

## Law 41 – Commencement of Play

The last moment for declarer to ask for a review of the bidding is when he plays a card from dummy to the first trick (lead from LHO). He may still ask for an explanation about a specific call whenever he has to play a card, either from dummy or from his own hand.

Law 41C tells us that any player, at his turn to play, may ask what the contract is and whether it is doubled or redoubled (but not by whom).

Once the opening lead has been placed faced up on the table it is impossible to go back to the auction. Law 47E says that it is still possible to replace an opening lead, if based on misinformation, whether face up or down, as long as dummy has not yet faced any card.

Law 41D has been made more specific about the way dummy spreads his hand. The lengthwise columns in descending order must now each be separate from one another.

Note that only the declaring side is responsible for the correctness of the dummy's hand. For instance, the defenders have no obligation to observe that dummy has too few or too many cards, or that the dummy has played a card not designated by declarer.