

CHAPTER III – ADMINISTRATION

SECTION C – LEGAL

Section 1 - Civil Actions vs. ACBL by Members

- 1.1 An ACBL member who files a civil action for damages (the "action") against the ACBL shall be automatically suspended from the ACBL upon the occurrence of any of the following (this does not apply to civil actions brought by ACBL employees for anything concerning their ACBL employment):
- a. a judgment in the action which is favorable to the ACBL;
 - b. a dismissal of the action by the court with or without prejudice;
 - c. failure by the ACBL member to prosecute the action for any consecutive six month period after filing of the action; or
 - d. a settlement of the action which does not specifically waive the provisions of this paragraph.
- 1.2 Such suspension shall be lifted only upon the occurrence of one of the following:
- a. payment by the ACBL member of costs incurred in the action by the ACBL, its officers, agents, representatives and insurers; or
 - b. resolution by the ACBL Board of Directors absolving the ACBL member of payment of such costs. "Costs incurred in the action" shall mean all lawyers fees and expenses, witness fees and expenses, court costs and other costs related to the defense of the action. The ACBL Board of Directors or its designee, the Appeals and Charges Committee, shall make all determinations and decisions relating to the case by case implementation of this paragraph.
- 1.3 Whenever ACBL successfully defends a legal action instituted by a member or any other person, and in house counsel determines that the litigation was from the beginning without substantial merit, ACBL shall consider all remedies available to it including, but not limited to, the institution of an action for wrongful use of legal process.

Section 2 – Seal and Emblem

- 2.1 The seal of the ACBL shall be composed of two concentric circles between which shall appear the name "The American Contract Bridge League, Inc."; within the inner circle shall appear the year: 1937, together with the name of the state (New York) in which the ACBL is incorporated.
- 2.2 The emblem of the ACBL shall be composed of two concentric circles between which shall appear the initials "ACBL" on a blue field; within the inner circle shall

appear a black spade pip on a white field.