for the offender, the same approach as in A applies.

Example 36: West is dealer

W N E S
1♣ (could be short, not accepted)
1♠ X ?
XX showing 10+ HCP is a comparable call;
2NT showing a balanced 10-11 HCP hand is not a comparable call

Example 37: West is dealer

W N E S
1♣ (cancelled)
1♠ ?
X is not a comparable call; 2♣ is a comparable call

Example 38: West is dealer

W N E S
2♦ (Multi - cancelled)
1♦ ?
2♥ (weak) is a comparable call

Example 39: West is dealer

W N E S
Pass 1NT Pass 2♥ transfer
- 2♠ (out of turn)
3♣ ?
North may now make any call he wants if 2♠ was mandatory; All calls are comparable because 2♠ was meaningless.