

LCBA 2012 APPEAL (& PSYCHE) FORM – Excluding League

STATEMENT OF BASIC FACTS	Director –	Event –	
Board No -	Dealer -	Vul.-	Date –
NS Captain –	EW Captain –		
Players Names Below	Hands	N	♠
North –			♥
South –			♦
			♣
W	♠		E
East –	♥		♥
West –	♦		♦
	♣		♣
AUCTION		S	♠
NS system -	♥		
EW system -	♦		
In record below also Record Announcements and insert A for Alert H for Hesitation	♣		
West Calls	North Calls	East Calls	South Calls

Nature of Alleged Irregularity in either Auction or Play reported to Director (e.g. hesitation, other unauthorized information, misinformation etc.)

RESULT (actual or adjusted etc) Appealed Against Opening Lead

If play of the hand was completed with a different result, prior to Director ruling state that result:

Contracts & Results (A) In Teams of 4 at other table

(B) In Pairs at all other tables (1) (2) (3)

(4) (5) (6) (7)

[continue to right as necessary]

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT OF FACTS (see overleaf) [continue on separate sheet if necessary]

STATEMENT BY APPELLANT (see below) [continue on separate sheet if necessary]

COMMENT (if any) by other pair/side [continue on separate sheet if necessary]

This form should normally * (see below) be completed FULLY, and signed by Director & both sides on the match night; then submitted by email (or duplicated and posted) as indicated below. If not countersigned on the night the appellant MUST ALSO send a photocopy to the other captain

Signature for Appellant Side

[either player at table
or captain]

Counter Signature for Other Side

[either player at table
or captain]

NOTES:

Signature of Director

General In centrally held events the Director should have an authorized copy of the 2007 Laws of Bridge, the 2006 Orange Book & amendments thereto as announced in subsequent LCBA Yearbooks (consolidated version on the website), and Event Rules which potential appellants may refer to. In privately played matches it is the duty of the Home Captain to provide these documents together with the LCBA Guide for Match Playing Directors, all of which potential appellants may refer to. [Away Captains may consider it prudent to carry their own.]

The Director The Director in both centrally and privately played events is there to give any rulings required. In the rare cases of an appeal being made against his ruling he is asked to assist the Laws & Ethics Committee [L & E] in arriving at a correct judgement by providing a brief statement of facts explaining the basis of his ruling. If, as will sometimes happen, a Director is unsure what ruling to make, he should be open about this. He should give some ruling and advise the team/pair ruled against to lodge an appeal so that the matter can be properly resolved by the L & E.

System Cards: If the appeal concerns anything directly or indirectly involving the bidding the L & E may need to explore the systems employed, **and copies of relevant System Cards must therefore be attached to this document.**

* **Appellant unsure whether to Appeal** To preserve the right to appeal a ruling you MUST notify both your opponents and the Director of this at the end of the day's play if not earlier. You will also need, at least partially, to complete the Appeal Form so the basic facts are recorded and agreed on the night. If later - perhaps next day after consulting a 'friend' (such as a qualified Director) - you decide not to proceed simply let your opponents and the Director know.

Appellant Statement This should make clear the BASIS OF APPEAL indicating (i) What actions is/are involved, and (ii) In what way (if any) you were damaged as a consequence of this. [If this relates to the play use the diagram overleaf to show the cards still held when the alleged offence occurred by crossing through (/) cards already played.]

Submitting the Appeal. Any appeal against a decision of the Director must be sent to the Competition Controller (CC) and/or the LCBA General Secretary as stated in the Event Rules, within 48 hours of the event. In the case of an appeal re a 'scoring error' in a pairs event the allowed 48 hours only commences when the scored travellers are published.

Psyche Reports If a psychic bid is reported to the Director, he shall, on request, record the details of the board on which it occurred, and report them as stated in the Event Rules for the attention of the L & E within 7 days. The Director at a centrally run event also has discretion to record and similarly report any departure from any partnership system that he considers should be brought to its attention.

Addresses: CC – shown on Event Rules.

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