

The Laws of Duplicate Bridge

In order to provide a uniform set of procedures and regulations at all duplicate bridge events, so that everyone is playing the same game, the World Bridge Federation promulgates *The Laws of Duplicate Bridge*.

At club level it is, of course, the Tournament Director who is versed in the Laws and applies them to make sure that fairness reigns and any departures from correct procedure are dealt with in an equitable and consistent way.

The Laws are updated approximately every ten years to take into account any developments and changes which affect the game. As a part of the EBU's services to its members, it distributes the new Law Book to affiliated clubs each time there is a revision. It also publicises and explains any major changes to the Laws through its website and other publications, so that TDs are kept informed and up-to-date. The last revision took place in 2007 when the EBU was able to distribute a free copy to each club courtesy of a kind donation to cover the costs by the Portland Club.

The EBU also offers help and advice to TDs, Clubs and Members in matters of the Laws and makes the Law Book available as a [download from the EBU website](#).

If you have a query on matters of Duplicate Bridge Law, you can contact the EBU on lecsec@ebu.co.uk or 01296 317218.

Note that, unlike the Tangerine and Orange Books (which are optional for clubs – see next section) the Law Book is mandatory. So, a Club Committee might decide to abandon announcing altogether since that is a regulation from the Tangerine Book. However, a club may not decide to waive any of the laws in the Law Book. For example, a club might think it is alright to redeal a hand that is thrown in on the first round of the evening. That would be quite wrong, as law 22A1 makes it clear that ‘There shall not be a redeal’.

See also the section on [Tournament Directors and Directing](#).