

Jul 30, 2024 | Competitions and Conventions Committee

Attendees:

Jeff Ford, Danny Sprung, Steve Gaynor, Doug Doub, Brian Weikle, Jenni Carmichael, Bronia, Jenkins, David Grainger, Franco Bassegio, Chris Wiegand, Larry Sealy, Dennis Carman, Matt Koltnow, Doug Couchman, Lee Lin, Sol Weinstein, and Jeff Edelstein

Notes

1. The March minutes were approved
2. Recap of NAP changes from Board of Directors
 - To take effect at Spring 2026 NABC
 - Need to find place in schedule for 4th strat
 - Open, 6000, 3000, 750
 - Debate about whether 0-750 should exclude Life Masters
3. Advisory Council Report
 - For NAP's/GNT's, consider strata-flighting it
 - Helps people get used to idea of playing up
 - Concerns about desire of "X" players to play against those in "A"
 - Allows smaller districts to run an "event"
4. Trick 1 Proposal - no changes from previous meeting, Sol Weinstein to follow up with Jeff Ford
5. Grand Life Master proposal from previous meeting rejected by Board of Directors with request for a more comprehensive proposal.
 - Discussion on whether events should qualify based on table count or prestige
 - Proposed new policy: At any trials event with no upper age limit that qualifies the winner to play in a world championship event the winning team will be made eligible for Grand Life Master status provided that there is an in-person finals with at least six teams participating.
 - Above policy passed with none opposed.
6. Consensus of the committee was that there should not be a way to qualify for Grand Life Master via accumulation of high finishes without winning an NABC+ event.
7. Discussion of Swiss with replays postponed until next meeting

8. Conditions for KO/Swiss in limited events at NABCs - reducing number of boards or number of matches

- There is anecdotal evidence that players would prefer shorter matches or sessions, e.g. a session of 3 matches of 9 boards.
- Discussion of role of stamina in national events
- Directors pre-set the tables for a certain number of boards and if it's frequently changed it's harder to set up efficiently
- No concrete proposal made

9. Correction periods and morning starts

- Current cutoff is 9:00 AM the next day which makes it hard to validate and find players in time for event start
- Proposal: Create a submission website for score corrections. Include a QR code or link in the daily bulletins. Change deadline to midnight for submissions.
- Above proposal passed with none opposed (pending ability to create such a site).

10. Conditions for Reisinger - consider changing to play two stanzas in each session so teams have more flexibility for balancing play time

- Jeff Ford and Matt Kolnow to discuss logistics

11. Appeal without Merit Penalties

- McKenzie Myers working on a proposal
- Currently a problem with frivolous appeals especially in KO matches since the worst that happens is you lose a match you already lost
- Owen Lien suggested 2 warnings in 2 years as a threshold for penalty
- Doug Doub to coordinate with McKenzie

12. Intermediate Convention Chart

- Committee against adding a fifth chart
- Lee Lin to create proposal for potential loosening of Basic+ chart to achieve similar goals

13. Slow Play discussion postponed to next meeting

- Directors said that current staffing levels make enforcement difficult as does lack of clear directive from C+C committee

14. Drop-ins from 2nd day of 3-day Life Master Pairs to finals of 2-day NABC+ pairs

- Sol Weinstein voiced concern that in the past drop-ins were upset if they didn't get carryover and qualifiers were upset if some drop-ins started ahead of them.
- Logistics are more difficult with an unknown number of pairs dropping in.
- David Grainger pointed out this is an ideal event for drop-ins as both events have same format and same scoring
- Committee split on whether its a good idea or not, no official proposal made.