

DO THE RIGHT THING

Acting Ethically When in Possession of Unauthorized Information (UI)

From the Laws of Duplicate Bridge:

Law 16 Authorized and Unauthorized Information

1. (a) After a player makes available to his partner extraneous information that may suggest a call or play, as for example by a remark, a question, a reply to a question, an unexpected* alert or failure to alert, or by unmistakable hesitation, unwonted speed, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement or mannerism, the partner may not choose from among logical alternatives one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the extraneous information. (b) A logical alternative action is one that, among the class of players in question and using the methods of the partnership, would be given serious consideration by a significant proportion of such players, of whom it is judged some might select it.

Recommended Reading:

Bridge Ethics by Greg Herman

<http://www.northerncoloradobridge.com/archives/playerscorner/BridgeEthics.htm>

Tempo and Bridge Ethics Bridge Winners article by Andrew Gumperz

<http://bridgewinners.com/article/view/tempo-and-bridge-ethics/>

Active Ethics and the Alert Procedure (advanced!) Bridge Winners article by Debbie Rosenberg, which includes discussion of hand #1 below

<http://bridgewinners.com/article/view/active-ethics-and-the-alert-procedure/>

Hand from Reisinger (advanced!) Bridge Winners article by Kit Woolsey discussing hand #3 below

<http://bridgewinners.com/article/view/hand-from-reisinger/>

Hesitations, Failure to Alert and Misinformation: ACBL guide for director rulings

http://www.acbl.org/clubs_page/club-administration/club-directors/rulings-faq/hesitations-failures-to-alert-and-misinformation/

The below examples were discussed during the lecture, and may not make sense without context. In each case, you are North.

1) IMP scoring

♠ AT2

♥ A43

♦ 43

♣ QT852

Nobody Vul. N dealer

N E S W

P P 1♠ X

2♠* 3♥ P 4♥

4♠!

* intended as Drury,
but partner didn't alert

2) Matchpoint scoring

♠ J6

♥ 63

♦ AJ

♣ AKQJ973

N-S Vul. W dealer

N E S W

2♠

3♠* 4♣ X P

?

*agreed long minor, asks
stopper, but partner unsure

3) BAM scoring

♠ Q72

♥ Q4

♦ 75432

♣ J86

Both Vul. W dealer

N E S W

P P

1♠ 1N 2♦ X

P 3♣ P* P

? * after thought

4) IMP scoring

♠ QT

♥ KT2

♦ K5432

♣ AQ3

E-W Vul. S dealer

N E S W

3♠ 4♥

?