

**Foreword to the 2007 Laws of Duplicate Bridge
from José Damiani, President, World Bridge Federation:**

I am proud and honoured to present the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007.

On behalf of the whole Executive Committee of the World Bridge Federation I wish first to congratulate and thank the Members of the Drafting Sub-Committee for undertaking and completing this onerous task.

They deserve the gratitude of the World Bridge community.

In the course of its development Duplicate Bridge has in many areas moved away from the earlier form of the game and it continues to do so. It is the duty of the World Bridge Federation to review the Laws regularly (the last time was in 1997) as a service to the Zones and the National Bridge Organisations, their Directors and their players.

We acknowledge with pleasure the historic co-operation of the Portland Club, the European Bridge League and the American Contract Bridge League.

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