



Tournament Director Training

The Tournament Director is at the heart of every game of bridge. He/she has to fulfil a large number of roles in the course of a tournament: – setting up the room, identifying the movement, arranging for the duplication of boards, keeping the event running to time, calling the moves and where necessary explaining the Laws when something untoward happens at the table. At the end, everything has to be packed away and the event scored. It is absolutely vital, therefore, that if players are to enjoy their game to the full the Tournament Directors should have a good knowledge of all of these elements. A healthy sprinkling of common sense, a large pinch of good humour and an appreciation of human frailties are also much needed in a good Director. As part of its development programme for Tournament Directors the WBU now provides training at different levels.

Club Directing

This is a two session course on tournament directing aimed at players who are, or who are about to start, directing at their clubs and who would like some help in doing so. The first session concentrates on the role and duties of the Director; goes on to a discussion on alerting, announcing and scoring; and concludes with a quiz, event preparation and a look at movements for pairs. The second session deals with accommodating late pairs, team's movements, table ruling simulations dealing with the most common Law infringements (viz. Revoke, Faced Opening Lead out of Turn, Mechanical Errors and Insufficient Bids); an assessment quiz followed by an open forum. Each participant receives a booklet entitled "Basic Tournament Directing".

Club Director's Laws course

This one session course is aimed at people who have a fair amount of directing experience and who would like to consolidate this and take it further. The elements of the Basic Club Directing Course are reinforced and the Laws element is greatly extended. Particular emphasis is placed on the Revoke Laws and on simulations of common rulings and how they should be given. This session should be preceded by the two above, but those with suitable club directing experience may attend just this course. A booklet "A Tour of the 2007 Laws of Duplicate Bridge" which contains all the information covered in the session will be provided.

Area Director's Course

A course aimed at those who have passed the Club course and want to go further. The main thrust of the Area Course is the use of Computer scoring, along with slots on more advanced movements, variations in scoring and organising multiple section and multiple session tournaments. We also look at Claims and Concessions and some of the other, less well-known Laws. Open to all who have passed the Club course or who are experienced Directors nominated by their Areas. Courses will be arranged according to demand.

Each Course Session will cost £25.00 which will include the provision of tea/coffee/water and a buffet lunch.

Current Members of the WBU will benefit with a 20% reduction on course fees. For those enrolling for three sessions a copy of the '2007 Laws of Duplicate Bridge' will be provided. The book is otherwise available at a cost of £3.00.