

Law 12

Director's Discretionary Powers

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In a nutshell Law 12:

- Gives Power to Award an Adjusted Score
- Prescribes Objectives of Score Adjustment
- Says how to Award an Adjusted Score

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Some Definitions

- **Adjusted Score** : A score awarded by the Director
 - **Assigned** – an actual bridge score (eg 3NT making 9), this replaces the score obtained in play.
 - **Artificial** – When owing to an irregularity no result can be obtained ...
 - Average = 50%
 - Average Plus = 60% or session score if in no way at fault
 - Average Minus = 40% or session score if directly at fault
- **Infraction** : A players breach of Law.
- **Irregularity** : A deviation from correct procedure inclusive of those which involve an infraction by a player.

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Law 12A. Power to Award an Adjusted Score

On the application of a player within the period established under Law 92B or on his own initiative the Director may award an adjusted score when these Laws empower him to do so (in team play see Law 86B).

This includes:

1. The Director may award an adjusted score in favour of a non-offending contestant when he judges that these Laws do not prescribe a rectification for the particular type of violation committed.
2. The Director awards an artificial adjusted score if no rectification can be made that will permit normal play of the board (see C2 below).
3. The Director may award an adjusted score if there has been an incorrect rectification of an irregularity.

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- *Law 12 is for situations not covered by automatic rectifications.*
- *You consider action when called by a player or on your own awareness of the situation.*
- *The title says it all – The Director may award an adjusted score.*
- *Law 12.A.1 adjust in favour of a non-offending contestant ... redress the damage received by the innocent side.*
- *Law 12.A.2 We should 'move mountains' to allow a board to be played (even if we suspect we may need to adjust later). You can only assess score damage if there is a score to be compared with.*
- *Law 12.A.3 may award an adjusted score if there has been an incorrect rectification of an irregularity (perhaps Director error or players making their own incorrect ruling).*

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Law 12B. Objectives of Score Adjustment

1. The objective of score adjustment is to **redress damage** to a non-offending side and to take away any advantage gained by an offending side through its infraction. Damage exists when, because of an infraction, an innocent side obtains a table result less favourable than would have been the expectation had the infraction not occurred.
2. The Director **may not** award an adjusted score on the grounds that the rectification provided in these Laws is either unduly severe or advantageous to either side.

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Law 12C. Awarding an Adjusted Score

1. When after an irregularity the Director is empowered by these laws to adjust a score Such a score replaces the score obtained in play.
2. ... seek to recover as nearly as possible the probable outcome of the board had the infraction not occurred.
3. *An assigned adjusted score may be weighted to reflect the probabilities of a number of potential results.*
4. If the possibilities are numerous or not obvious, the Director may award an artificial adjusted score.

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Give an **Assigned Adjusted Score** whenever possible

An Assigned Adjusted Score looks like a normal bridge score

~~5♣E 12 +420~~

If you decide that without an infraction that East would play in 4♣ - then adjust to that.

4♣E 12 +170

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Assigned Adjusted Scores may be weighted to reflect a number of potential results [Law 12C1(c)]

~~5♣E 10~~ 70% 4♥N 10 14 9.8 NS 11.6
 30% 4♥N 9 6 1.8 EW 12.4



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Session Management - Hervey Bay Autumn

Editing Result

Result for Board: 23 Table: 1 Round: 8

NS Pair Number: 1

EW Pair Number: 6

Contract: Enter as number and letter e.g. 3N or 2H. Enter P for passed in.

Declarer:

Actual tricks won: Enter the actual number of tricks won.

Lead Card: Enter Denomination then Suit e.g. 9H or KD

Fouled? ☐ Arrow-switched? ☐

☒ Matchpoints Override

Matchpoints for NS: 0

Matchpoints for EW: 0

Apply Cancel

Board: Board 23

Board	NS P	EW P	Contract	Declarer
1	6	4S	North	
7	16	3S	North	
8	15	5D	East	
11	4	5D	West	
12	9	5D	East	
13	29	4S	North	
17	10	4S	North	
18	3	5D	West	
19	34	5D	West	
22	2	3S	North	
23	28	4S	North	
26	33	4D	West	

Round 8 Import Add Result Edit Result Delete Result Anomalies Pair Results Summary

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Law 12C1(d) If the possibilities are numerous or not obvious, the Director may award an **artificial adjusted score** (see C2 below).

C1(e) If, subsequent to the irregularity, the non-offending side has contributed to its own damage by an extremely serious error (unrelated to the infraction) or by a gambling action, which if unsuccessful it might have hoped to recover through rectification, then: (i) The offending side is awarded the score it would have been allotted as the consequence of rectifying its infraction.

(ii) The non-offending side does not receive relief for such part of its damage as is self-inflicted.

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2. (a) When owing to an irregularity **no result can be obtained** [see also C1(d)] the Director awards an **artificial adjusted score** according to responsibility for the irregularity: **average minus** (at most 40% of the available matchpoints in pairs) to a contestant directly at fault, **average** (50% in pairs) to a contestant only partly at fault, and **average plus** (at least 60% in pairs) to a contestant in no way at fault.

(b) When the Director chooses to award an artificial adjusted score of **average plus** or **average minus** at IMP play, that score is **plus 3 IMPs** or **minus 3 IMPs** respectively. Subject to approval by the Regulating Authority, this may be varied by the Tournament Organizer as provided for by Laws 78D, 86B3 and (d) hereunder.

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(c) The foregoing is modified for a non-offending contestant that obtains a session score exceeding 60% of the available matchpoints or for an offending contestant that obtains a session score that is less than 40% of the available matchpoints (or the equivalent in IMPs). Such contestants are awarded the percentage obtained (or the equivalent in IMPs) on the other boards of that session.