

Using the UNDO button on BBO

This is probably the most controversial facet of bridge on BBO. It has given many a TD a nightmare on how to handle various situations where the UNDO was requested. Some TDs will not allow UNDOs at all, so if you bid 7NT in error you will have to live with -1700 in 7NTx-6.

The Newmoon events are friendly in nature but that does not mean that all UNDOs must automatically be given. Imagine you play a spade up to dummy and you finesse the queen when dummy has A-Q-x-x and you have a singleton. When the queen loses to the king, ***please do not ask for an UNDO*** and tell the opponents or/and the TD that "I have a singleton, so clearly it was a misclick". That will not wash!

During the play of the hand I allow an UNDO in this situation only:

The play goes ♠3- ♠4(dummy)- ♠K - ♠Q and a quick UNDO request.

It transpires that declarer has the ♠A as well and has clearly mislicked the queen. If this happens, call the TD immediately, and I will advise the opponents to give the UNDO, since I will be satisfied that this is a clear and unambiguous misclick. ***No other UNDOs should be given during the play of a hand.***

During the bidding we rely on Law25A to guide us. This law allows the bid to be changed if

1. It was inadvertent
2. Not a change of mind
3. Before partner has bid.

If all three requirements are met, give the UNDO.

Examples:

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣		2♦*	Pass	
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♠*				

*UNDO requested (meant 4♥)

*UNDO requested (meant 2♥)

Both UNDOs can and should be given, since LAW25A was satisfied.

Comments welcome - email me at elsid480@gmail.com or WhatsApp me on (082) 4119900. ***I do hope that this write-up clears the air.***

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