

SECTION FOUR--PENALTIES

LAW 88--AWARD OF INDEMNITY POINTS

In a pair or individual event, when a non-offending contestant is required to take an artificial adjusted score through no fault or choice of his own, such contestant shall be awarded a minimum of 60% of the matchpoints available to him on that board, or the percentage of matchpoints he earned on boards actually played during the session if that percentage was greater than 60%.

LAW 89--PENALTIES IN INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

In individual events, the Director shall enforce the penalty provisions of these Laws, and the provisions requiring the award of adjusted scores, equally against both members of the offending side, even though only one of them may be responsible for the irregularity. But the Director, in awarding adjusted scores, shall not assess procedural penalty points against the offender's partner, if, in the Director's opinion, he is in no way responsible for the violation.

LAW 90--PROCEDURAL PENALTIES

A. Director's Authority

The Director, in addition to enforcing the penalty provisions of these Laws, may also assess penalties for any offense that unduly delays or obstructs the game, inconveniences other contestants, violates correct procedure, or requires the award of an adjusted score at another table.

B. Offenses Subject to Penalty

Offenses subject to penalty include but are not limited to:

1. Tardiness--arrival of a contestant after the specified starting time.
2. Slow Play--unduly slow play by a contestant.
3. Loud Discussion--discussion of the bidding, play or result of a board, which may be overheard at another table.
4. Comparing Scores--unauthorized comparison of scores with another contestant.
5. Touching Another's Cards--touching or handling of cards belonging to another player.
6. Misplacing Cards in Board--placing one or more cards in an incorrect pocket of the board.
7. Errors in Procedure--errors in procedure (such as failure to count cards in one's hand, playing the wrong board, etc.) that require an adjusted score for any contestant.
8. Failure to Comply--failure to comply promptly with tournament regulations or with any instruction of the Director.



LAW 91--PENALIZE OR SUSPEND

A. Director's Power

In performing his duty to maintain order and discipline, the Director is specifically empowered to assess disciplinary penalties in points or to suspend a contestant for the current session or any part thereof (the Director's decision under this clause is final).

B. Right to Disqualify

The Director is specifically empowered to disqualify a contestant for cause, subject to approval by the Tournament Committee or sponsoring organization.