

Review of a Director's Decision

1. The Role of the Reviewer

- 1.1 All BAWA sponsored events should have a Reviewer appointed for the event.
- 1.2 The Reviewer is available to review decisions made by the Director under the Laws of Bridge, BAWA Regulations and Tournament Regulations. However, decisions relating to the format and the running of the event are not subject to review.

2. Appointment of the Reviewer for an Event

- 2.1 The Director for the event shall appoint the Reviewer for the event prior to the commencement of the event.
- 2.2 The Reviewer should be a member of the BAWA Panel of Reviewers.
- 2.3 The Reviewer need not be physically present on site, but should be contactable during every session of the event.

3. Appointment of a Review Advisor for an Event

- 3.1 Where possible, the Director for the event should appoint a Review Advisor for each session of the event. It is possible to have different Review Advisors appointed for different sessions of an event.
- 3.2 The Review Advisor should ordinarily be a member of the BAWA Panel of Reviewers.
- 3.3 A Review Advisor should be present on site during every session of the event.

4. The BAWA Panel of Reviewers

- 4.1 The BAWA Tournament Committee should maintain a list of approved Reviewers for BAWA events. That list shall be known as the "Panel of Reviewers".
- 4.2 Members of the Panel of Reviewers should be experienced in the application of bridge laws and be of good standing in the bridge community.
- 4.3 Appointment and removal of a person from the Panel of Reviewers shall be by a simple majority vote of the BAWA Tournament Committee.
- 4.4 At any point in time anyone eligible to serve as a Reviewer in an ABF event shall automatically be a member of the Panel of Reviewers unless that person has been removed by 4.3 above.

5. Requesting a Review

- 5.1 Any player directly affected by a decision of the Director may ask for that decision to be reviewed. For the avoidance of doubt, a player who is only indirectly affected by a decision may not ask for that decision to be reviewed.
- 5.2 The Director should ensure that all players in the event know of their right to have a decision reviewed and the identity (if any) of the Review Advisor who the players can consult prior to requesting a review.
- 5.3 A player can request a review by informing the Director that a review is being sought.

6. The Powers of the Reviewer

- 6.1 For all reviews, the Reviewer should:
 - (a) check that the Director has gathered the necessary evidence to make the decision;
 - (b) be satisfied that the correct law was applied; and
 - (c) ensure that other Directors were consulted where appropriate.
- 6.2 In matters requiring the exercise of bridge judgment, the Reviewer should additionally assess whether polling was required and, if so whether the Director asked suitable players appropriate questions to enable a clear view to be obtained on the matters requiring bridge judgement.
- 6.3 Having assessed all of the relevant matters from 5.1 and 5.2, the Reviewer may:
 - (a) find that there have been no errors made that affected the decision and affirm the decision of the Director; or
 - (b) instruct the Director to collect further evidence before re-making the decision; and/or
 - (c) recommend that the Director changes his/her interpretation of a law and then apply that interpretation to the decision.
- 6.4 If the Reviewer finds that no errors were made by the Director under 6.3(a) above and finds that there was no merit in the review, the Reviewer may recommend that the Director impose upon the player requesting the review a penalty of either 5VPs (or equivalent) or \$50.
- 6.5 The sanction in 6.4 above shall not be applied where a Review Advisor supported the review OR if there was no Review Advisor available to advise the player.