

Pass or Bid out of Rotation

- Laws 29 – 31

... but first we need to consider the concept of a “Comparable Call” defined in Law 23

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analogous close similar
 akin near proportional
 equivalent corresponding
 parallel like
 proportionate approaching related
 commensurate bordering on
 verging on *matching* approximate

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Comparable Call: Same Similar Subset Same purpose

A call that replaces a withdrawn call is a comparable call, if it:

1. has the same or similar meaning as that *attributable* to the withdrawn call, or

attributable?

Players may not have an agreement as to what their infractions mean.

Directors do not need to find out what the *intended* meaning was.

The use of "*attributable*" gives directors a little leeway in avoiding an 82C Director Error ruling should the comparability be later questioned.

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(2S) 2C

Was 2C a strong opening, 21+ or similar?

Was 2C an attempt at a natural overcall of 1S or 2S?

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(3C) 2D

Was 2D a Multi 2D or a Weak 2D opening?

Was 2D a Strong 2D opening?

Was 2D a weak jump overcall of 1C?

Was 2D overcall – opening hand?

Was it a 2D overcall of a Strong 2C opening?

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Same meaning means same meaning

Dealer

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

~~2NT~~

5/5 minors 8-11

Pass Pass 1S 2NT 5/5 minors 8-11

CHECK THE SYSTEM

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Dealer

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

~~2NT~~

5/5 minors 8-11

1H Pass 1S X

Does X have the same meaning?

An opening hand with both minors?

A big hand intending to bid clubs later?

Penalties? **None are the same.**

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“Similar” is a grey area.

1 more or 1 fewer cards

1 or 2 point difference at lower end

Higher end of range less important

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Dealer
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1C 1H

1C Pass 1S ??

Meaning attributable to 1H?

11-19 5+ hearts – opening

8-15 5+ hearts – overcall of 1C

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1C Pass 1S 1H

2H

2H shows 11-16, 5+ hearts

Similar to the 1H opening

Upper limit of 16 rather than 19 is unlikely to affect result

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1C Pass 1S ~~1H~~
3H

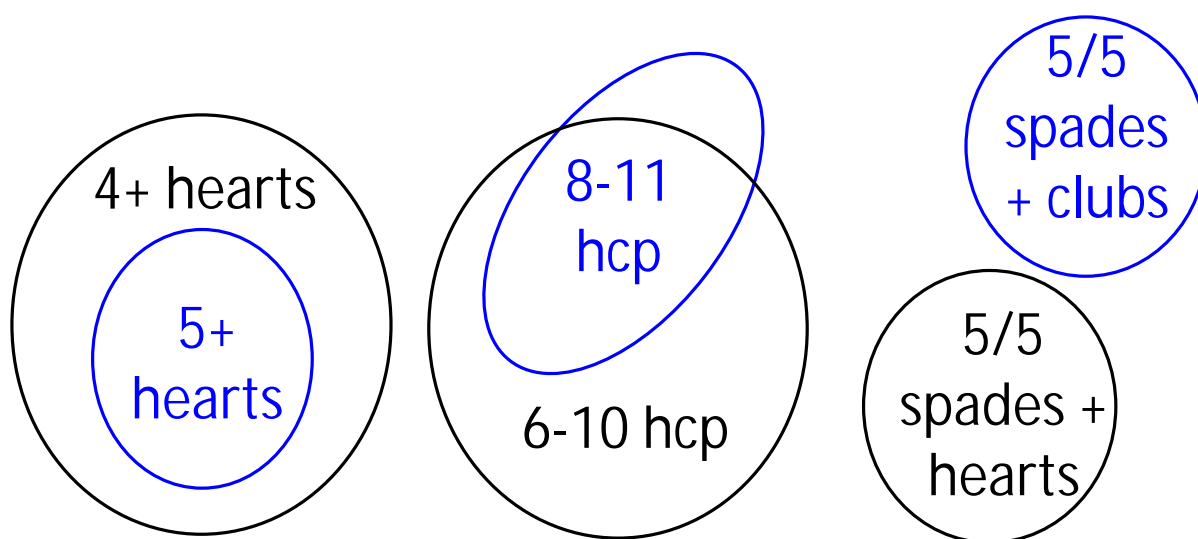
3H shows 6-9, 7+ hearts

(1C) 1H overcall was 8-15, 5+ hearts

Similar? **Not Comparable**

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2. defines a subset of the possible meanings attributable to the withdrawn call, or

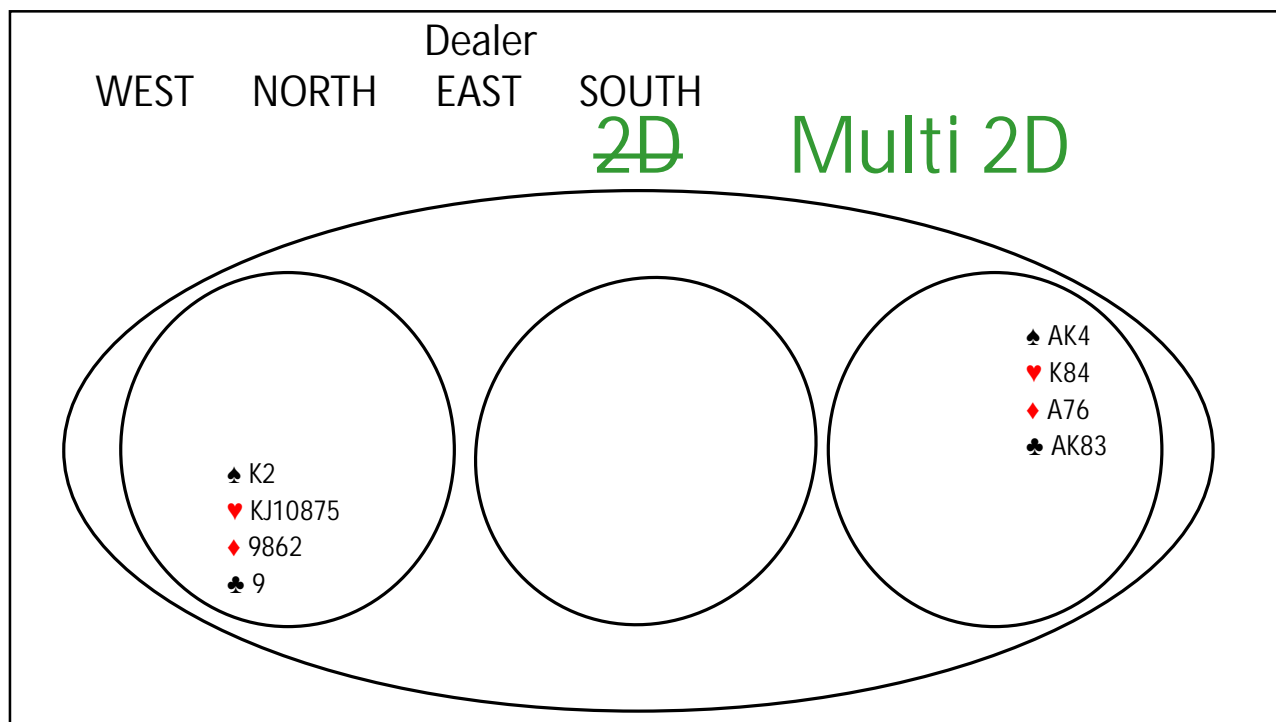


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“Subset” means “subset”

There is no leniency
(at this time)
for calls that show
almost a subset.

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		Dealer		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	
			2D	Multi 2D
		1D	?	

♠ K2

♥ KJ10875

♦ 9862

♣ 9

♠ AK4

♥ K84

♦ A76

♣ AK83

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...the Director must
find out the system
being played.

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Substantial information coming
only from the withdrawn call
because it is not included in
the replacement call -
leads to the replacement call being

NOT COMPARABLE

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If there is some residual information
ask yourself:
Is it likely to matter?
If "yes" or "possibly" then ...

NOT COMPARABLE

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3. has the same purpose (e.g. an asking bid or a relay) as that attributable to the withdrawn call.

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B. No Rectification

When a call is cancelled (as per Law 29B) and the offender chooses at his proper turn to replace the irregularity with a comparable call, then both the auction and play continue without further rectification. Law 16C2 does not apply, but see C following.

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C. Non-Offending Side Damaged

If following the substitution of a comparable call [see Laws 27B1(b), 30B1(b)(i), 31A2(a) and 32A2(a)] the Director judges at the end of the play that **without the assistance gained through the infraction** the outcome of the board could well have been different, and in consequence the non-offending side is damaged, he shall award an adjusted score [see Law 12C1(b)].

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Calls out of Rotation

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28A RHO Required to Pass

A call is considered to be in rotation when it is made by a player at his RHO's turn to call if that opponent is required by law to pass.

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29A Forfeiture of Right to Rectification

Following a call out of rotation offender's LHO may elect to call thereby forfeiting the right to any rectification.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH (Dealer)
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1H	??		
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B Out-of-Rotation Call Cancelled

Unless A applies, a call out of rotation is cancelled and the auction reverts to the player whose turn it was to call. The offending side is subject to the provisions of Law 30, 31 or 32.

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PASS OUT OF ROTATION

30 When a player has passed out of rotation and the call is cancelled, the option in Law 29A not having been exercised, the following provisions apply (if the pass is artificial see C):

A RHO's Turn to Call

When a pass out of rotation is made at offender's RHO's turn to call, the offender must pass when next it is his turn to call and Law 72C may apply.

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B Partner's or LHO's Turn to Call

1. When the offender has passed at his partner's turn to call, or at his LHO's turn to call if the offender has not previously called, then:

(a) Offender's partner may make any legal call at his proper turn, but Law 16C2 applies.

(b) Offender may make any legal call at his correct turn and:

(i) When the call is a comparable call (see Law 23A), there is no further rectification. Law 26B does not apply, but see Law 23C.

(ii) When the call is not a comparable call (see Law 23A), offender's partner must pass when next it is his turn to call. Laws 16C, 26B and 72C may apply.

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LAW 31 - BID OUT OF ROTATION

When a player has bid out of rotation, has passed artificially or has passed partner's artificial call (see Law 30C) and the call is cancelled, the option in Law 29A not having been exercised, the following provisions apply:

A. RHO's Turn to Call

When the offender has called at his RHO's turn to call, then:

1. If that opponent passes, offender must repeat the call out of rotation, and when that call is legal there is no rectification.

WEST	NORTH (Dealer)	EAST	SOUTH
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~~1D~~

Pass

1D

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WEST	NORTH (Dealer)	EAST	SOUTH
	1H	1S	2H
Pass	3C		

WEST	NORTH (Dealer)	EAST	SOUTH
	1H	1S	2H
Pass	2C		

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2. If that opponent makes a legal⁸ bid, double or redouble, offender may make any legal call:

When the call is a comparable call (see Law 23A), there is no further rectification. Law 26B does not apply, but see Law 23C.

When the call is not a comparable call (see Law 23A), offender's partner must pass when next it is his turn to call. Laws 16C, 26B and 72C may apply.

⁸ An illegal call by RHO is rectified as usual.

Consistent Treatment for Calls out of Rotation

Comparable Call - Auction Continues

Not Comparable - Partner Passes Next Turn***

***Different
from
Law 27B2

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B. Partner's or LHO's Turn to Call

When the offender has bid at his partner's turn to call, or at his LHO's turn to call if the offender has not previously called, then:

1. Offender's partner may make any legal call at his proper turn, but Law 16C2 applies.

2. Offender may make any legal call at his correct turn and the Director rules as in A2(a) or A2(b) above.

WEST	NORTH (Dealer)	EAST	SOUTH
	1S	Pass	1S

4C, 4D, 4H singleton or void, 4+ spades, game values, slam interest?

4S Weak pre-emptive. 4+ spades, 6-9, singleton or void?

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C. Later Bids at LHO's Turn to Call

Later bids at LHO's turn to call are treated as changes of call and Law 25 applies.