

## CHAPTER X - SECTIONALS

### C. EVENTS / SCHEDULES

#### Section 1 - Events

- 1.1 Strati-flighted events at sectionals may be advertised and run with a combined A and B flight in one group playing together and the C flight playing separately.
- 1.2 Senior events may be held with minimum age restrictions of 60, 65, or 75. Such events may be stratified by masterpoints. The masterpoint awards will be 80% for 60+ and 70% for both 65+ and 75+.

#### Section 2 - Scheduling

- 2.1 When sanctioning sectionals, management will notify the tournament chairman and district director (or his/her designee) when proposed events or masterpoint ranges seem inadvisable or inappropriate.
- 2.2 If it is in the best interests of bridge and ACBL, management may, at its discretion, grant a sanction even though such a sanction would violate an existing regulation. Irrespective of this authority, another unit or district retains the right of appeal for arbitration if the matter concerns violation of a conflict regulation. Management will notify the board at least three times a year of instances where management has varied from the regulation.

#### Section 3 – Unrestricted Events

- 3.1 At regional and sectional tournaments, two session events which are unrestricted in any way (completely open) shall be credited with all tables in play in totally concurrent events (pairs, teams or individual but not knockouts or continuous pairs) for the purpose of computing overall awards, up to a maximum total of three times the number of tables in play in the unrestricted event.
- 3.2 Flighted, stratified and strati-flighted events count all tables in all flights/strata to determine the number of tables in the unrestricted event (the A Flight or Stratum). Two or more concurrent unrestricted events share equally the available restricted tables as above but not each others tables. An unrestricted event with a lower limit and no upper limit is treated as an open event when there is no concurrent open event.

- 3.3 For the purpose of awarding masterpoints, a restricted event that is two sessions morning and afternoon, is deemed to be totally concurrent with a two session event that is afternoon and evening.
- 3.4 At sectional tournaments, one session events which are unrestricted in any way and are not concurrent with either session of a two-session event shall be credited with all tables in play in concurrent events (as above) for the purpose of computing overall awards, up to a maximum total of three times the number of tables in play in the unrestricted event. Any two-session unrestricted event at a sectional receives table credit from all restricted events held either totally concurrent or concurrent with the first session, as above.

#### **Section 4 – Special Games at Sectionals**

- 4.1 All units (i.e. sectional sponsors), are permitted to run up to two special game sessions at each sectional with the exception of STaCs. In the USA, these special games may be to benefit the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the ACBL Junior Fund. In other countries, they may benefit the NBO equivalent, if it exists, or the ACBL fund/foundation if it does not. The choice of beneficiary shall be made by the tournament sponsor.
- 4.2 Such a special game may be run as an open game, senior game, team or pair game, newcomer game, or any other game that is run at a sectional.
- 4.3 The masterpoint awards will be regional-rated silver points.
- 4.4 The sponsor of the sectional will be charged USD \$1.00 per player. In Canada the charge will be CAN \$1.00 per player. In other countries, the sponsor will be charged USD \$1.00 per player. These funds shall be included in the tournament report and shall be dispersed to the appropriate organization chosen by the tournament sponsor.
- 4.5 The normal sanction fee for sectionals will also be charged to the sponsoring organization.