

WBF LC Commentary

Law 70 – Contested Claims and Concessions

When judging the validity of a claim it is important to follow and understand the reasons for the claim at that specific moment.

Example 51:

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The only problem on this board for declarer is to find the Q in this suit. He plays the 10 from dummy, RHO follows suit, the 7 from hand and LHO discards. Reaching for the 9 and claiming four more tricks in this suit now without further explanation might not be what the laws prefer but should not be penalized by awarding a trick to the defenders. If declarer does not play the 9 and does not have an entry to dummy, the defenders should be awarded a trick in the suit, unless declarer demonstrates that an endplay or similar stratagem would have almost surely developed.

Hopefully superfluous, but doing no harm, unchanged Law 70D2 says that a claim by a defender which only succeeds when his partner (i.e., the other defender) makes the right non-obvious play should be denied