

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

- 1 place date of approval by Council as footer
- 2 amend appeals clause so that an appeal from a League Organiser requires a hearing
- 3 proposed amendments to Order 3 hereunder with deletions struck through and additions highlighted yellow

3 Appeals and references to the Committee

The Committee shall deal with the following matters

3.1 an appeal to the Committee by a member dissatisfied with the ruling of an appeals committee to which such member appealed or by a member being a party present at the hearing of such appeals committee in accordance with the Laws of Contract Bridge against the decision of a tournament director arising in a competition organised by or under the auspices of the Union

3.2 an appeal against the ruling of a league organiser by any ~~member~~ **captain of a league team** dissatisfied with the ruling of a league organiser

3.3 a reference by a tournament director of any ruling made by an appeals committee relating to a decision of that tournament director where such tournament director considers it appropriate in the interests of bridge for such reference to be made

3.4 An appeal must be made in writing accompanied by a deposit of £50 to the Chairman of the Committee within 14 days of the verdict of the Appeals Committee, the ruling of the league organiser and a copy of the appeal or complaint must be lodged with the chairman of the Tournament Committee

3.5 The Tournament Committee shall furnish a record of each appeal made against the ruling of a tournament director to an appeals committee at any competition organised by or under the auspices of the Union within 14 days of such appeal in the form set out in the Appendix hereto.

3.6 No appeal under clause 3.1 shall lie to the Committee in respect of any ruling made by a tournament director at any competition organised by or under the auspices of the Union

3.6.1 if there was no appeal against such ruling under Law 92 A or

3.6.2 if the appeal is made by a player who did not appear before the appeals committee

3.7 On receipt of an appeal under clause 3.1 the Committee shall advise the appellant[s] whether the appeal is on a point of law or on a value judgment

3.7.1 Where an appeal is on a point of law the Committee may refund the deposit if the Committee decides that the appeal was not frivolous

3.7.2 Where an appeal is on a value judgment and the appeal is not successful, the appellant[s] shall not be entitled to a refund of the deposit paid

3.7.3 Where an appeal is withdrawn by written notice to the Chairman of the Committee before the date of the hearing of the appeal the deposit may be refunded to the appellant[s]

3.7.4 A value judgment includes *inter alia* a decision on the facts, a decision as to whether a player was entitled to take the action taken, and a decision as to the penalty awarded

3.8 On an appeal to the Committee under clause 3.1 the Committee shall hear representations from such of the appellant[s], the tournament director and the other players at the table when the incident giving rise to the appeal occurred as the Committee considers necessary

3.9 On an appeal to the Committee under clause 3.2 the Committee shall hear representations from such of the appellant[s], the league organiser, the chairman of the Tournament Committee and the captain of any team affected by the ruling of the league organiser

3.10 On a reference by a tournament director of any ruling made by an appeals committee relating to a decision of that tournament director under clause 3.3 the Committee shall hear representations from such members of the Union as the Committee considers appropriate

3.11 Where one or more members of the Committee is conflicted in the hearing of an appeal, the Chairman shall request the Council to appoint substitute non-conflicted member or members to the Committee for the sole purpose of hearing the appeal so that the Committee is quorate

3.9~~12~~ The decision of the Committee shall be published on the Union website within 21 days of the decision having been made together with the report of the tournament director [if any]

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