

## Ruling B.C.O.B. 3 vs. U.A.E. 1

RBBF Honour Division – Round 14 (28/10/2017)  
Open Room

NS: B.C.O.B. 3 – EW: U.A.E. 1  
N: T. Dobbels – S: V. Driessens – E: P.J. Louchart – W: M. Van Der Vorst

### Hands

Board 3, South dealer, EW vulnerable

♠ K J 3	N	♠ 10 9 8 6 4
♥ K 6 5 3		♥ J 8 7 2
♦ 6 3		♦ 10
♣ 10 9 7 6		♣ K Q 3
♠ A 7	W	♠ 10 9 8 6 4
♥ A 10 9	S	♥ J 8 7 2
♦ Q J 9 8 5 2	E	♦ 10
♣ 5 2	S	♣ K Q 3
♠ Q 5 2		
♥ Q 4		
♦ A K 7 4		
♣ A J 8 4		

### Bidding

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Dbl	INT
			All pass

Dbl explained on NE-side as showing both majors. On SW-side: opening values or more..

Lead of ♦Q

### Play

E	S	W	N	E	S	W
		♦Q	3	10	A	
	♠2	A	3	4		
		♦J	6	--	H	
	♠5	7	J	6		
			♣10	3	4	2
			♣9	Q	A	5
	♣4	--	6	K		
♥2	4	♥A	3			

West remains in hand with 4 good ♦.

### Result of this board

Open room      INTx -1 by NS      100 for EW (U.A.E. 1)  
Closed room    2♥ -4 by EW      400 for NS (U.A.E. 1)

### Facts

After play, South calls the TD and informs him that the explanation given on both sides is different. When asked what she would have done differently, she says that she would have played the ♥ differently. EW claim that it makes no difference and that the result would be one down always.

### Ruling

After checking the convention cards of both parties, the correct explanation for the Dbl would have been an unspecified 2-suiter (at least 4-4) with 12 HCP.

Upon consulting another player, it can be deemed very unlikely that ♥ are played immediately following the ♦ lead. (Given the correct explanation, small ♠ is played in the second trick.)

**Decision**

The result on this board stands.

EW get a warning for not knowing their conventions.

Both teams have the right to appeal to this decision, according to chapter 9 from the national regulations regarding team games.

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TD assigned by the RBBF