

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.

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.

Unit Special Games (012-133) (103-135)

Replace all Unit or District Charity Games with one class of Fund or Foundation games. There will be a maximum of 4/year per Unit and 4/year per District. The fee structure will be the same as special Fund or Foundation games at clubs. Any of the four allotted 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.

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.

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

- f. 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.
- c. To serve as a showcase for other young players
- d. 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.
- 4.
- 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 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.
- B. 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.

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