Bridge Director Tips

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5 most common Director calls

Exposed Card	Auction [24] / Play [48-49]	[Law #]
Insufficient Bid	[27]	
Bid out of turn	[28-32]	
Lead out of turn	[24, 47-48, 53-56]	
Revoke	[61-64] established when either of offending side plays to next trick	

Some Directing Specifics

Lead Out of Turn } requirement to lead suit is
Opening Lead Out of Turn } one-time only

Minor Penalty Card

1. May play higher card if it's an honor (10 and up)
2. Don't have to lead suit

Dummy's Rights

Full rights at end of play

During play, only call Director if another player pointed out a possible irregularity

Everyone is responsible for dummy—not true, only the declaring side is responsible

If a defender has two or more penalty cards that can be legally played, declarer designates which is to be played!

Director's Kit

Law Book	most sites have a copy
Bridge Director's Companion— Sec II, Movements	most sites have a copy of small BDC

Laptop with ACBLscore and BCS software
Portable printer and paper except for Unit 547 & PV club
Power strip
Seed money (mostly $1 bills & some $5 bills)
(≈ 30) travelers & pick-up slips for last round (in case Bridgemates fail)
Pen & Pencil, scotch tape, paper clips, rubber bands, tiny stapler
Timer

Miscellaneous Items

2 boards/round: 15 minutes, else: (# bds) x 7 minutes

Fouled Bd: Bridge Director's Companion (BDC): II-88

call move as long as < ¼ tables still playing

Clean up starts in penultimate round or earlier