

THE NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR CORPS

Concept: To establish a Junior Club within the ACBL, known as the North American Junior corps (NAJC), for which membership must be earned. The NAJC consists of a group of young players with an established bridge-experience level who will serve as an inspiration to ACBL Youth Members. This group of Junior Players will be our best young players and our best young citizens.

Profile:

- a. Must be under 26 years of age.
- b. Must have been an ACBL member for more than a year.
- c. Must have more than 100 masterpoints and at least one gold.
- d. Must be approved by The Junior Corps Selection Committee which will be appointed by the North American Junior Team Manager.
- e. Must be willing to be available for promotional efforts to advertise the existence and ideals of this program.

Selection Process:

- a. Qualifications for the Junior Corps must be submitted in writing to the Junior Team Manager.
- b. Candidates will be given a bridge proficiency test to verify that they have the experience level required for this program.
- c. The first appointments to the Junior Corps will be made prior to the 1990 Summer NABC.
- d. Corps members will be eligible to play in the Junior Team Trials.

Goals of the Program:

- a. To provide opportunities for young players to learn more about bridge from World Champions.
- b. To develop players capable of competing successfully on the international level - first as juniors and later in open events. Specifically in 1990-91 to develop partnerships to form a second and possibly a third team to represent the ACBL in the 1991 World Junior Championship.
- c. To serve as a showcase for young people who will be attracted to the "Olympics" of Bridge, a mental sport.
- d. To provide incentive for ACBL Youth Members to improve their games and develop their skills.
- e. To build a base for an ACBL Junior Division.
- f. To encourage our young players to become active in their Units and Districts and to participate in ACBL Programs (Unit Education Liaison, CDIN & TDIN Director, ACBL Accredited Teacher).

Benefits of Membership in the Corps:

- a. All members are entitled to play in the Junior Team Trials.
- b. All members are entitled to participate in designated Junior Team Training Workshops for which they are available, although no funding will be provided for these players.

1. It is expected that some Junior Corps members will be sponsored by their Units, Districts or families.
 2. It is anticipated that some Junior Corps members will be able to promote sponsorship on their own from companies whose interest would be served in his manner (e.g. card companies, airlines, Nabisco, Coco Cola).
- c. A Junior Corps Workshop will be provided to members, free of charge, at each Summer NABC.
- d. Special events will be created to further the mutual interest of the Junior Corps and the ACBL.