

2017 LAWS OF BRIDGE – WHAT PLAYERS NEED TO KNOW

- Starts 1st August 2017
- Big changes to Calls out of Turn and Lead Restrictions – director will advise your rights, options etc when called to the table, but briefly:-
 - Calls out of turn never bar partner initially but they are constrained by the UI they possess from offender's cancelled call. They will be barred, but for a maximum of one round, if the offender does not make a "comparable call" at their next legal turn. This significantly reduces the occasions where a player has barred partner for the auction and needs to make a unilateral final bid that may or may not work out.
 - Lead restrictions are far simpler than before – now declarer can deny any one suit that was not specified by the offender during the auction.
- Board to remain at centre of table throughout.
- Claim – play can continue at request of non-claimants and if all agree, but there's no protection from use of Unauthorised Information. There should however be no reason why players elect to do this – non-claimants can only be disadvantaged.
- Dummy can attempt to stop any player from committing an infraction (previously only declarer).
- If you realize you've made a mis-explanation during the auction, you are no longer obliged to (but still may) confess until the clarification period.
- When making a claim or concession, the player making the claim concession must show their remaining cards.

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