

CHAPTER VII - INTERNATIONAL MATTERS

D. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION

Withdrawal of an ACBL Player from an International Event Without Permission (751-54D)

Refusal to play, or withdrawal by a player(s) at the site of a WBF event without permission of a majority of the Representatives of the Board of Directors present at the site, and the Captain (if applicable) may be cause for expulsion from the ACBL. Effective immediately.

World Championship Women's Team (762-43)

The American Contract Bridge League shall participate in the WBF Zonal Championship known as the Venice Cup. Since the World Bridge Federation has already scheduled Women's Team of Four event beginning with the 1978 Venice Cup Match, no further action is necessary at this time. Effective immediately.

Commitment to World Bridge (981-153)

- A. The Board of Directors of the ACBL reaffirms Zone 2's commitment to the advancement of bridge in our Zone and throughout the world.

Carried without dissent.

- B. We further reaffirm our commitment to a continued involvement as an active WBF Zone.

Bermuda Bridge Federation WBF Zonal Affiliation (012-115)

- A. Subject to the following, ACBL approves BBF's request to compete internationally as a member of WBF's Zone 5:
 - 1. Approval by the WBF;
 - 2. Approval by Zone 5;
 - 3. An agreement among WBF, Zone 2 and Zone 5 as to the responsibility for payment of the Bermuda Bridge Federation (BBF) WBF dues.
- 2. For all other bridge competitive purposes, by virtue of being Unit 198 in District 2, Bermuda will continue to be a part of ACBL.

Eligibility for WBF Championships (022-116) (023-90)

- 1. An ACBL NBO is encouraged to nominate a player for invitation to play in all WBF Championships only if he or she:
 - 1. is a citizen or a resident of the United States according to ACBL Management criteria or

2. a citizen or resident of Canada, or Mexico, as appropriate,
3. is a member of good standing of the USBF, CBF or Mexican Bridge Federation,
4. meets WBF criteria and/or conditions for nomination, ignoring participation in multinational events,
5. will not, at the time of the event, be under ACBL suspension,
6. will not, at the time of the event, be under ACBL probation where the period of such probation was more than 90 days,
7. has not been specifically excluded from playing in such an event by an appropriate disciplinary body under ACBL jurisdiction,
8. has not been refused nomination by the Board of Directors for reasons of personal hygiene, dress, deportment or ethics
9. has not played in events in more than one NBO, in which he or she was eligible for qualification to represent that NBO in the same WBF Championship (same event and year),
10. has submitted a signed and dated certification statement, provided by management of the applicable NBO concerning the use of illegal drugs and inappropriate behavior during the course of any event requiring nomination and approval by the applicable NBO credential committee.

Zone II Regulations (042-65)

Item 033-65: Zone II Regulations are amended as follows:

- Part One: The following items are rescinded: 751-54D, 903-55, 952-81, 991-99, 992-99, 022-116, 023-90, 032-70, plus any other previous Zone 2 regulation except for 033-65.
- Part Two: The following resolutions are rescinded: CNTC Fees (821-26), Sanction Fees for Canadian Team Championships (863-63), Canadian International Fund Games (912-23), Sanction Fees for Canadian Team Championships (863-63), Sanction Fees for the COPC, CNTC and CWTC (922-103), National Team Championships for Bermuda and Mexico (852-34), NCBO Open Pairs Championship (832-26) (862-11), CBF Requests (862-12), CBF Requests (862-12), Canadian International Fund Games (912-23), Sanction Fees for the COPC, CNTC and CWTC (922-103), Flight B of the CNTC (992-111), plus any other previously approved item relating to Federation events sanctioned by ACBL.

Part Three:

A. Zone 2 International Regulations

1. The ACBL Board of Directors will act as the Zonal Conference for Zone 2, which consists of the following for International WBF Play:
 - a. United States Bridge Federation (USBF)
 - b. Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF)
 - c. Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF)

2. Bermuda Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 by virtue of the following, ACBL approves BBF's request to compete internationally as a member of WBF's Zone 5 while maintaining ACBL affiliation as Unit 198 in District 2 is approved.

3. The Virgin Islands Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 per its request to become an NCBO of the WBF as a member of Zone V while maintaining ACBL affiliation is approved.

4. 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 as well as Federation requirements.

5. 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. The most senior representative will serve as the chair.

 - b. An ACBL NBO may nominate a player for invitation to play in a WBF Championship only if he or she:
 - 1) is a citizen or a resident (per the appropriate Federation's regulations) of the United States, Canada, or Mexico as appropriate,
 - 2) is a member in good standing of the United States Bridge Federation (USBF), Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) or Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF) as appropriate,
 - 3) meets WBF criteria and/or conditions for nominations,
 - 4) will not, at the time of the event, be under suspension from ACBL or any other NCBO or NBO,
 - 5) 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,
 - 6) has not been specifically excluded from playing in such event by an appropriate disciplinary body under ACBL or ABA jurisdiction,

6. The authority for selecting and subsidizing athletes who represent an ACBL country in international bridge competition rests with that country's Federation.

B. International Fund Monies

1. All international fund monies collected from ACBL-sanctioned events conducted by ACBL in the United States for the specific purpose of subsidizing United States athletes in international bridge competition will be forwarded to and retained by ACBL. Upon request of the USBF, the ACBL will disburse funds to the United States athletes. International Fund monies collected at NABCs shall be apportioned to the appropriate International Fund in proportion equal to that country's percentage of ACBL membership. International Funds collected in Canada shall be sent to the CBF to be disbursed at its discretion.
2. Money raised by and from ACBL-sanctioned events for the benefit of the International Fund shall be divided among and disbursed to members of all teams representing that Federation at the sole discretion of the Federation.

A. Junior Monies

1. Junior Fund money collected at ACBL-sanctioned Junior Fund games shall be:
 - a. Submitted to ACBL from Junior Fund games conducted in the United States and to the Canadian Bridge Federation from Junior Fund games conducted in Canada.
 - b. Disbursed or used by ACBL Management at its sole discretion for the United States and by the CBF for Canada.
 - c. Submitted to ACBL from Junior Fund games conducted in Mexico or Bermuda.
 - d. Disbursed or used by ACBL Management at the direction of Mexico and Bermuda Federations respectively.
5. ACBL is responsible for determining how much, if any, of the Junior Fund monies may be used by the USBF for subsidy of its International Junior Team.
 - a. In order for USBF to receive funds from ACBL for subsidy to juniors, any junior receiving such subsidy must meet the following minimum criteria:
 - (1) Any junior under the age of 19 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) All such juniors shall be held to the Code of Conduct developed by ACBL Management and League Counsel.

- c. Junior Fund monies collected by the ACBL in the United States determined by the ACBL to be for the purpose of subsidy or training of USBF junior athletes representing the United States in international bridge competition will be dispersed or used by the ACBL for those purposes at ACBL Management's discretion. ACBL will make every effort to comply with the wishes of the United States Bridge Federation in which the funds were collected.
- d. Teams receiving subsidies from the Junior Fund must ensure that all members of the team play sufficient boards to be eligible for medals won by the team unless there are physical, extenuating circumstances.

Part Four:

- A. 1. The Bermuda Bridge Federation, Canadian Bridge Federation, the Mexican Bridge Federation and the United States Bridge Federation may hold an annual ACBL-sanctioned, national championship in each of the following categories:
 - a. Open team
 - b. Women's team
 - c. Senior team
 - d. Open pairs
 - e. Women's pairs
 - f. Junior team
 - 2. The national finals shall be regionally rated (Regionally rated red and gold points unless otherwise indicated in the ACBL Masterpoint Plan). Qualification events, if any, shall be sectionally rated (black points).
 - 3. Sanction fees shall be as follows: (a) the then current Regional sanction fee for the national finals and (b) \$1 US/table/session for any stage of the championship conducted prior to the national final.
 - 4. If the national finals of any of the championships listed in B. 1. above are not held concurrent with an ACBL Regional or Sectional tournament, each NBO may conduct ACBL-sanctioned sectionally rated black-point events concurrent with the national finals. The sanction fee for such an event(s) is \$1 US/table/session.
 - 5. The Federation is responsible for applying for the sanction through and reporting the results to the ACBL Tournament Department.
 - 6. The championship may be flighted by ACBL masterpoints.
- G. Each National Contract Bridge Federation in WBF Zone 2 may conduct an ACBL-sanctioned event (Trials) to qualify a team or teams to represent the Federation's country at a World Bridge Federation or Olympic Championship in an appropriate category such as Open, Senior, Junior, Women or Men, etc.
- 1. The sanction fee for any such event is \$2 US per entered team except that such fee is waived for Junior Trials.

2. The masterpoint award is determined by the ACBL Board of Directors.
 3. Should a National Championship as provided in section A above be used to determine the Federation's representative, section A fees shall not apply. The fees and masterpoint award in accordance with section B (this section) will apply.
 4. The Federation is responsible for applying for the sanction through and reporting the results to the ACBL Tournament Department.
- E. ACBL shall be solely responsible for establishing sanction fees for International Fund games sanctioned by ACBL.
- F. Upon request, ACBL will sanction one regional per year to the ACBL District of the USBF's and/or the CBF's choice.
- G. Miscellaneous Regulations
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- E 1. At the sole discretion of Management, dues to or donations for an ACBL Federation can be placed on the ACBL membership and renewal forms.
2. A summary of disciplinary action(s) previously made public is available upon request to NCBO governing bodies.

Special Games at Clubs Committee (042-139)

The Special Games at Clubs report is approved.

Changes to current policy are:

1. April is designated as Charity month.
2. September is designated as International Fund month.
6. Any and all ACBL sanctioned sessions may be held as a Junior Fund game, Charity 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.
7. The masterpoint rating for Charity games, International Fund games and Club Appreciation Pair games (October) is increased to 100% Sectional Black points.
8. 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.