

# Law 86

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**Law 86** is now titled **TEAM PLAY** and the only clause that remains from 2007 is the former C relating to substitute boards which has now become clause A.

## **A. Substitute Board**

*The Director shall not exercise his Law 6 authority to order one board redealt when the final result of a match without that board could be known to a contestant. Instead, he awards an adjusted score.*

The remainder of Law 86 is new and gives us detailed guidance on how to proceed when contestants (a team is a contestant - see *Definitions*) are not able to obtain a score in Team Play.

## **B. Result Obtained at Other Table**

### *1. Single Result Obtained*

*In team play when the Director awards an adjusted score and the result at the other table between the same contestants is clearly favourable to one side, the Director shall award an assigned adjusted score [see Law 12C1(c), but for multiple adjusted scores see B2 following].*

This is a re-writing of the former Law 86 D which makes it clear that the TDs power to award a favourable adjustment only relates to a single board. If multiple boards are involved then you will need to apply Law 86 B2.

### *2. Multiple Results Obtained at One or More Tables (including results from a fouled board)*

The application will depend on how the problem occurred:

- a) No contestant at fault,
- b) one contestant at fault,
- c) both contestants at fault.

*In team play when two or more non-comparable results have been obtained between the same contestants or when these Laws otherwise require the Director to award more than one adjusted score:*

*(a) If no contestant was at fault, the Director shall cancel the board(s) and award one or more artificial adjusted scores [see Law 12C2] or, if time permits, play one or more substitute boards (but see A above).*

This would apply if, for instance the boards had been misduplimated with two (or more) boards out of order at one table. The score for each side would be Average + (3 imps)

*(b) If only one contestant was at fault, the Director shall award to the non-offending side, for each board in question, either an artificial adjusted score of average plus [see Law 12C2(b)] or an assigned adjusted score, whichever is more favourable. The offending side shall receive the complement of the score awarded to their opponents.*

If one side is at fault e.g. they started to play the boards against the wrong team or they picked up boards not designated for them to play in this match, then the best the offending side can score is -3 imps. They may get a worse score if the result obtained at the other table is clearly favourable.

*(c) If both contestants were at fault, the Director shall cancel the board(s) and award one or more artificial adjusted scores [see Law 12C2].*

If both teams are at fault, as in sitting in the same direction at both tables (though you might be persuaded that only one side was at fault here) then the score should be -3 imps to each side.

- 3. The Regulating Authority may provide differently for circumstances where boards have been played at only one table between the same or multiple contestants. The score awarded for each such board may be varied by regulation from that prescribed in B2, however in the absence of a relevant regulation, the Director proceeds as above.*

Refer to the White Book for EBU regulations.