

Director's Quick Reference Guide

Disputed Claim or Concession (Law 68-71)

Opponent Disputes Claim/Concession

A player claims all or some of the remaining tricks.
Claim is doubted by any player (incl. dummy). Director called.

Ask claimer to repeat stated line of play or defence, if any*.

Ask opponents to state objections*.

Is there a trump outstanding?

No

- Do not accept, from the claimer, a successful line of play not included in original statement if there is an alternative normal**, less successful line of play.
- Do not accept any unstated line of play which depends on finding one opponent with a particular card unless previous play has indicated it.
- Do not accept a claim by a defender that depends on their partner selecting a line of play from among normal** alternative plays

Yes

- Award trick(s) to opponents if:-
- no statement made about that trump, *and*
 - claimer appears unaware of trump at time of claim, *and*
 - a trick could be lost to that trump by any normal** play

Defenders Partner Disputes Claim/Concession (Law 68B2)

A claim/concession is made by a defender –
Partner objects immediately

Have cards been exposed?

No

Play continues.
Partners objection is unauthorised (UI) to Claimer, (Law 16B2)

Yes

All cards exposed are picked up. Knowledge of the cards is unauthorised (UI) to partner. (Law 16C)

Examine the play and award an adjusted score if you believe the partner with UI choose a line of play suggested by the UI, when there is an alternative, less successful line of play available that players of the same caliber would consider

* Director may require players to put their remaining cards face up.

** "Normal" includes play that would be careless or inferior for the class of player involved.