

CHAPTER I - MEMBERSHIP

B. MASTERPOINT RANKINGS and RACES

Golden Age Master (Item 833-73) (841-71)

The Golden Age Master requirements are amended as follows:

Any member who has 300 or more Master Points at age 70 or any member with at least 100 Master Points at age 80 may, upon application, receive a certificate from the ACBL designating him/her as a Golden Age Master.

Former Members Who Rejoin ACBL (842-4)

No member, having once achieved an ACBL Master Point ranking, may thereafter participate in any event, or receive any award, intended for players of a lower ranking, except as specifically authorized in other ACBL regulations.

Memorial to Barry Crane (853-63) (042-138)

The Top 500 shall, in the future, be called The Barry Crane Top 500.

The various ranks of achievement shall be as follows: (863-51) (963-42) (991-232) (031-113) (042-138) (082-140)

<u>Title</u>	<u>Total Master Point Requirements</u>	<u>Pigmented Point Requirements</u>
Life Master (These requirements do not apply to people who are ACBL members as of December 31, 2009 and maintain continuous membership in the ACBL until they achieve Life Master status)	500	250 pigmented points, of which 50 must be gold or platinum, 50 must be red, gold or platinum, 75 must be silver and 75 must be black
Advanced NAC Master (and Life Master for people who are ACBL members as of December 31, 2009 and maintain continuous membership in the ACBL)	300	150 pigmented points, of which 25 must be gold, 25 must be red or gold, 50 must be silver, and 50 must be black

NAC Master	200	50 pigmented points, of which 5 must be gold, 15 must be red or gold, and 25 must be silver
Regional Master	100	15 silver plus 5 red or gold
Sectional Master	50	5 silver
Club Master	20	None
Junior Master	5	None
Rookie	0-4.99	None

D. Additional Life Master designations shall be established and will be available only to players who have achieved the rank of Life Master.

The Designations and requirements shall be as follows:

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Requirements</u>
Silver Life Master	1,000 Masterpoints
Gold Life Master	2,500 Masterpoints
Diamond Life Master	5,000 Masterpoints
Emerald Life Master	7,500 masterpoints
Platinum Life Master	10,000 Masterpoints
Grand Life Master	10,000 Masterpoints. Win a North American Bridge Championship with no upper masterpoint restriction or an Open Team Trials or its equivalent or a Women=s Team Trials or its equivalent or any of the following WBF events: Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Rosenblum Cup, McConnell Cup, Open Pairs, Women=s Pairs, Olympiad, Women=s Team Olympiad, WBF Senior Pairs event, WBF World Swiss Teams, WBF World Mixed Teams, and WBF Senior Teams. Effective immediately and retro-actively.

(See Appendix 1. *Life Master Rank and Regulations*)

Recording of "Outdated" Rating Points (863-54)

All bonafide rating points shall be recorded without regard to the date of issue.

Barry Crane Top 500 List (892-106)

Points won at Senior Regionals shall be included in the tabulation of total points earned for the Barry Crane Top 500 List.

Player Masterpoint Races (901-103)

In addition to the Senior Race, which is operational, the following player masterpoint races are approved:

1. Youth Members - The ACBL will track masterpoints of all youth members through the age of 19. To be eligible for a given year's contest, the member must not have reached his 20th birthday as of December 31st of the preceding year.
2. Junior Members - Same as Youth Members except the age requirement will be through 25. To be eligible for a given year's contest, the member must not have reached his 26th birthday as of December 31st of the preceding year.
3. Championship Player of the Year - The winner of the most masterpoints earned at NABCs while playing in unlimited nationally rated events including the NAOP and excluding the GNT competition.

Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Races (922-23)

Effective January 1, 1993, certificates will be awarded and medallions may be purchased by Units on an annual basis for winners in the various categories of Life Master (bronze, silver, gold, etc.) for the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Races.

Annual Top 100 (922-95) (082-140)

An Annual Top 100 shall be established as follows:

2. Beginning the year as Silver Life Master (1,000 - 2,500 points)
3. Beginning the year as Gold Life Master (2,500 - 5,000 points)

The leaders of these categories shall be published periodically in the BULLETIN in rotation with the publication of the leaders of other masterpoint races.

Sectional MP Race (953-122)

Management shall establish an ACBL-wide Sectional Masterpoint Race in the same manner as other masterpoint category races. Effective January 1, 1996.

Non-Member Masterpoints (973-46) (091-30) (092-77)

A former member who has not paid dues for over 90 days, and has become a non-member, is entitled to pay dues that were due and owing for whatever period of time he had non-member status (this payment may be for only those years in which the non-member won points and for which the non-member wishes to pay). Any former member who reinstates for a three –year period will have all unrecorded masterpoints credited at no charge. All masterpoints earned during the non-member period for which payment is received will be recorded to the extent possible.

Any member who pays his dues within 90 days after his membership paid-through date shall have his masterpoints recorded free of charge, such dues payment credited from the original paid-through date, and no break in membership recorded.

Platinum Points (983-68) (031-113) [also black and on line points]

- A. A new pigment -platinum- of masterpoints is established to recognize those points currently considered for the player of the year award (NABC+ events). These events include Nationally-rated events held at NABCs which have no upper masterpoint limit nor an upper age limit (i.e. junior or youth events).
- B. Effective January 1, 1999 new members of the ACBL are required to earn 50 black points in conjunction with existing requirements in order to become a Life Master. Any player in an inactive status for a period of six months or more will be subjected to the black point requirement upon rejoining.
- C. All masterpoints earned in online play will have no pigmentation.

Annual Senior Masterpoint Race (013-152)

The Annual Senior Masterpoint Race shall be determined by points won in regionally-rated or higher Senior events for which any portion of the masterpoint award is red, gold and/or platinum.

Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney Eligibility (052-53)

Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney eligibility at all levels (overall placements and Unit placements) shall be determined by the player's total masterpoint holding at the start of the year, not the designated rank.

Masterpoint Races (092-35)

The following races will be determined by masterpoints won in ACBL-sanctioned events (excluding ACBL-sanctioned events that are played on the Internet) sponsored by the ACBL or its Districts, Units and Clubs and any ACBL-sanctioned event designated by ACBL Management such as, but not limited to, an ACBL regional tournament sanctioned to and conducted by another bridge organization as long as an ACBL member may play without regard to his country of residence.

Barry Crane Top 500

Mini-McKenney

Youth

Juniors

District

Unit

The Annual Senior Masterpoint Race will be determined by masterpoints won in ACBL regionally-rated or higher sanctioned senior events (excluding such events that are played on the Internet) sponsored by the ACBL or its Districts, Units and Clubs and any such event designated by ACBL Management such as, but not limited to, an ACBL regional tournament sanctioned to and conducted by another bridge organization as long as an ACBL member may play without regard to his country of residence.