

CHAPTER VI - CLUBS

D. SPECIAL CLUB GAMES

Holiday Cancellation of Games (741-31)

Management has the authority to use discretion in approval of rescheduling club games which fall on a holiday. This prerogative should be exercised only in exceptional circumstances.

Member/Guest Club Championship (823-21)

Each ACBL sanctioned club that operates a minimum of 18 regularly scheduled games under one session during the year is entitled to hold a one-session Member/Guest Club Championship. A club that is sanctioned for, and conducts, from six through ten weekly sessions is entitled to hold two Member/Guest Club Championships and a club that conducts 11 or more weekly sessions is entitled to hold three Member/Guest Club Championships.

Member/Guest Club Championships may be scheduled at any time during the year. Once each year a Club may hold a one session Member/Guest Club Championship at a time other than that of the regularly sanctioned session. When this is the case, written permission must be obtained from all other sanctioned clubs within a 25 mile radius scheduled to hold a game at the same time. Clubs entitled to hold more than one Member/Guest Club Championship may only move one of the events to a session for which they are not sanctioned.

Member/Guest Club Championships are open only to 1) any partnership made up of one ACBL member and one player who is a non-ACBL member or 2) any partnership made up of two individuals neither of whom are ACBL members.

Master Point awards are based on Club Championship Open Pairs rating for a Class 4 game with 3 Bonus Factors. (Note Bonus factor rescinded by 931-47)

Except as noted, all conditions for the operation of Member/Guest Club Championships follow the regulations set forth for any other Club Championship.

Membership Games at Clubs (901-75)

Providing they do not conflict with the NABC, North American Pairs, North American Rookie Pairs or the GNT event, clubs may conduct membership games during the months of August and September.

Club Series Games (923-22)

The Board approves the reinstatement of Club Series Games. Management is instructed to develop criteria and an awards plan whereby the winner of a club series game will not receive more than 1.5 points and within the context of the Masterpoint Plan.

Minimum Table Requirement for Unit-wide Games (Item 882-25) (941-43)

A qualified Unit may combine with another qualified Unit to hold a combined Unit-wide game. The game will be charged against the quotas of each Unit. Unit-wide championships may be conducted as stratified events.

Inter-Club Championship Games (962-69) (013-133) (012-202)

- A. ACBL Management is authorized to sanction and conduct inter-club championships which are administered online but played “live.”
1. ACBL may sanction and conduct the event.
 2. ACBL may hold the sanction and sublet the administration of the event.
 3. If requested by a group of clubs, ACBL may authorize (grant a sanction to) a qualified person to administrate such an online-administered, inter-club championship for those clubs.
 4. ACBL may also authorize (grant a sanction to) a qualified person to conduct an online-administered inter-club championship or sanction the event.

The masterpoint awards for this event are the same as inter-club championships administered manually.

- B. In addition to a club’s regular club championships, the club may participate in an additional four (4) inter-club championships administered online per scheduled session. A club may not use one or all of its regular, quarterly club championships to participate in inter-club championships administered electronically.

Super Club Championship (973-199)

Super Club Championships are awarded to qualified clubs. Management is authorized to award this game to clubs that participated during the past calendar year in at least seven of the following nine programs:

1. Master/Non-Master or Member/Guest games
- * 2. GNT or CNTC club games
3. NAOP and COPC games
4. 4.49ers Pairs
5. ACBL Instant Matchpoint or World Wide Pairs Championship
6. International Fund or ACBL-Wide Charity game
- * 7. STaC games
8. Novice program including lessons
9. Recruited ACBL members as follows:
 - 3 - where unit membership is less than 200
 - 5 - where unit membership is 201 - 500

10 - where unit membership is over 500

- * If unit or district does not schedule these events, the requirement for holding these games is met.

ACBL Club Appreciation Month (983-72) (012-202) (042-13) (073-29)

October is designated as ACBL Club Appreciation Month. Clubs may hold up one 100% Sectional black-point game during this month per sanctioned session. Sanction fees will be the same as for a regular club game.

Club Appreciation Team Games (003-101) (012-202) (051-102)

During the month of October, each ACBL Sanctioned Club shall be entitled to declare one of their regularly scheduled games as a Club Appreciation Team Game. Each Club shall be entitled to one such Team Game per scheduled session.

This game shall be sectionally rated and shall award black points. In addition, 5% of all Masterpoints awarded shall be Gold Points.

No one individual may win more than .25 gold in any single event.

The Club Appreciation Team Games held during the month of October, as an ongoing part of Club Appreciation month, are approved.

WBF Simultaneous Pairs (012-132)

1. The WWP Simultaneous Pairs may be held at clubs, Sectionals or Regionals.
2. In all cases, half /red, half /black points will be awarded or whatever is approved by the ACBL Board of Directors.
3. When this event is held as part of a 2 session event, the sponsoring organization pays the sanction fee for the WWP for those players entered in both the tournament event and the WWP. One sanction fee only is paid. The event is scored twice - once as the WWP and once as the tournament event. Participants entered in both are eligible only for the higher masterpoint award.

Note: Points remain half /red, half black for the WWP either red/gold or silver as is appropriate for the tournament event.

4. When the WWP is held at a sectional or regional, it should have its own separate section except that the organization may offer this event, in addition, to those playing in a two session event one session of which is concurrent with the WWP. (see 3 above)
5. A one (1) session event may not be played as a WWP and a Tournament Event....i.e. - the

event awards only WWP masterpoints. In a one session event a player is only eligible for masterpoints from one event.

Club Special Game Allocation (012-202)

The allocation of all special games will be based on sessions sanctioned rather than the number of sanctions held.

Instant Matchpoint Game (013-132)

- A. Games meeting open standards will be considered in the open contest. (Note: ½ table games will be included.)
- B. Minimum boards to be played by any pair in the open contest is 20.
- C. Howell movements meeting open standards will award a Gold Point for first place.

Special Club Games (083-86)

Chapter IV, Section 6, 1F is amended as follows:

When a sectional (excluding STaCs) or higher rated event is being conducted within 25 miles of a club game's playing site, the club is permitted to hold only its regularly scheduled club masterpoint games (i.e., no special games).

Beginner, Newcomer Games (093-140)

The minimum number of boards required for a Newcomer Game is reduced to six.

Chapter 4 of the *ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations* is amended as follows:

III. NEWCOMER GAMES

A newcomer game is limited to players who hold fewer than 20 masterpoints, although a club can set a lower maximum, such as 1 masterpoint, if it so desires.

A newcomer game is conducted to acquaint new players with duplicate bridge and to encourage participation by inexperienced players.

A newcomer game must consist of at least two and one-half tables. However, there are masterpoint awards for two-table newcomer games conducted as individuals or team games. **AT LEAST SIX BOARDS MUST BE PLAYED.**

Any club with a sanctioned game may conduct a newcomer game session. The game session may be run any time, even if another regular club game session is running.

Special Games at Clubs Adjustments Amendment (042-139) (101-33) (102-133)

The month of February is reserved for Junior Fund Games, the month of April is reserved for charity games and the month of September is reserved for International Fund games; in those months any and all ACBL sanctioned club sessions may be special games for the named funds. In the remaining nine months of the year, one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special game for any of the Junior Fund, International Fund, Educational Foundation or charity. A regularly scheduled club game held at a frequency other than weekly may hold one special "fund" game every fourth game.

The masterpoint rating for all of these special games will be 70% of Sectional Rating maintaining the current cap of 6.00 masterpoints.

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6. The NABC Fund Raiser is now the NABC Promotional Game.