

ACBL Tournament Appeal Form

(Please enter all information neatly)

Tournament:	2024 Sam Amer Junior USBC	Subject of Appeal:	Concession
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The following information is to be filled out completely by the Director.

Event DIC	Myers	Table Director	Myers
Event	U21 Final	Date	12/31/24
Session	2nd Quarter	Section	
N/S Pair #		E/W Pair #	

Player Information

North	Name	Avery Silverstein			East	Name	Arthur Gong		
	Member #		MPs			Member #		MPs	
South	Name	Daniel Balof			West	Name	Brandon Ge		
	Member #		MPs			Member #		MPs	

Auction

(Indicate Special Calls/Points of Contention)

North	East	South	West
	1C	2D(1)	P
4S	5C	P	P
5S	X	P	P
P			

Hand Record

Board	17	N		
Dealer	N	♠	--	
		♥	73	
Vul	None	♦	--	
		♣	Q87	
W				E
	♠	86		
	♥	J		
	♦	83		
	♣	--		
		S		
♠				
♥				
♦	QT65			
♣	3			

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Both majors

Final Contract	5S X W	Result of Play	-4	Score	800 NS	Opening Lead	CK	When was director summoned?	End of Segment
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Additional Facts Determined at the Table by the Director

See full hand at https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/screen/usbc/558287?screen=replay&ns=558281&board=17&round=2
In the above end position, declarer (West) led the eight of diamonds and, when North showed out, claimed four tricks.
Within the correction period, declarer said that though he didn't know the HJ was a winner, he wouldn't lose a trick -
on the third (covered) diamond nobody in his position would ever pitch.

Additional Factors Determined Away from the Table

(Poll Results, etc.)

Director Ruling

(Include reasoning and all pertinent Law references)

Law 71: "A concession must stand, once made, except... if a player has conceded a trick that could not be lost by any normal** play of the remaining cards. The board is rescored with such trick awarded to his side."
Footnote: "*** For the purposes of Laws 70 and 71, "normal" includes play that would be careless or inferior for the class of player involved."
The Director determined, after discussion with some players, that playing the ace and king of diamonds, then leading another diamond and pitching the "known" losing heart would not be a normal play, even taking into consideration the footnote to Laws 70 and 71.

Appellant Reasons for Appeal of Ruling

The NS pair felt that if the declarer "knew" the HJ to be a loser, it could be a normal play to discard it on the third diamond, even though it would be covered by right-hand opponent.

TO BE READ AND SIGNED BY THE APPELLANT(s).

I have read the information contained on this form. I understand that I must appear to pursue or withdraw this appeal, and that a Committee, should it judge this appeal to be substantially without merit, may assess discipline or refer the matter to the Director-in-Charge.

Appellant Signature		Date	
Appellant Signature		Date	
Team Captain		Date	

TO BE READ AND SIGNED BY THE NON-APPELLANT(s).

I understand that this appeal is pending, and that should I choose not to appear at any subsequent hearing, the only facts available to the Committee will be those presented by my opponents and those known to the Director.

Non-Appellant Signature		Date	
Non-Appellant Signature		Date	
Team Captain		Date	

