

CHAPTER I - MEMBERSHIP

J. JUNIORS

ACBL Junior Division (892-83) (901-72C)

- B. The concept of a Junior Division of the ACBL for players under 25 years of age is approved. At the 1989 Fall Meetings, Management shall present recommendations for the establishment of a Junior Division.

Management's report on the development of a Junior Division of the ACBL for players under 26 years of age is accepted.

(See Appendix 3. *American Junior Corps*)

Eligibility in Masterpoint Restricted Events for ACBL Junior Teams (903-60)

Junior teams designated as ACBL World Junior Teams who are training for World Junior Championships shall automatically be given a berth in the top bracket of bracketed KOs and in the top division of any other masterpoint restricted event. The Junior Team Captains shall be responsible for notifying the Director-In-Charge that the Junior Teams will be entering such events.

Junior Day at NABCs (913-45)

Management shall request members of the Junior Corps to recommend, in consultation with ACBL officers and officials, new Junior Corps members from all ACBL Districts. The first Saturday of each NABC shall be declared Junior Day. At the Spring and Fall NABCs, a reception will be held for Juniors for the purpose of conducting business. At the Summer NABC, a reception will be held where Juniors may meet ACBL officials and members of the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors.

College Programs (923-44)

Management is directed to continue to monitor and be involved in experimental college programs.

Junior Day at NABCs (942-70)

- A. The two session Regional-rated Junior Pairs event held on Junior Day at each NABC will be optional.
- B. The sale of Junior Entry coupons on Junior Day will be reinstated.

NOTE: Replaces 932-14

Invoicing Junior ACBL Members (972-45)

ACBL will invoice Canadian Junior members for CBF fees. CBF shall determine the amount of these fees.

ACBL Bridge Camp Policy (992-210)

- A. The ACBL shall establish and enforce a policy against the use of or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs at its Bridge Camp.
- B. ACBL Bridge Camps are non-smoking.
- C. Management, in conjunction with League Counsel and any other interested parties, shall establish details of the above policy recognizing that there may be different rules for the under 21's as compared to the over 21's. The rules and regulations, including offenses and penalties, shall be presented to the ACBL Board for approval at the Fall 1999 NABC Board meeting.
- D. As part of the above, all camp participants (plus guardians for under-age juniors) must sign a written form acknowledging ACBL policies, rules and regulations for the bridge camp. The signed form should indicate that failure to comply with ACBL bridge camp policies may lead to expulsion from the bridge camp.
- E. Management shall increase staffing of ACBL bridge camps versus 1998 level in order to provide adequate supervision and enforcement of ACBL policies.

NOTE: For the next camp that staff will consist of a camp director, assistant director, two tournament directors, daily bulletin editor, lay-out editor, and five counselors. This is 3 ½ staff members more than the Wisconsin Camp staff in 1998 and these additions will result in an extra cost of approximately \$3600. The ACBL staff was increased because more attendees are expected (100 as compared to 70) and closer supervision was requested by the Board. Two additional chaperones will accompany the Juniors from Europe. All staff members, in addition to their regular duties, will assist in supervising the Juniors. The approximate ratio of campers to counselors will be 7.7 campers to each counselor if we reach the expected 100 participants.

Unit Special Games (012-133)

Each ACBL-sanctioned Unit will be allowed during Junior Month in February to hold one Sectional-rated game to benefit the Junior Fund, and a Unit will be allowed to hold one Sectional-rated Charity/International Fund game during each ACBL Charity/International Fund

week, provided either that the Unit is sanctioned to hold a game on the date and session requested, or that there are no clubs within a 25 mile radius of the Unit game site that regularly hold a game on the date and session requested.

Junior Subsidies (012-231)

In order for a Federation in Zone Two to receive funds from ACBL or the ACBL Educational Foundation for subsidy to Juniors they must meet the following minimum criteria:

1. Any junior receiving subsidy must be a high school graduate, have received a high school equivalency certificate or be a student attending school and making orderly progress toward graduation.
2. Additionally, all such juniors will be held to the Code of Conduct as developed by ACBL Management and League Counsel.

Junior Coupons at NABCs (021-230) (041-151)

Junior/Student Coupons for entry into events at NABCs are for any junior who is a member of the ACBL in good standing and who is either 21 years of age or younger or a full-time student between 22 and 25 years of age. Full time students must offer proof of their eligibility prior to purchasing their entry.

Junior/Student coupons shall be approximately 50% of the NABC regional entry fee.

World Junior Individual Bridge Championship (031-65)

The ACBL Board of Directors approves a World Junior Individual Championship to be held every other year (even-numbered years starting in 2004) in North America at the site of the Summer NABC.

- B The World Junior Individual will begin with a short opening ceremony on the Wednesday evening preceding the final weekend at the site of the Summer NABC. There will be four sessions: Wednesday evening, Thursday afternoon and evening, and Friday afternoon. The closing ceremony and awards dinner will be held on the second Friday evening.

This will be a World Bridge Federation Event. The ACBL Junior Fund will underwrite the following expenses not to exceed \$4,900:

Directors	\$1,000
Supplies	\$120
Opening Ceremony	\$840
Closing Ceremony	\$1,440
The Daily Bulletin	\$500
Prizes	\$1,000

NABC Junior Pair Event (033-155)

A Junior Pair event may be run during the Summer NABC. It will consist of:

4. Two sessions.
5. Regionally-rated red/gold points as appropriate.
6. Stratification with three strats as per other regionally-rated stratified events at the Summer NABC.

The North American Junior Corps (041-150)

Appendix 3 attached to Item 892-83 & 901-72C is amended as follows:

Appendix 3 - 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 young players who love the game of bridge, are ACBL members and have shown the desire to promote junior bridge in their school or in their community. These players should set a good example for other young players to follow.

Profile:

- a. Must be under 26 years of age.
- b. Must have been an ACBL member for more than a year.
- c. Must have at least 5 masterpoints.
- d. Must be approved by the ACBL staff member in charge of the Junior Program at the time of admission.

Must be willing to be available for promotional efforts to advertise and promote the ACBL Junior Program.

- a. Program is under the umbrella of the Goodwill Committee.
Appointments made to the Junior Corps will be announced at the Junior Reception and pins will be presented by the Chairman of the Goodwill Committee

Selection Process:

Candidate's name must be submitted to the ACBL staff member in charge of the Junior Program for approval

Goals of the Program:

- a. To provide opportunities for young players to learn more about bridge.
- b. To develop players who will continue to play and encourage other new young players to participate.

To serve as a "showcase" for other young players

To provide incentive for ACBL Youth Members to improve their games and develop their skills.

- e. To help build a base for the ACBL Junior Division.
- f. To encourage our young players to become active in their Units and Districts.

Benefits of Membership in the Corps:

Junior Corps members will receive a pin.

Junior Corps members will be listed in the Grapevine and on the Junior web site.

Special Games at Clubs Committee (042-139) (072-56)

1. April is designated as Charity month.
2. September is designated as International Fund month.
3. Any and all ACBL sanctioned sessions may be held as a Junior Fund game, Charity game, Educational Foundation game or International Fund game, except February is reserved for Junior Fund games, April is reserved for Charity games and September is reserved for International Fund games.
4. The masterpoint rating for Charity games, Educational Foundation games, International Fund games and Club Appreciation Pair games (October) is increased to 100% Sectional Black points.
5. The masterpoint rating for the ACBL-wide Senior Pairs is increased to 80% Sectional rating and the sanction fee is increased to \$4.00 per table (from \$2.25).
6. The NABC Fund Raiser is now the NABC Promotional Game. The district sets the promotional fee if any.

ACBL Junior Player Entry Fee (042-151)

- A. At all NABCs, the entry fee for all players who have not yet reached their 16th birthday shall be \$1 per session. In NABC-surcharged events the surcharge will be paid in addition to the \$1.
- B. At all NABCs, the entry fee for paid up ACBL members in good standing who have not reached their 26th birthday shall be no more than 50% of the regional-rated event entry fee.
- C. The ACBL encourages all districts, units and bridge clubs to consider similar policies for its Regional tournaments, sectional tournaments and club games.

Junior Fund Games (051-121)

Monies raised from Junior Fund games will be available for all Junior activities. The first \$50,000 or the amount collected annually, whichever is less, will be given in July of the following year to the USBF to fund Junior Team activities.

World Junior Individual Championship (061-152)

The ACBL Board of Directors accepts the invitation of the World Bridge Federation to host the second World Junior Individual Championship in 2007. This event will be held in Nashville at the site of the summer NABC. Financial participation for ACBL will be limited to \$17,000, provided from the junior fund.

Youth North American Bridge Championship (072-107)

On an experimental basis management in conjunction with one or two areas will plan and implement a championship for youth under the age of 19. The first championship will be held in Atlanta during the summer of 2008 or 2009 with a second championship to follow the next year. An evaluation of the program will be held at the fall meeting after each event.

Junior Coupons (073-150)

- A. At all NABCs, ACBL Junior Coupons shall have a value of \$10 per session or the per person price of entry, whichever is less. This value shall be the discount applied to junior entries for any event conducted at an NABC. Coupon users may be asked for positive proof of age.

ACBL Youth Player Entry Fee (073-151)

At all NABCs, all member players who have not yet reached their 16th birthday will be granted free plays for each session of regionally rated events. A coupon will be provided to these players to ensure proper accounting procedures. Players may be asked to provide proof of age at the time of the entry purchase. Players under the age of 16 will pay regularly posted entry fees less applicable coupons, for all nationally rated events. Non-members under the age of 16 will pay the normal non-member entry fees to all events.

ACBL Youth Division (083-100)

The ACBL will redefine the Youth Division using the following guidelines.

ACBL Youth Division

Eligibility:

- Under 20 years of age
- ACBL member in good standing

Special Events/Benefits:

- Eligible for all Junior special events and benefits
- Youth NABC

- A class for area youth at each of the NABCs if the sponsoring organization has an interest in promoting youth bridge in their city
- Teacher of Junior Bridge workshops/receptions at each NABC for bridge players interested in starting Youth programs and classes in their area
- Other events created to further the interest of Youth in participating in ACBL events and games

Awards/Positions:

- Goodwill Youth Player of the Year
- Youth Player of the Year
- Youth Brigade Membership
- Youth Advocate

ACBL Junior Division (083-101)

The ACBL will define the Junior Division using the following guidelines.

ACBL Junior Division

Eligibility:

- Under 26 years of age
- ACBL member in good standing

Special Events/Benefits:

- Junior Day at NABCs – during each NABC one Saturday will be declared Junior Day. A light reception will be held for Juniors for the purpose of conducting business.
- February will be proclaimed Junior Month.
- Junior Entry coupons will be available at NABCs for all juniors who are ACBL members.
- Other events will be created to further interest juniors in participating in ACBL events.
- A newsletter will be issued by e-mail with Junior/Youth news and items of interest and to promote the continued interest of our new players.
- A dedicated Junior/Youth website will be created to facilitate the dissemination of news and events of interest and to promote the continued interest of our junior players.

Awards/Positions:

- Goodwill Junior Player of the Year
- Junior Player of the Year
- Junior Corp Membership
- Junior Advocate

Youth NABC for 2010 (83-102)

A Youth NABC is approved for the summer of 2010. This will be held at a site and date to be determined.