

CHAPTER VII - INTERNATIONAL MATTERS

F. QUALIFYING EVENTS

Accreditation in Major National Team Events (743-97)

All members meeting the requirements of the conditions of contest may enter national championships (Reisinger, Vanderbilt, Morehead and Spingold) on the teams of their choice as a matter of right. However, selection to represent the ACBL on its International Team is no one's right; it is a privilege, which may be extended or denied. Effective immediately.

International Teams (752-36, 752-37)

The conditions of contest for the Vanderbilt, Spingold, Reisinger and Grand National Team games, and all other games which assign their winners and high finishers 'Team Points' or 'Pair Points', or otherwise directly qualify participants for representation of the ACBL or U.S. in international play, shall contain the following initial paragraph: "The ACBL Board of Directors reserves its option to declare any player or team, regardless of its tournament record, ineligible to represent the ACBL of the U.S. in international competition, for reasons of personal hygiene, dress, deportment or ethics."

The ACBL establishes the following general guidelines for the conduct and dress of its representatives participating in international events (failure to conform to the prescribed regulations may result in the abrogation of any right to play they may possess):

Personal hygiene: A player must be clean and well groomed.

Personal conduct: A player may not appear in public at the event site while under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. He may not use profanity, obscenities, or socially questionable 'four letter words' at the table or in the vicinity of the event. He must maintain a high standard of propriety especially whenever play is in progress.

Dress: Players must be prepared to conform to dress standards prescribed for the event in which they are to participate.

Enforcement: The Captain, the ACBL President (if present at the playing site) and/or the League WBF Representatives at the playing site, shall have the authority to pass on all questions of acceptability of dress or conduct of a player and shall have the power of removal of any player from the event. In the event of a disagreement, a majority of our WBF Representatives present shall have the final word.

Our WBF Representatives shall initiate and work for the passage by the WBF of a regulation that stipulates that each country or NCBO which makes a bid for a WBF event, include in the bid the specifics of any dress requirement needed to conform to local custom or hotel requirement (such as formal wear, etc.), and that acceptance of the bid be made contingent upon acceptance of the dress requirement.