

# CHAPTER I - MEMBERSHIP

## I. JUNIORS

### Section 1 - Youth and Junior Division Membership Criteria

- 1.1 The ACBL defines the Junior Division using the following guidelines.
  - 1.1.1 Under 26 years of age.
  - 1.1.2 ACBL member in good standing.
  - 1.1.3 Special Events/Benefits
    - 1.1.3.1 Junior Day at NABCs - during each NABC one Saturday will be declared Junior Day. A light reception will be held for Juniors for the purpose of conducting business.
    - 1.1.3.2 January will be proclaimed Junior Month.
    - 1.1.3.3 Junior Entry coupons will be available at NABCs for all juniors who are ACBL members.
    - 1.1.3.4 Other events will be created to further interest juniors in participating in ACBL events.
    - 1.1.3.5 A dedicated Junior/Youth website will be created to facilitate the dissemination of news and events of interest and to promote the continued interest of our junior players.
- 1.2 The ACBL defines the Youth Division using the following guidelines:
  - 1.2.1 19 years of age or younger
  - 1.2.2 ACBL member in good standing.
  - 1.2.3 Special Events/Benefits
    - 1.2.3.1 Eligible for all Junior special events and benefits.
    - 1.2.3.2 Youth NABC
    - 1.2.3.3 A class for area youth at each of the NABCs if the sponsoring organization has an interest in promoting youth bridge in their city.

- 1.2.3.4 Other events created to further the interest of Youth in participating in ACBL events and games.

## **Section 2 - Junior Items re NABCs**

- 2.1 The first Saturday of each NABC shall be declared Junior Day.
  - 2.1.1 At the Spring and Fall NABCs, a reception incorporating a Zip KO will be held for Juniors.
  - 2.1.2 At the Summer NABC, a reception will be held where Juniors may meet ACBL officials and members of the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors.
- 2.3 At all NABCs, Junior coupons will be made available for junior members in good standing for entry into events at NABCs.
  - 2.3.1 Any junior under the age of 26 years who is a full time student (must provide proof of eligibility) will be entitled to coupons that can be used for any event. These coupons will have a value of \$10.00 per session.
  - 2.3.2 Any junior under the age of 21 years will be entitled to coupons that can be used for any event. These coupons will have a value of \$10.00 per session.
  - 2.3.3 Juniors under the age of 26 years named to teams to represent Zone 2 NBOs in world competitions for NABCs occurring between the time they are named to the team and the world championship will receive free plays at NABCs when playing with members of their team or members of another team representing a Zone 2 NBO.
  - 2.3.4 ACBL encourages all districts, units and bridge clubs to consider similar policies for its regional and sectional tournaments and club games.

## **Section 3 - Junior Fund Games**

- 3.1 January is designated as Junior Fund month.
- 3.2 Replace all unit or district Charity Games with one class of Fund or Foundation games. There will be a maximum of four/year per unit and four/year per district. The fee structure will be the same as special Fund or Foundation games at clubs. Any of the four allotted sessions may be held as a Junior Fund game, Charity game, Educational Foundation game, Grass Roots Fund Game or International Fund game, except January is reserved for Junior Fund Games, April is reserved for Charity games, May is reserved for Grass Roots FUNd games and September is reserved for International Fund games.

- 3.3 As approved by the ACBL Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Bridge Federation, an all inclusive North American Junior Fund (the “Junior Fund”) is established.
- 3.3.1 All funds derived from Junior Fund games held in North America shall be held by the ACBL.
- 3.3.2 In accordance with regulations established by the ACBL Board of Directors, the Junior Fund shall be used to finance junior programs and activities, promote the game of bridge to juniors and allocate funds to junior teams representing NBOs located in WBF Zone 2 in Junior/Youth World Championship events (as defined by the WBF) including University World Championship events.
- 3.3.3 Management shall indicate income and expenses for junior/youth activities as separate line items in the budget and financial statements.
- 3.3.4 Funds derived from Junior Fund (JF) Games will be used only to fund activities and programs limited to junior (ages 21-25) and youth (younger than 21) players.

#### **Section 4 - Youth North American Bridge Championship**

- 4.1 The Youth NABC shall be held concurrently with the Summer NABC, at a location within the NABC designated playing areas.
- 4.2 An evaluation of the Youth NABC program will be held at the fall Board of Directors meeting following each Youth NABC.

#### **Section 5 - Canadian Junior ACBL Members**

- 5.1 ACBL will invoice Canadian Junior members for CBF fees. CBF shall determine the amount of these fees.