

1997 original texts	2007 final Laws 17 - 19
<p>[Deletions highlighted in yellow]</p> <p>Law 17A - The auction period on a deal begins for a side when either partner looks at the face of his cards.</p> <p>Law 17B - The player designated by the board as dealer makes the first call.</p> <p>Law 17C - The player to dealer's left makes the second call, and thereafter each player calls in turn in a clockwise rotation.</p> <p>Law 17D - If a player who has inadvertently picked up the cards from a wrong board makes a call, that call is cancelled.</p> <p>Law 17D - If offender's LHO has called over the cancelled call, the Director shall assign artificial adjusted scores ... when offender's substituted call differs in any significant way from his cancelled call*. Law 17 footnote - Offender's LHO must repeat the previous call</p> <p>Law 17D - If offender subsequently repeats the cancelled call on the board from which he mistakenly drew his cards, the Director may allow that board to be played</p>	<p>[Additions and changes highlighted in yellow]</p> <p>LAW 17 - THE AUCTION PERIOD</p> <p>A. Auction Period Starts</p> <p>The Auction Period on a deal begins for a side when either partner withdraws his cards from the board.</p> <p>B. The First Call</p> <p>The player designated by the board as dealer makes the first call.</p> <p>C. Successive Calls</p> <p>The player to dealer's left makes the second call, and thereafter each player calls in turn in a clockwise rotation.</p> <p>D. Cards from Wrong Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A call is cancelled if it is made by a player on cards that he has picked up from a wrong board. 2. After looking at the correct hand the offender calls again and the auction continues normally from that point. If offender's LHO has called over the cancelled call the Director shall award artificial adjusted scores when offender's substituted call differs* from his cancelled call (offender's LHO must repeat the previous call) or if the offender's partner has subsequently called over the cancelled call. 3. If the offender subsequently repeats his call on the board from which he mistakenly drew his cards the Director may allow that board to be played normally, but

normally, but the Director shall assign artificial adjusted scores (see Law 90) when offender's call differs in any way from his original cancelled call.

Law 17D - see Law 90 for penalty

Law 17E - The auction period ends when all four players pass or when after three passes in rotation have followed any call the opening lead is faced (when a pass out of rotation has been accepted, see Law 34).

Law 34 - When a call has been followed by three passes, the auction does not end when one of those passes was out of rotation, thereby depriving a player of his right to call at that turn. The auction reverts to the player who missed his turn. All subsequent passes are cancelled, and the auction proceeds as though there had been no irregularity.

Law 26 first footnote - A call repeated with a much different meaning shall be deemed a different call.

Law 18A - A bid names a number of odd tricks, from one to seven, and a denomination. (Pass, double and redouble are calls but not bids.)

Law 18B - A bid supersedes a previous bid if it names either the same number of odd tricks in a higher-ranking denomination or a greater number of odd tricks in any denomination.

the Director shall award artificial adjusted scores when offender's call differs* from his original cancelled call.

4. A procedural penalty (Law 90) may be assessed in addition to rectifications under 2 and 3 above.

E. End of Auction Period

1. The auction and the Auction Period end as Law 22 provides.

2. When a call has been followed by three passes the auction does not end if one of those passes was out of rotation, depriving a player of his right to call at that turn. When this occurs the auction reverts to the player who missed his turn, all subsequent passes are cancelled and the auction proceeds normally. Law 16D applies to the cancelled calls, any player who has passed out of rotation being an offender.

* For example, a substituted call differs if its meaning is much different or if it is psychic.

LAW 18 - BIDS

A. Proper Form

A bid designates a number of odd tricks (tricks in excess of six), from one to seven, and a denomination. (Pass, double and redouble are calls but not bids.)

B. To Supersede a Bid

A bid supersedes a previous bid if it designates either the same number of odd tricks in a higher-ranking denomination or a greater number of odd tricks in any denomination.

Law 18C - A bid that supersedes the immediately previous bid is a sufficient bid.

Law 18D - A bid that fails to supersede the immediately previous bid is an insufficient bid.

Law 18E - The rank of the denominations in descending order is: no trump, spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs.

Law 18F - Zonal Organisations may authorise different methods of making calls.

Law 19A1 - A player may double only the last preceding bid. That bid must have been made by an opponent; calls other than pass must not have intervened.

Law 19A2 - In doubling, a player should not state the number of odd tricks or the denomination. The only correct form is the single word "Double".

Law 19A3 - If a player, in doubling, incorrectly states the bid, or the number of odd tricks or the denomination, he is deemed to have doubled the bid as it was made. (Law 16 – Unauthorised Information – may apply.)

Law 19B1 - A player may redouble only the last preceding double. That double must have been made by an opponent;

C. Sufficient Bid

A bid that supersedes the **last preceding** bid is a sufficient bid.

D. Insufficient Bid

A bid that fails to supersede the **last preceding** bid is an insufficient bid.

E. Rank of the Denominations

The rank of the denominations in descending order is: no trump, spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs.

F. Different Methods

Regulating Authorities may authorize different methods of making calls.

LAW 19 - DOUBLES AND REDOUBLES

A. Doubles

1. A player may double only the last preceding bid. That bid must have been made by an opponent; calls other than pass must not have intervened.

2. In doubling, a player should not state the number of odd tricks or the denomination. The only correct form is the single word "Double".

3. If a player, in doubling, incorrectly states the bid, or the number of odd tricks or the denomination, he is deemed to have doubled the bid as it was made. (Law 16 – Unauthorized Information – may apply.)

B. Redoubles

1. A player may redouble only the last preceding double. That double must have been made by an opponent; calls

<p>calls other than pass must not have intervened.</p> <p>Law 19B2 - In redoubling, a player should not state the number of odd tricks or the denomination. The only correct form is the single word "Redouble".</p> <p>Law 19B3 - If a player, in redoubling, incorrectly states the doubled bid, or the number of odd tricks or the denomination, he is deemed to have redoubled the bid as it was made. (Law 16 – Unauthorised Information – may apply.)</p> <p>Law 19C - Any double or redouble is superseded by a subsequent legal bid.</p> <p>Law 19D - If a doubled or redoubled bid is not followed by a subsequent legal bid, scoring values are increased as provided in Law 77.</p>	<p>other than pass must not have intervened.</p> <p>2. In redoubling, a player should not state the number of odd tricks or the denomination. The only correct form is the single word "Redouble".</p> <p>3. If a player, in redoubling, incorrectly states the doubled bid, or the number of odd tricks or the denomination, he is deemed to have redoubled the bid as it was made. (Law 16 – Unauthorized Information – may apply.)</p> <p>C. Double or Redouble Superseded</p> <p>Any double or redouble is superseded by a subsequent legal bid.</p> <p>D. Scoring a Doubled or Redoubled Contract</p> <p>If a doubled or redoubled bid is not followed by a subsequent legal bid, scoring values are increased as provided in Law 77.</p>
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