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Workshop 5

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Solutions

- 1.** Announcements were introduced to make auctions flow easier without undue interruptions. Only the common obvious bids are announced – NT size, transfers, 2-openings, short minor.
- 2.** False! Splinter bids at the 4-level in response to a 1-opener must be alerted and explained. What we do not alert are ace-asking situations or/and cue bids above 3NT *and* the opps are not in the auction (free-flowing). However, the cues and blackwood responses must be explained fully before the lead! This is mandatory.
- 3.** Not too late. Get the facts from both parties, then adjust using law 64C and not 64A.
- 4.** Too late unfortunately.
- 5.** Brilliantly explained – hesitations and its perils.
- 6.** All comparable except d) where a 1-level overcall can be much weaker.

Psyching - this is a green psyche since partner did not field it (he bid 4H!) Occasional psyches are part of the game (Law 40C) and allowed at Regional and National events. Certain “green” clubs have explicitly banned psyching e.g., at Rivonia and Benoni Northerns.

Revokes

- 1.** Whilst Law 64B3 states that there is no automatic trick adjustment when dummy revokes, the TD uses 64C to redress any damage.
- 2.** West can fix the revoke (not established until a player from the offending side play to the next trick) without penalty. The H5 remains as a major penalty card. Can East change his CK? Only if North changes his card. (Law 62C)
- 3.** With thanks to EBU!

CASE STUDY

A claim was made without an accompanying statement. First and foremost, the TD must never be dictated to as to procedure or ruling. Learn to ignore self-serving statements and try to deal with each case rationally.

So, what do we know here?

- If West took the trump ace at trick 1 and switched to a diamond, the contract was going -2;
- If East led an ace (as per the other room) a diamond ruff would have ensued beating 4H;
- Declarer's line of play was clear – she established her source of tricks (diamonds) soonest;
- Declarer had lost 2 tricks only at that stage but claimed 10 tricks, not 11, and was thus fully aware that there was a trump at large. Law 70C therefore does not apply;
- Law 70E (unstated line of play) "... normal... includes play that would be careless or inferior for the class of player involved." Declarer is known to be an expert.

Ruling: 4H= is valid and appropriate. +420 assigned.