



World Bridge Federation

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Appeals – WBF Review Regulation

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At WBF events, appeals of a tournament director's ruling will be heard by a “Reviewer” appointed by the Championship Committee in accordance with law 80B2(k).

When the tournament director notifies players of a decision, they will be told of their right to seek a review and the possible grounds for such a review. In a pairs event both members of a partnership must concur. In a team event the team captain must concur. Unless specified otherwise in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest for that event, the time limit for seeking a review is in accordance with Law 92B.

The tournament director will fill in details of the decision on the relevant form prescribed by the WBF for requesting reviews. Then, the player will complete the form stating his reasons for asking for a review and hand it to the tournament director, who will arrange for the review. A monetary deposit of Euro 100 or as specified in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest must accompany the form.

The Reviewer will check that the tournament director has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the infraction arose. The Reviewer must then be satisfied that the correct law was applied and that other tournament directors were consulted where appropriate. In matters involving the judgement exercised by a player following unauthorised information, incorrect explanation, or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable players have been asked appropriate questions to enable a judgmental view to be obtained. Finally, the Reviewer will check that the ruling that was issued based upon all the information available to the tournament directors was within the bounds of reasonableness.

The fact that the Reviewer might have determined a slightly different ruling would not be a good reason to vary the ruling. If the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the Head tournament director to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.



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If, in the opinion of the Reviewer, there is insufficient basis for requesting the review, one or both of the following sanctions may be applied:

(i) Forfeiture of the monetary deposit.

(ii) A Sanction quantified in IMPs, VPs or MPs, as appropriate to the type of event being played.

If there is a conflict of law interpretation between the reviewer and the Head TD the matter is referred to members of the WBF Laws Committee present or reachable, otherwise the reviewer's decision is final, but Law 93 C2 may apply.