

CHAPTER IX – REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

B. FINANCE

Section 1 - General

- 1.1 Sponsoring organizations are required to pay all funds due the ACBL at the conclusion of the tournament.
- 1.2 The ACBL strongly recommends units and districts make student discounts available at sectionals and regionals.

Section 2 - Sanction Fees

- 2.1 The sanction fee for 199er regionals will be the same rate as the sanction fee for open sectionals.
- 2.2 All sanction fees, per session sponsor fees and other tournament fees are subject to annual review by the Board of Directors and are posted in the ACBL Handbook, Appendix G, Prices and Fees.
- 2.3 There will be no sanction fees for Junior/Youth regionals or Junior/Youth sectionals. Sanction fees do apply to Junior events at open regionals or sectionals.
- 2.4 The sanction fee will be waived for sectional and regional tournament events which are designed to introduce new players to tournaments, and which do not charge entry fees.
- 2.5 Each regional will be allocated one sanction-free midnight game held to subsidize district GNT competitions. For those games held in Canada, Mexico or Bermuda, each regional shall be allocated one sanction-free midnight game held to benefit the zonal or national team competition.
- 2.6 No sanction fees will be charged for free fill-ins.
- 2.7 Management is authorized to waive any board mandated sanction fee for cause. This authority may be used for a specific event(s) or an entire tournament.

Section 3 – Non-dues Paying Players Surcharge

- 3.1 All participants in any ACBL-sanctioned regional tournament are required to have a valid ACBL member number (even if inactive). **(Effective March 1, 2018)**
- 3.2 Except for charity events or events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints, and except for active members of the American Bridge Association:

For all regionals, the sponsoring organization will charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$4 per person per session for inactive members.

- a. For all regionals, the sponsoring organization will charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$4 per person per session for inactive members. For tournaments which are hosted in Canada the fee will be collected in Canadian dollars.
- b. It is suggested that the sale signage present this as a discount to members.
- c. The additional fee shall be remitted to the ACBL. Fees collected in Canadian dollars will have that amount converted to US dollars before being remitted.
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