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2015 QBA CONGRESS DIRECTOR EXAM
PAPER 2 – LAWS AND REGULATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ Please use black or blue pen.
- ◆ Answer all questions on the exam paper. Add pages if insufficient space.
- ◆ All answers require a Law Reference Number
- ◆ Time allowed is flexible but 3 hours should be sufficient.
- ◆ Candidates may refer to the 2007 Laws, the QBA Regulations and one other piece of reference material.

“You” means you as the director. In some of the situations described it would be usual for you to consult with others. As this is not possible you should base your ruling on your own judgement.

QUESTION ONE

North is declarer. West has the ♥7 as a major penalty card. East has the ♠K as a major penalty card. West has won Trick 7. What are declarer’s options for lead restrictions?

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What Law(s) influenced your decision?

QUESTION TWO

South is Dealer however East opens 1C. South then bids 1H. South calls you at this point. What facts do you need to determine and how do they affect your ruling?

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What Law(s) apply?

QUESTION THREE

NS are Vul.
West passes as dealer holding ♠ 843 ♥ 62 ♦ J987 ♣ 8632 and North opens the auction with 1NT balanced 15-17 hcp.
West now realizes he still has his hand from the previous board and you are called. Now holding his correct hand ♠ AK10976 ♥ K9 ♦ KQ ♣ QJ7 West repeats his pass and North bids 1NT as before. What is your ruling?

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What Law(s) influenced your decision?

QUESTION FOUR

	♠ A4	
♠ K		♠ J10652
	♠ Q9873	

Declarer North starts on his spade suit by playing the ♠A (2,3,K) and quickly follows with the ♠4 with East playing the ♠5. Declarer calls for the ♠Q.

Dummy says, "What?"

Declarer, "Of course I meant the 7."

Declarer says it is obvious that his intention was to cover whatever card East played.

What is your ruling?

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What Law(s) influenced your decision?

QUESTION FIVE

	♣ J5	
♣ K3		♣ A
	♣ 109	

Declarer South is playing in 3NT and leads the ♣10 to this trick. East immediately plays her now singleton ♣A. What is your ruling?

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What Law(s) influenced your decision?

QUESTION SIX

♠ Q632	
♥ K1098	
♦ J	
♣ AQJ9	
♠ J87	♠ AK10
♥ QJ76	♥ 53
♦ KQ5	♦ 10942
♣ K102	♣ 8764
	♠ 954
	♥ A42
	♦ A8763
	♣ 53

North is declarer in a 3H contract.
The play starts:

♠A	♠4	♠7	♠2
♠K	♠5	♠8	♠3
♦10	♦A	♦5	♦J
♣5	♣2	♣J	♣4
♥8	♥3	♥A	♥J
♣3	♣10	♣Q	♣6
♥K	♥5	♥2	♥Q
♥10	♦2	♥4	♠J**
♥9	♠10	♦3	♣K**
♣A	♣7		

At this point, West says, "I've only got two cards left." The ♥76 are found in the board. West now ruffs the ♣A with the ♥6. North says, "I thought it was a bit odd but I wasn't really watching once the ♥QJ fell." West wins the last 3 tricks with ♦KQ and ♥7 so that North has won 7 tricks. What is your ruling?

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What Law(s) influenced your decision?

QUESTION SEVEN

West is declarer in 4H. North, who has the ♥4 as a minor penalty card, wins Trick 3. North leads the ♥9 and you are called. What is your ruling?

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What Law(s) influenced your decision?

QUESTION EIGHT

North is dealer with EW vulnerable.

South makes first call with a bid of 2H which systemically shows 5+ hearts and 5+ of another suit with 8-11 hcp.

As you get to the table, West says, "I'm not accepting it."

What is your ruling at this stage?

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The auction continues as below with all bids being natural.

N	E	S	W
Pass	1C	1H	Pass
Pass	1S	2D	Pass
Pass	3C	3D	3S
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Are there lead restrictions? If yes, what are they?

If no, explain why not?

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What Law(s) influenced your action?

QUESTION NINE

Dir: E ♠ 108
 Vul: All ♥ KQ976
 ♦ Q84
 ♣ Q62

♠ AJ7 ♠ 9532
 ♥ A2 ♥ J83
 ♦ J953 ♦ 10762
 ♣ AJ54 ♣ K7

 ♠ KQ64
 ♥ 1054
 ♦ AK
 ♣ 10983

N	E	S	W
	P	1NT	X ¹
P ²	P	2C ³	X ⁴
P	2S	P	P
3H	P	P	3S
X ⁴	P	P	

- NS play Swine.
- 1 More points than S
 - 2 Alerted. East asks about the alerted pass and is told touching suits. It actually asks S to XX after which N may pass or bid one of touching suits.
 - 3 No systemic meaning.
 - 4 Penalties

You are called before the final pass by which time South has said that P² asks her to redouble and that partner is trying to run from something but she doesn't know what. What do you do at his stage?

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West passes and 3SXE is down three. EW claim to have been damaged and East says that after N passes 2CX he believes the suits are clubs and diamonds. What is your ruling? (Please see notes on front page about consultation.)

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What Law(s) influenced your decision?

QUESTION TEN

Dir: N	♠ Q82	N	E	S	W
Vul: EW	♥ 95	1C	1S	Pass	2C ¹
	♦ A10	Pass	2D ²	Pass	2H
	♣ AJ9632	Pass	2S	Pass	3H
♠ A1043		Pass	3S	Pass	4S
♥ AK8432	♠ KJ965	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♦ K9	♥ J				
♣ 5	♦ 652				
	♣ KQ107				
	♠ 7				
	♥ Q1076				
	♦ QJ8743				
	♣ 84				

¹ Agreed shows spade support & invitational
² Not alerted. Agreed long suit trial. Asks for help with potential diamond losers.

No questions are asked during the auction. EW are very experienced congress players. NS are both Regional Masters. South leads the ♣8 and declarer makes 11 tricks. South calls you and says his natural lead was the ♦Q however he thought East had diamonds and decided not to lead a diamond.

What is your ruling? (Please see notes on front page about consultation.)

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What Law(s) influenced your decision?

QUESTION ELEVEN

East is declarer in 2NT and the play has reached Trick 11. East leads her ♦J from ♦J96 and both defenders discard clubs. East claims the last two tricks however South disagrees saying, "No, I have the ♦10 and can also win the last trick with my ♥8." What is your ruling?

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What Law(s) influenced your decision?

QUESTION TWELVE

Dir: E ♠ Q
Vul: All ♥ 86
 ♦ KQ7
 ♣ 3
♠ 5 ♠ 102
♥ - ♥ J
♦ J6 ♦ -
♣ QJ98 ♣ 10754
 ♠ -
 ♥ Q732
 ♦ 1098
 ♣ -

South is declarer in a heart contract. At this point, East is to lead when South claims by saying, "Conceding one to the ♥A."
(Declarer believed the ♥A was still with the defenders.)

How do you award the remaining tricks?
(Please see notes on front page about consultation.)

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What Law(s) influenced your decision?

QUESTION THIRTEEN

Dir: W ♠ J75
Vul: Both ♥ 2
 ♦ AQ9
 ♣ KQJ1085
♠ Q82 ♠ A106
♥ AJ10854 ♥ 976
♦ KJ ♦ 1087642
♣ 62 ♣ 9
 ♠ K943
 ♥ KQ3
 ♦ 53
 ♣ A743

	N	E	S	W
				1H
	2C	4H ¹	X ²	Pass
	Pass	Pass		

- ¹ South asks about 4H and is told correctly that 4H shows heart support, 6-9 and a singleton or void somewhere.
- ² South's double is then made quickly and forcefully, almost slicing the paper

Result: 4HX makes 7 tricks for NS +800

EW are concerned about North's decision to pass South's double, which NS agree (when questioned by you) is systemically for take-out.
What is your ruling? (Please see notes on front page about consultation.)

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QUESTION FOURTEEN

An assistant makes an incorrect ruling however by the time you hear about it the opening lead has been faced in a contract of 4♣ East. What do you do at this stage?

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East states that they would have easily found 4♠ had your assistant not incorrectly ruled that West must pass for the last two rounds.

You consult widely and decide that EW would have reached 4♠ and that NS would have been highly unlikely to sacrifice.

4♠ makes 10 tricks if a two way finesse for the ♦Q is taken successfully (without any indications as to the right way) and if the defenders do not start with a club lead.

Without a club lead but taking the failing finesse declarer makes 9 tricks.

With a club lead and a failing finesse he makes 8 tricks.

What is your ruling?

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What Law(s) influenced your decision?

QUESTION FIFTEEN

You are running an 8 table Share & Relay Mitchell with 4 boards per round. At the first move, South at Table 4 takes the wrong set of boards from the relay table and NS4 v EW3 play Board 21. The error is not discovered until North is trying to enter the result into the table scoring unit. What do you do?

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What Law(s) influenced your decision?