



## APPEALS PROCEDURES REGARDING A DIRECTOR'S RULINGS

### STEP 1: INFORMAL REVIEW

The appellant must discuss the decision in question with the Tournament Director at the conclusion of the session. If agreement is reached, no further action is required. The Tournament Director shall notify all parties of any change to the original ruling, and any consequent adjustment to the score on that board.

### STEP 2: FORMAL REVIEW

If an appellant chooses to proceed to a formal review after STEP 1 the appellant must submit an Appeal Form to the Tournament Director at the end of the session.

Within 24 hours of receiving the appeal, the Tournament Director shall hand the Appeal Form to the Club President, who shall appoint a Director not involved in the original decision to review the appeal.

### STEP 3: THE REVIEW

The Appeal Director shall conduct a review which will include inter alia:

1. The hand in question, the bidding sequence and any other relevant information.
2. A discussion with the appellant, their partner and their opponents.
3. A discussion with the Tournament Director regarding the original decision and their perspective of the incident.

The discussions in (2) and (3) above may be conducted separately or in a group at the Appeal Director's discretion.

4. When a decision has been reached the Appeal Director shall notify the parties concerned of his/her decision, and any scoring adjustments required.
5. The Appeal Director shall report their findings to the Club President with any recommendations for further action by the club.

The Appeal Director's decision is final.