

CHAPTER I - MEMBERSHIP

C. DUES AND LIFE MASTER SERVICE FEES

Annual ACBL Membership Dues (831-12)

- B. All dues processing shall be handled by ACBL Management with no charge to the Unit.
- D. Beginning with 1984, or as soon as can be implemented by Management, billing shall be done on a staggered basis throughout the year.

Regulations to Implement Bylaws (Membership Dues) (833-11)

Moved, that Regulation II, A (1) "Failure to Pay Dues" of the regulations to implement the Bylaws (1977 Fall Board action) be amended to read as follows:

- a. Membership dues are payable the first day of the month which has been designated as the Renewal Month for each ACBL member and shall be considered delinquent one month thereafter. (833-11)

Canadian Bridge Federation Membership Dues (933-32)

Effective immediately, the approval of the ACBL is not required for the Canadian Bridge Federation to increase the fee that is added to the membership dues billings of Canadian members. This additional fee is remitted to the CBF in support of its operation/projects. (See 883-124)

Amendment of Item 943-58 (deferred from Minneapolis), Life Master Service Fees (931-63) (951-20) (962-51)

Life Master service fees must be paid in order to be eligible for inclusion on any masterpoint race list, for inclusion on any Life Master upgrade list, to receive the *Bulletin*, to receive point confirmations, and to receive qualified reimbursements to an NABC or any other event for which ACBL provides a monetary reimbursement.

Patron Membership Program (973-67)

- B. Management shall create a method of tracking those patron members who do not renew, and shall offer them a standard membership.
- C. All new patron members shall receive an upgrade of their existing memberships if their request is made within 90 days.

Membership Fees and Product Price Changes (983-48) (991-22)

Management is authorized to establish the price of all ACBL products and services with the exception of sanction fees, membership fees, life master service fees, and tournament director fees.

Canadian Exchange Rate for Annual Dues (993-22)

B. The following is adopted:

ACBL's policy with regard to setting the exchange rate for annual dues of Canadian members is to optimally balance the needs to:

1. Protect the Canadian ACBL member from overpaying because the Canadian dollar strengthens;
2. Protect the ACBL from exchange losses because the Canadian dollar weakens;
3. Control the administrative burdens and costs of changing dues renewal exchange rates too often.

The average exchange rate prevailing during the last 5 business days of July shall be used to determine the exchange rate applicable to the dues rate for new Canadian members for the succeeding calendar year.

The exchange rate used to determine the dues rate for renewing Canadian members shall be the rate established for that year, except that the exchange rate will be modified during a year under the following conditions:

Once a quarter on the 20th day (or on the first business day thereafter) of March, June, September and December, the average Canadian exchange rate as reported in the Wall Street Journal for that week will be checked. If this rate differs from the exchange rate then in effect for billing renewing ACBL Canadian members by 3 Canadian cents or more, the average exchange rate for that week shall become the rate used to bill renewing Canadian members effective with bills issued in the following month. This revised rate shall remain in effect for the remainder of the calendar year unless and until altered in accordance with this paragraph.

Patron Member (042-143)

A. Patron Membership Status

1. Dues (in US dollars)
 - a. Individual = \$250
 - b. Household = \$350

Life Master Service Fees (052-32)

Those joining or rejoining ACBL after January 1, 1996 will pay dues at the established rate. When these players attain Life Master status, they will continue to pay the established rate with no service fee differential.

Membership Dues Increase (093-69)

Membership dues are increased from \$35 to \$37. Life master service charges are \$32 to \$34. Household membership dues are increased from \$64 to \$68. Junior membership dues are increased \$14 to \$15. New member membership dues are increased \$26 to \$28. Three-year renewals of all of the above are increased by \$6.00.