

The 2007/2008 Laws of Duplicate Bridge become effective in the ACBL on Monday, September 8, 2008. The July ACBL Bulletin included an article describing some of the changes from a player's prospective. Directors will need to be familiar with the actual Laws.

The ACBL Version of the 2007/8 Laws can be found at <http://www.acbl.org/asset/download.php>. This file includes the ACBL's zonal elections.

A side-by-side comparison of the old and new laws can be found on the www.ecatsbridge.com website. This comparison consists of quite a few .pdf files. A pdf of the entire World Bridge Federation version of the new Laws can also be found on that website. Since these are WBF versions they do NOT include the ACBL's zonal elections

The ACBL has not yet provided a new version of Duplicate Decisions or any other advice to directors as to how to interpret the new Laws. However, there has been a great deal of discussion on the internet regarding the new laws. (None of which officially applies within the ACBL.) The following links have interesting information. Note: Some of these are based on different regulations and procedures than those that apply in the ACBL (e.g written bidding). For the most part these differences are easy to identify.

World Bridge Federation / European Bridge League presentation to directors <http://home.online.no/~svenpran/Laws2007> Many of these articles are by members of the WBF Laws committee and/or the drafting committee.

Notes from the English Bridge Union <http://www.ebu.co.uk/lawsandethics/misc/2007laws/>

The Welch Bridge Union <http://www.wbu.org.uk/TD/ApplicationOf2008Laws.pdf>

Zone 7 (South Pacific) Prepared by Arie Geursen – look about half-way down the page on the left. <http://www.abf.com.au/directors/resources.html>

Notes by Reg Bush (A top-level Australian TD) from the Australian Bridge Federation website <http://www.suncoastbridge.com.au/newlaws.asp>

Notes from Fearghal O'Boyle (A top level Irish TD) on "What the players should know" www.cbai.ie/documents/Laws2007-Whattheplayersneedtoknow.doc