

1997 original texts	2007 final Laws 7 - 8
<p>[Deletions highlighted in yellow]</p> <p>Law 7A - When a board is to be played it is placed in the centre of the table until play is completed.</p> <p>Law 7B - Each player takes a hand from the pocket corresponding to his compass position.</p> <p>Law 7B1 - Each player counts his cards face down to be sure he has exactly thirteen; after that, and before making a call, he must inspect the face of his cards.</p> <p>Law 7B2 - During play each player retains possession of his own cards, not permitting them to be mixed with those of any other player. No player shall touch any cards other than his own (but declarer may play dummy's cards in accordance with Law 45) during or after play except by permission of the Director.</p> <p>Law 7C - Each player shall restore his original thirteen cards to the pocket corresponding to his compass position. Thereafter no hand shall be removed from the board unless a member of each side, or the Director, is present.</p> <p>Law 7D - Any contestant remaining at a table throughout a session is primarily responsible for maintaining proper conditions of play at the table.</p>	<p>[Additions and changes highlighted in yellow]</p> <p>LAW 7 - CONTROL OF BOARD AND CARDS</p> <p>A. Placement of Board</p> <p>When a board is to be played it is placed in the centre of the table until play is completed.</p> <p>B. Removal of Cards from Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each player takes a hand from the pocket corresponding to his compass position. 2. Each player counts his cards face down to be sure he has exactly thirteen; after that, and before making a call, he must inspect the faces of his cards. 3. During play each player retains possession of his own cards, not permitting them to be mixed with those of any other player. No player shall touch any cards other than his own (but declarer may play dummy's cards in accordance with Law 45) during or after play except by permission of the Director. <p>C. Returning Cards to Board</p> <p>After play has finished, each player should shuffle his original thirteen cards, after which he restores them to the pocket corresponding to his compass position. Thereafter no hand shall be removed from the board unless a member of each side, or the Director, is present.</p> <p>D. Responsibility for Procedures</p> <p>Any contestant remaining at a table throughout a session is primarily responsible for maintaining proper conditions of play at the table.</p>

Law 8A1 - The Director instructs the players as to the proper movement of boards and progression of contestants.

Law 8A2 - The North player at each table is responsible for moving the boards just completed at his table to the proper table for the following round, unless the Director instructs otherwise.

Law 8B - In general, a round ends when the Director gives the signal for the start of the following round; but if any table has not completed play by that time, the round continues for that table until there has been a progression of players.

Law 82B2 - To rectify an error in procedure the Director may: require or postpone the play of a board.

Law 8C - The last round of a session, and the session itself, ends for each table when play of all boards scheduled at that table has been completed, and when all scores have been entered on the proper scoring forms without objection.

LAW 8 - SEQUENCE OF ROUNDS

A. Movement of Boards and Players

1. The Director instructs the players as to the proper movement of boards and progression of contestants.

2. Unless the Director instructs otherwise, the North player at each table is responsible for moving the boards just completed at his table to the proper table for the following round.

B. End of Round

1. In general, a round ends when the Director gives the signal for the start of the following round; but if any table has not completed play by that time, the round continues for that table until there has been a progression of players.

2. When the Director exercises his authority to postpone play of a board, for that board the round does not end for the players concerned until the board has been played and the score agreed and recorded or the Director has cancelled the play of the board.

C. End of Last Round and End of Session

The last round of a session, and the session itself, ends for each table when play of all boards scheduled at that table has been completed, and when all scores have been entered without objection.