

CHAPTER III - ADMINISTRATION

B. GEOGRAPHICAL JURISDICTION

(Emergency Item approved by the President for consideration.) (711-12)

As soon as possible, Management shall send by registered mail to each Unit and each District Organization maps showing Unit boundaries. These boundaries become established if no objection is received by Management from an affected Unit or District Organization before June 1, 1971. Where all affected parties agree on a change, Management shall effect such change.

If case of objection, disagreements shall be resolved by the District Director and/or Organization by September 1, 1971. Effective immediately.

District Affiliation Regulations (723)

It is the sense of the Board that existing regulations relating to membership transfers from one District of the League to another District are sufficient to cover the rules relating to the Grand National Championship.

Moved by Gurvich, seconded by Mathe, to amend the motion by adding: "However, it is the recommendation of the National Board of Directors to District Organizations that after November 25, 1972, no transfer of membership be approved by a District Organization for the sole purpose of enabling entries in the Grand National Team Championship."

Relocation of District 2 (741-62A)

District 2 is relocated from the Eastern site zone to the Central site zone, provided further that this relocation affects no present allocations of tournaments. Effective immediately.

Redistricting (961-76)

- B. The ACBL President, in those years ending in the numeral zero and in the numeral five, shall establish a Special Committee to review the geographical districting of ACBL and to report to the ACBL Board of Directors their findings and recommendations.

New Unit Formation or Unit Consolidation Regulations (983-50)

The following actions require that the affected membership express their opinion about a proposed change through petition or a special election which may be conducted by mail:

1. The formation of a new unit.
2. The movement of part of a unit to another unit or a unit from one district to another.
3. The consolidation of two or more units (or parts thereof).

When a unit decides to dissolve, the district is responsible for assigning the members of this unit to other units subject to ACBL Board approval.

Note: The ACBL Board of Directors is the final authority regarding unit boundaries and must approve any changes.

The following established procedures are accepted:

UNIT FORMATION OR BOUNDARY CHANGES

I. Forming a New Unit

There must be at least 100 current ACBL members in the geographical area of the proposed new Unit and also, the area must contain satisfactory facilities for the hosting of at least one Sectional tournament annually.

A petition must be drafted containing the specific geographical area of the proposed new Unit, preferably by counties. Such a geographical area may not isolate any islands of ACBL members from their Unit of affiliation. Secondly, the reason for requesting the formation of the new Unit should be specified.

Upon receipt of the petition at the ACBL, the ACBL membership status for each signature will be verified. Please do not have inactive members, non-members or visitors from other areas sign such petitions. Providing zip codes for the entire area involved is extremely helpful. If the number of valid signatures proves to be a majority of the ACBL membership in the area requesting a change of status, the Units involved will be advised of receipt of the petition and their approval requested. For your information, approval of both the District Organization and the District Director will be sought. However, the final decision rests with the ACBL Board of Directors, in whose name all Unit Charters are issued.

If a Unit is divided so as to form a second Unit, assets of the original Unit are subject to division on an equitable basis. If an equitable division of assets cannot be reached voluntarily by the parties and mediation by the District fails, both parties shall submit to binding arbitration. All costs for the arbitration process shall be paid for from Unit funds.

II. Unit Mergers and Boundary Changes

In general, areas for transfer from one Unit to another should follow county lines. An area seeking to transfer to an adjacent Unit must include all counties between the proposed area for transfer and the existing area of the Unit being joined. In other words, it would not be in order to transfer an area to a Unit if such transfer would create an Aisland.@

A majority of the current ACBL members living in the area to be transferred must sign a petition expressing their wishes to be transferred. The petition must state the reasons for the proposed transfer and must include the addresses and ACBL player number of those members signing. The boundaries of the proposed area of transfer must be included on the petition as well as all zip codes in the proposed area to be transferred. Upon receipt of the petition, ACBL will verify the signatures thereon in order to assure that a Asizable majority@ of the ACBL members in the proposed area of transfer has signed the petition requesting a transfer of Unit affiliation.

As an alternative, the unit may vote at a meeting of the unit membership or by mail (a majority of those voting or responding is sufficient). This meeting (or vote by mail) must be held in accordance with the unit-s bylaws and the results communicated to ACBL by the appropriate unit official.

The ACBL will contact the parent Unit, the Unit of proposed affiliation, the District Organization and the District Representative to the ACBL Board of Directors seeking the opinion of each regarding the proposed transfer. Should all parties agree that it is in the best interest of Aall concerned@ to effect the proposed transfer, the ACBL will take the necessary steps to make the change including ACBL Board of Directors approval. All parties will be informed of the effective date of transfer and new Charters distributed. Should either the Unit or the District Organization disagree as to the proposed transfer, the matter will be referred to the ACBL Board of Directors for final disposition.

When a segment of 20% or more of a Unit membership is transferred to another Unit, assets of the Unit are subject to division on an equitable basis. If such division of assets cannot be reached voluntarily, and if mediation by the District fails, both parties shall submit to binding arbitration. All costs for the arbitration process shall be paid for from Unit funds.