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Notice to All Clubs and Regions.

2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

A reminder that the 2017 revision of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge come in to effect tomorrow, 1st August, in NZ (and Australia)

There are some significant changes in these laws, with a greater emphasis on obtaining bridge results at the table following an infraction rather than an artificial result.

Directors are encouraged to *rectify* following an infraction, not *penalise*.

Many Directors have attended seminars to acquaint themselves of these changes.

Fundamental to these changes is Law 23 – Comparable Call and both players and directors are encouraged to gain an understanding of what a comparable call is.

All clubs have been provided with a copy of the new law book.

There is information available on the NZB website which clubs should consider printing off and having copies available for their members to view.

Information can be found on the website by searching – 2017 Laws – or by clicking on Resources/ Directing & Regulations/2017 Laws.

Please email Alister (<u>secretary@nzbridge.co.nz</u>) with any questions or concerns.

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