

Laws 26 : Lead Restrictions

*The entry point for this Law is via other
Laws such as:
Law 27 Insufficient Bid
Laws 29-32 Calls out of Rotation
... and others*

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Law 26A No Lead Restrictions

**When an offending player's call is withdrawn
and it is replaced by a comparable call, then if
he becomes a defender there are no lead
restrictions for his side.**

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Law 26B 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When an **offending player's call is withdrawn** and it is **not replaced by a comparable call**, then if he becomes a defender declarer may, at the offender's partner's first turn to lead either:

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.

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Example 1:

West	North	East	South (Dlr)
		1H	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

East's 1H bid out of rotation was not accepted by South.

East specified nothing about any suit in the legal auction so Declarer may prohibit the lead of a spade or a heart or a diamond or a club for as long as West retains the lead at this time.

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Example 2:

West	North	East	South (Dlr)
		1H	1NT
Pass	2NT	3H	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

East's 1H bid out of rotation was not accepted by South.

East managed to specify hearts later in the legal auction so Declarer may prohibit the lead of a spade or a diamond or a club for as long as West retains the lead at this time.

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Example 3:

West	North	East	South (Dlr)
		1D	1S
Pass	2C	2D	2S
Pass	3C	3H	4S
Pass	Pass	Pass	

East's 1D bid out of rotation was not accepted by South.

East managed to specify diamonds and hearts later in the legal auction so Declarer may prohibit the lead of a spade or a club for as long as West retains the lead at this time.

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