

LAWS 48 AND 49

Law 48

EXPOSURE OF DECLARER'S CARDS

A. Declarer Exposes a Card

Declarer is not subject to restriction for exposing a card (but see [Law 45C2](#)), and no card of declarer's or dummy's hand ever becomes a penalty card. Declarer is not required to play any card dropped accidentally.

B. Declarer Faces Cards

1. When declarer faces his cards after an opening lead out of turn, [Law 54](#) applies.
2. When declarer faces his cards at any time other than immediately after an opening lead out of turn, he may be deemed to have made a claim or concession of tricks (unless he demonstrably did not intend to claim), and [Law 68](#) then applies.

Law 49

EXPOSURE OF A DEFENDER'S CARDS

Except in the normal course of play or application of law (see for example [Law 47E](#)), when a defender's card is in a position in which his partner could possibly see its face, or when a defender names a card as being in his hand, each such card becomes a penalty card ([Law 50](#)); but see the footnote to [Law 68](#) when a defender has made a statement concerning an uncompleted trick currently in progress, and see [Law 68B2](#) when partner objects to a defender's concession.