

CHAPTER VII - INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

A. POLICY

Eligibility Requirements - Zone II, Number Two Team for the Bermuda Bowl (833-33)

Moved, that subject to approval by Bermuda, Mexico and the Canadian Bridge Federation, an ACBL member may play in the Tri- Country playoff for the Zone II, Number II Bermuda Bowl Team provided (1) he has not played for another NCBO in WBF or Zonal competition for two and a half years prior to the scheduled date of the event for which he is attempting to qualify; and, (2) is a citizen, or a bona fide resident for at least the last two consecutive years, of the country he is representing.

Should the "bona fide residency" of a participant be challenged, the respective bridge organization must present proof of residency to an ACBL credentials committee.

An ACBL member who has played in the Tri-Country playoff, or represented another NCBO in WBF or Zonal competition, may not play in the U.S. Team Trials until the third qualifying year after having last competed for another NCBO.

Fund Raising Games Prior to Hosting WBF Championships (841-34)

The regulation authorizing NAC hosting organizations to conduct Fund Raising Games (Item 832-61) is amended to include organizations hosting World Championships.

Virgin Islands Bridge Federation and C.A.A.C.B.F. (863-44)

The Virgin Islands Bridge Federation's request to become an NCBO of the WBF as a member of Zone V while maintaining ACBL affiliation is approved.

Increase in Number of Annual International Fund Games (882-24)

The number of International fund Games shall be increased from two to three.

Calculation of Shares of Income Due to International Fund and ACBL Charity Foundation from the Tables in Play at International Fund/Charity Fund Day at NABCs (913-62)

Upon reviewing historical data, it has been determined that on the average \$6.00 per table has been remitted to the respective funds in the past. In order to avoid making time consuming calculations in the future, \$6.00 for each table in play during International/Charity Fund sessions shall be paid to the respective funds. This calculation shall be used beginning with the 1991 Spring NABC.

Approval of Zone Two Teams for International Events (991-99) (992-99)

1. The ACBL Board of Directors will act as the Zonal Conference for Zone 2.
2. The authority to approve all players and NPCs from Bermuda, Canada, Mexico and the US participating in World Bridge Federation or other international competition is delegated to the recognized national bridge organizations of those countries. Those names shall be submitted to the sponsoring organization as long as those individuals meet all the requirements for the Zonal Conference.
3. Approval of conditions of contest for these events is also delegated to the recognized national bridge organizations of those countries as long as the conditions meet the requirements for the Zonal Conference.
4. When necessary, the ACBL Board of Directors will convene as the US NCBO, excluding District 1 and District 2 Directors.
5. For WBF events wherein the invitations are to the individual countries, the Zonal Conference shall have no authority or responsibility to approve the players, NPCs or conditions of contest as long as these individuals and conditions of contest meet Zonal Conference regulations.

WBF Membership Dues (002-55)

The ACBL will offer to remit to the WBF, effective January 1, 2002, annual membership dues of \$0.50 for each paid-up member, excluding juniors. In addition the ACBL will remain responsible for paying expense reimbursement to its five delegates (WBF representatives) attending meetings of the WBF Executive Council.

International Fund Money (032-70)

Money raised by and from events held by ACBL for the benefit of the United States International Fund must be divided among all teams representing the USA with the only exception being the Junior Teams, which are funded separately. Teams designated as one such as USA one must receive equal funding from the US International fund whether they are Open Teams, Women Teams or Senior Teams. Teams Designated as Two may receive less than the teams designated as one but again it must be equally distributed.

Zone 2 Regulations (033-65)

- A. The following items are rescinded: 751-54D, 903-55, 952-81, 991-99, 992-99, 022-116, 023-90.

B. Zone 2 Regulations

1. The ACBL Board of Directors will act as the Zonal Conference for Zone 2.
2. The authority to approve a player and NPC from Canada, Mexico and the US participating in World Bridge Federation or other international competition is delegated to the Canadian Bridge Federation, Mexican Bridge Federation and United States Bridge Federation respectively. The player may be approved only if the player meets all Zonal Conference requirements.
3. Zone 2 requirements for nomination are as follows:
 - a. When an on-site accreditation committee is needed in the future, the ACBL WBF representatives shall automatically assume this responsibility, with the most senior representative serving as chairman.
 - b. An ACBL NBO may nominate a player for invitation to play in a WBF Championship only if he or she:
 - I. is a citizen or a resident (per the appropriate Federation=s regulations) of the United States, Canada, or Mexico, as appropriate,
 - II. is a member in good standing of the United States Bridge Federation (USBF), Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) or Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF) as appropriate,
 - III. meets WBF criteria and/or conditions for nominations,
 - IV. will not, at the time of the event, be under suspension from ACBL or any other NCBO or NBO,
 - V. will not, at the time of the event be under ACBL or ABA probation where the period of such probation was more than 90 days,
 - VI. has not been specifically excluded from playing in such event by an appropriate disciplinary body under ACBL or ABA jurisdiction,

Payment of WBF Dues (033-69)

The ACBL will pay WBF dues for active (has won masterpoints within the past two years) Unpaid Life Masters Life Members (except those in unit 777).

WBF Dues (051-40)

Beginning January 1, 2005, ACBL will remit to the WBF dues based upon ACBL's membership* excluding members classified as juniors.

*For all purposes, ACBL's membership is the sum of all paid members and active unpaid Life Members.

Uniforms for Teams Representing ACBL (051-41)

ACBL will request that each Zone 2 NBO establish an appropriate dress code for teams representing that NBO in international competition.

WBF Dues (052-41)

Management is authorized to comply with the WBF regulation that requires dues be paid on the basis of the current year membership or the year 2000 membership with the proviso that the year 2000 active membership is compared with the current year active membership and the WBF dues paid on the higher number.

Zonal Authority Action (081-65) (082-66)

The ACBL Board of Directors receives the information requested below:

- A. The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), acting as the WBF Zone 2 Authority, expresses its disapproval of all non-bridge related public statements and demonstrations by any Zone 2 federation representative participating in an international bridge competition.
- B. The ACBL requests that the federations in the jurisdiction of Zone 2 adopt regulations disallowing such public statements and demonstrations.

WBF Constitution (082-65)

The ACBL Board of Directors advises their WBF representatives that it opposes any bylaw changes that would reduce the decision-making power of Zone 2 within the WBF.