

ACBL Member Not in Good Standing Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does “Not in Good Standing” mean?

A player who is not in good standing with the ACBL is allowed to play bridge in most games, but they will be officially designated as “Not in Good Standing” and be subject to constraints in their ability to participate in ACBL activities under certain circumstances.

2. How might a player be designated “Not in Good Standing”?

A player is “Not in Good Standing” if he/she is:

- a. delinquent on their ACBL dues if they are required to pay dues;
- b. expelled;
- c. serving a Suspension;
- d. serving an indefinite Probation;
- e. serving a Probation, when the initial term of that Probation was twenty-four (24) or more months; or
- f. serving a Probation following a Suspension, when the initial term of that Probation was more than ninety (90) days.

3. What are the implications of being “Not in Good Standing”?

- a. A member who is not in good standing is not entitled to serve in any elected or appointed position in the ACBL.
- b. The member does not have the right to vote in any election in which the general membership is the electorate.
- c. The member is not entitled to:
 - i. serve in any elected or appointed position in the ACBL;
 - ii. receive any subsidy from the ACBL;
 - iii. participate in and receive recognition for achievement in Masterpoint[®] races;
 - iv. receive recognition for achievement in Masterpoint rankings on the ACBL website or in the monthly or daily Bridge Bulletin; or
 - v. have an article published on the ACBL website or in the monthly or daily Bridge Bulletin.
- d. If a member loses good standing, the member’s Goodwill Committee appointment will be suspended until the member regains good standing because a lifetime Goodwill Committee appointment is only as long as the member is in good standing.
- e. If a member loses good standing, the member’s National Charity Committee appointment will be suspended until the member regains good standing because such an appointment is a lifetime appointment as long as the member is in “good standing”.

- f. The member will never receive a trophy honoring him/her because the individual to be honored must have been a member in good standing during the entire period of his or her ACBL membership (and have made a significant contribution to the bridge community that warrants widespread recognition).
- g. The member is not eligible to receive junior coupons.
- h. The member may not be a club manager or club director.
- i. The member may not vote in a Hall of Fame election.
- j. The member may not play in Unit level or higher NAP or GNT games.

DISCLAIMER: We have made a good faith effort to list all of the implications to a player who is not in good standing but may not have listed them all. Players are ultimately responsible for being aware of the restrictions upon being designated “Not in Good Standing”.