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Insufficient Bid (Laws 26 - 27)

Insufficient Bid
i.e. a bid that does not supersede the previous bid

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Is the call accepted?
This option is given to the player next in rotation to the insufficient bid. If that player has already called then the insufficient bid has been accepted

Yes →

Auction continues.
The next bid must be higher than the insufficient bid but does not need to be higher than any previous bids

No ↓

Offender may make any sufficient bid or pass.
They may not X or XX unless it complies with Option 2 below
There are three options

Option 1

Offender may make a bid that shows the same denomination as the insufficient bid at the lowest legal level.
Bidding continues with no further rectification (*there is no UI*).

or

Option 2

Offender may make a Comparable Call.*
Bidding continues with no further rectification (*there is no UI*).

*COMPARABLE CALL
A call that replaces a withdrawn call is a comparable call, if it:
1. has the same or similar meaning, or
2. is a subset of the meanings of the withdrawn call, or
3. has the same purpose as the withdrawn call.

or

Option 3

Offender may make any other sufficient bid or pass. Offender's partner must pass for the rest of the auction. **

If the offending side become the defenders, then declarer can prohibit offender's partner from leading any suit not specified in the **legal auction, by the **offender**, on their first turn to lead, this continues while they hold the lead.
Information from the withdrawn call is unauthorised to offenders partner