

## 2007 Law

### **LAW 26 - CALL WITHDRAWN, LEAD RESTRICTIONS**

When an offending player's call is withdrawn, and he chooses a different\* final call for that turn, then if he becomes a defender:

#### **A. Call Related to Specific Suit**

if the withdrawn call related solely to a specified suit or suits (and no other suit), and

1. if each such suit was specified in the legal auction by the same player there is no lead restriction, but see Law 16D.

2. if any suit specified in the withdrawn call was not specified by the same player in the legal auction then, at offender's partner's first turn to lead (which may be the opening lead), declarer may either,

(a) require the offender's partner to lead such a suit (if there are more than one declarer chooses the suit); or

(b) prohibit offender's partner from leading (one) such suit. Such prohibition continues for as long as the offender's partner retains the lead.

#### **B. Other Withdrawn Calls**

For other withdrawn calls, declarer may prohibit offender's partner from leading any one suit at his first turn to lead, including the opening lead, such prohibition to continue for as long as offender's partner retains the lead.

\* A call repeated with a much different meaning shall be deemed a different call.

## 2017 Law

### **LAW 26 – CALL WITHDRAWN, LEAD RESTRICTIONS**

#### **A. No Lead Restrictions**

When an offending player's call is withdrawn and it is replaced by a comparable call (see Law 23A), then if he becomes a defender there are no lead restrictions for his side. Law 16C does not apply, but see Law 23C.

#### **B. Lead Restrictions**

When an offending player's call is withdrawn and it is not replaced by a comparable call, then if he becomes a defender declarer may, at the offender's partner's first turn to lead (which may be the opening lead) either:

1. require the offender's partner to lead any (one) suit which has not been specified in the legal auction by the offender; or
2. prohibit offender's partner from leading any (one) suit which has not been specified in the legal auction by the offender. Such prohibition continues for as long as the offender's partner retains the lead.