

1997 original texts	2007 Laws 51 - 52 (Final Version)
<p>[Deletions highlighted in yellow]</p> <p>Law 51A - If a defender has two or more penalty cards that can legally be played, declarer designates which is to be played at that turn.</p> <p>Law 51B1(a) - When a defender has two or more penalty cards in one suit, and declarer requires the defender's partner to lead that suit, the cards of that suit are no longer penalty cards and are picked up; the defender may make any legal play to the trick.</p> <p>Law 51B1(b) - If the declarer prohibits the lead of that suit, the defender picks up every penalty card in that suit and may make any legal play to the trick.</p> <p>Law 51B2(a) - When a defender has penalty cards in more than one suit, declarer may require* the defender's partner to lead any suit in which the defender has a penalty card (but B1(a) preceding then applies).</p> <p>Law 51B2(b) - When a defender has penalty cards in more than one suit, declarer may prohibit* the defender's partner from leading one or more of such suits; but the defender then picks up every penalty card in every suit prohibited by declarer and makes any legal play to the trick.</p>	<p>[Additions and changes highlighted in yellow]</p> <p>LAW 51 - TWO OR MORE PENALTY CARDS</p> <p>A. Offender to Play</p> <p>If it is a defender's turn to play and that defender has two or more penalty cards that can legally be played, declarer designates which is to be played at that turn.</p> <p>B. Offender's Partner to Lead</p> <p>1. (a) When a defender has two or more penalty cards in one suit, and declarer requires* the defender's partner to lead that suit, the cards of that suit are no longer penalty cards and are picked up; the defender may make any legal play to the trick.</p> <p>(b) When a defender has two or more penalty cards in one suit, and if the declarer prohibits* the defender's partner from leading lead of that suit, the defender picks up every penalty card in that suit and may make any legal play to the trick. The prohibition continues until the player loses the lead.</p> <p>2. (a) When a defender has penalty cards in more than one suit <u>(see Law 50D2(a))</u> and his partner is to lead, declarer may require* the defender's partner to lead any suit in which the defender has a penalty card (but B1(a) preceding then applies).</p> <p>(b) When a defender has penalty cards in more than one suit and his partner is to lead, declarer may prohibit* the defender's partner from leading one or more of such suits; the defender then picks up every penalty card in every suit prohibited by declarer and makes any legal play to the trick. The prohibition continues until the player loses the lead.</p>

Law 50 footnote - If the player is unable to lead as required, see Law 59

Law 52A - When a defender fails to lead or play a penalty card as required by Law 50, he may not, on his own initiative, withdraw any other card he has played.

Law 52B1(a) - If a defender has led or played another card when required by law to play a penalty card, declarer may accept such lead or play.

Law 52B1(b) - Declarer must accept such lead or play if he has thereafter played from his own hand or dummy.

Law 52B1(c) - If the played card is accepted under either (a) or (b) preceding, the unplayed penalty card remains a penalty card.

Law 52B2 - Declarer may require the defender to substitute the penalty card for the card illegally played or led. Every card illegally led or played by the defender in the course of committing the irregularity becomes a major penalty card.

* If the player is unable to lead as required see Law 59.

LAW 52 - FAILURE TO LEAD OR PLAY A PENALTY CARD

A. Defender Fails to Play Penalty Card

When a defender fails to lead or play a penalty card as required by Law 50 or Law 51, he may not, on his own initiative, withdraw any other card he has played.

B. Defender Plays Another Card

1. (a) If a defender has led or played another card when required by law to play a penalty card, declarer may accept such lead or play.

(b) Declarer must accept such lead or play if he has thereafter played from his own hand or dummy.

(c) If the played card is accepted under either (a) or (b) any unplayed penalty card remains a penalty card.

2. If declarer does not accept the card illegally played or led the defender must substitute the penalty card for the card illegally played or led. Every card illegally led or played by the defender in the course of committing the irregularity becomes a major penalty card.