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Item 121-81: Rescinded Motions for Chapter 1. B. of the Codification

The following motions are rescinded:

Golden Age Master (Item 833-73) (841-71)

The Golden Age Master requirements are amended as follows:

Any member who has 300 or more Master Points at age 70 or any member with at least 100 Master Points at age 80 may, upon application, receive a certificate from the ACBL designating him/her as a Golden Age Master. (See B.1.4)

Former Members Who Rejoin ACBL (842-4)

No member, having once achieved an ACBL Master Point ranking, may thereafter participate in any event, or receive any award, intended for players of a lower ranking, except as specifically authorized in other ACBL regulations. Golden Age Master (Item 833-73) (841-71) (See B.1.4)

Memorial to Barry Crane (853-63) (042-138)

The Top 500 shall, in the future, be called The Barry Crane Top 500. (See B.1.4)

The various ranks of achievement shall be as follows: (863-51) (963-42) (991-232) (031-113) (042-138) (082-140) (101-112) (101-136)

<u>Title</u>	<u>Total Master Point Requirements</u>					<u>Pigmented Point Requirements</u>				
Master										
Club Master	20	0	0	0	0	5	20	20	6.66	
Sectional Master	50	0	0	5	0	10	45	45	16.66	
Regional Master	100	0	5	15	0	15	60	60	33.33	
NABC Master	200	5	15	25	0	20	155	155	66.66	
Advanced NABC Master	300	25	25	50	50	50	200	200	100	
Life Master	500	50	50	75	75	75	325	325	166.66	

D. Additional Life Master designations shall be established and will be available only to players who have achieved the rank of Life Master.

The Designations and requirements shall be as follows:

Designation Requirements

Silver Life Master*	1,000 Masterpoints
Gold Life Master*	2,500 Masterpoints
Diamond Life Master*	5,000 Masterpoints
Emerald Life Mast*er	7,500 masterpoints
Platinum Life Master*	10,000 Masterpoints
Grand Life Master*	10,000 Masterpoints. Win a North American Bridge Championship with no upper masterpoint restriction (other than the Super Senior Pairs) or an Open Team Trials or its equivalent or a Women=s Team Trials or its equivalent or any of the following WBF events: Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Rosenblum

	Cup, McConnell Cup, Open Pairs, Women=s Pairs, Olympiad, Women=s Team Olympiad, WBF Senior Pairs event, WBF World Swiss Teams, WBF World Mixed Teams, and WBF Senior Teams.
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(See B.1.1.1)

Recording of "Outdated" Rating Points (863-54)

All bonafide rating points shall be recorded without regard to the date of issue. *(See B.2.1)*

Barry Crane Top 500 List (892-106)

Points won at Senior Regionals shall be included in the tabulation of total points earned for the Barry Crane Top 500 List. *(See B.3.1.1.2)*

Player Masterpoint Races (901-103)

In addition to the Senior Race, which is operational, the following player masterpoint races are approved:

1. Youth Members - The ACBL will track masterpoints of all youth members through the age of 19. To be eligible for a given year's contest, the member must not have reached his 20th birthday as of December 31st of the preceding year.

(See B.3.1.3.1)

2. Junior Members - Same as Youth Members except the age requirement will be through 25. To be eligible for a given year's contest, the member must not have reached his 26th birthday as of December 31st of the preceding year. *(See B.3.1.4.1)*

3. Championship Player of the Year - The winner of the most masterpoints earned at NABCs while playing in unlimited nationally rated events including the NAOP and excluding the GNT competition. *(See B.3.1.8.1)*

Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Races (922-23)

Effective January 1, 1993, certificates will be awarded and medallions may be purchased by Units on an annual basis for winners in the various categories of Life Master (bronze, silver, gold, etc.) for the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Races. *(See B.3.1.2)*

Annual Top 100 (922-95) (082-140)

An Annual Top 100 shall be established as follows:

2. Beginning the year as Silver Life Master (1,000 - 2,500 points)

3. Beginning the year as Gold Life Master (2,500 - 5,000 points)

The leaders of these categories shall be published periodically in the BULLETIN in rotation with the publication of the leaders of other masterpoint races. *(See B.3.1.9)*

Sectional MP Race (953-122)

Management shall establish an ACBL-wide Sectional Masterpoint Race in the same manner as other masterpoint category races. Effective January 1, 1996. *(See B.3.1.7)*

Non-Member Masterpoints (973-46) (091-30) (092-77)

A former member who has not paid dues for over 90 days, and has become a non-member, is entitled to pay dues that were due and owing for whatever period of time he had non-member status (this payment may be for only those years in which the non-member won points and for which the non-member wishes to pay). Any former member who reinstates for a three –year period will have all unrecorded masterpoints credited at no charge. All masterpoints earned during the non-member period for which payment is received will be recorded to the extent possible.

Any member who pays his dues within 90 days after his membership paid-through date shall have his masterpoints recorded free of charge, such dues payment credited from the original paid-through date, and no break in membership recorded. *(See A.4.2)*

Platinum Points (983-68) (031-113) [also black and on line points]

- A. A new pigment -platinum- of masterpoints is established to recognize those points currently considered for the player of the year award (NABC+ events). These events include Nationally-rated events held at NABCs which have no upper masterpoint limit nor an upper age limit (i.e. junior or youth events). *(See B.2.2.1)*
- B. Effective January 1, 1999 new members of the ACBL are required to earn 50 black points in conjunction with existing requirements in order to become a Life Master. Any player in an inactive status for a period of six months or more will be subjected to the black point requirement upon rejoining. *(See B.1.1)*
- C. All masterpoints earned in online play will have no pigmentation. *(See B.2.3.1)*

Annual Senior Masterpoint Race (013-152)

The Annual Senior Masterpoint Race shall be determined by points won in regionally-rated or higher Senior events for which any portion of the masterpoint award is red, gold and/or platinum. *(See B.2.3.1)*

Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney Eligibility (052-53)

Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and Mini McKinney eligibility at all levels (overall placements and Unit placements) shall be determined by the player's total masterpoint holding at the start of the year, not the designated rank. *(See B.3.1.2.2)*

Masterpoint Races (092-35) The following races will be determined by masterpoints won in ACBL-sanctioned events (excluding ACBL-sanctioned events that are played on the Internet) sponsored by the ACBL or its Districts, Units and Clubs and any ACBL-sanctioned event designated by ACBL Management such as, but not limited to, an ACBL regional tournament sanctioned to and conducted by another bridge organization as long as an ACBL member may play without regard to his country of residence.

Barry Crane Top 500

Mini-McKenney

Youth

Juniors

District

Unit (*See B.3.1.2*)

The Annual Senior Masterpoint Race will be determined by masterpoints won in ACBL regionally-rated or higher sanctioned senior events (excluding such events that are played on the Internet) sponsored by the ACBL or its Districts, Units and Clubs and any such event designated by ACBL Management such as, but not limited to, an ACBL regional tournament sanctioned to and conducted by another bridge organization as long as an ACBL member may play without regard to his country of residence. (*See B.3.1.5*)

Games at Clubs (101-132)

All sanctioned games held at clubs, with the sole exception of STaCs, are to be counted in Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs masterpoint races at Unit, District and ACBL wide levels. (*See B.3.1.2.3*)

Effective immediately

Item 121-83: Rescinded Motions for Chapter 1. C. of the Codification

The following motions are rescinded:

Annual ACBL Membership Dues (831-12)

- B. All dues processing shall be handled by ACBL Management with no charge to the Unit. *(See C.1.1)*
- D. Beginning with 1984, or as soon as can be implemented by Management, billing shall be done on a staggered basis throughout the year *(See C.1.2)*

Regulations to Implement Bylaws (Membership Dues) (833-11)

Moved, that Regulation II, A (1) "Failure to Pay Dues" of the regulations to implement the Bylaws (1977 Fall Board action) be amended to read as follows:

- a. Membership dues are payable the first day of the month which has been designated as the Renewal Month for each ACBL member and shall be considered delinquent one month thereafter. *(See C.1.3)*

Canadian Bridge Federation Membership Dues (933-32)

Effective immediately, the approval of the ACBL is not required for the Canadian Bridge Federation to increase the fee that is added to the membership dues billings of Canadian members. This additional fee is remitted to the CBF in support of its operation/projects. *(See 883-124) (See C.2.1)*

Amendment of Item 943-58 (deferred from Minneapolis), Life Master Service Fees (931-63) (951-20) (962-51)

Life Master service fees must be paid in order to be eligible for inclusion on any masterpoint race list, for inclusion on any Life Master upgrade list, to receive the *Bulletin*, to receive point confirmations, and to receive qualified reimbursements to an NABC or any other event for which ACBL provides a monetary reimbursement. *(See C.3.1)*

Patron Membership Program (973-67)

- B. Management shall create a method of tracking those patron members who do not renew, and shall offer them a standard membership.
- C. All new patron members shall receive an upgrade of their existing memberships if their request is made within 90 days. *(Rescinded by 042-143)*

Canadian Exchange Rate for Annual Dues (993-22)

- B. The following is adopted:
ACBL 's policy with regard to setting the exchange rate for annual dues of Canadian members is to optimally balance the needs to:

1. Protect the Canadian ACBL member from overpaying because the Canadian Dollar strengthens;
2. Protect the ACBL from exchange losses because the Canadian dollar weakens;
3. Control the administrative burdens and costs of changing dues renewal exchange rates too often.

The average exchange rate prevailing during the last 5 business days of July shall be used to determine the exchange rate applicable to the dues rate for new Canadian members for the succeeding calendar year.

The exchange rate used to determine the dues rate for renewing Canadian members shall be the rate established for that year, except that the exchange rate will be modified during a year under the following conditions:

Once a quarter on the 20th day (or on the first business day thereafter) of March, June, September and December, the average Canadian exchange rate as reported in the Wall Street Journal for that week will be checked. If this rate differs from the exchange rate then in effect for billing renewing ACBL Canadian members by 3 Canadian cents or more, the average exchange rate for that week shall become the rate used to bill renewing Canadian members effective with bills issued in the following month . This revised rate shall remain in effect for the remainder of the calendar year unless and until altered in accordance with this paragraph.

(See C 2.2 thru C.2.2.3.2)

Life Master Service Fees (052-32)

Those joining or rejoining ACBL after January 1, 1996 will pay dues at the established rate. When these players attain Life Master status, they will continue to pay the established rate with no service fee differential. *(See C.1.4)*

Membership Dues Increase (093-69)

Membership dues are increased from \$35 to \$37. Life master service charges are \$32 to \$34. Household membership dues are increased from \$64 to \$68. Junior membership dues are increased \$14 to \$15. New member membership dues are increased \$26 to \$28. Three-year renewals of all of the above are increased by \$6.00. *(See C.1.6)*

Effective immediately

Item 121-85: Rescinded Motions for Chapter 1. D. of the Codification

The following motions are rescinded:

Goodwill and Ethics Committee (733-94)

1. The Chairman of the National Goodwill Committee shall have a tenure of three years. He or she shall name his or her assistants for the three years. He or she shall name his or her assistants for the three geographical areas of the ACBL (the three areas which are used for the assignment of National Tournaments), plus an assistant from each NCBO (Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the U.S.) if an assistant from such country is not already appointed from one of the three geographical areas.

(See D.1.5)

National Good Will Committee (751-73) The name of the "National Good Will, Etiquette and Ethics Committee" Shall be changed to the "ACBL Good Will Committee".

(Obsolete)

Increase in the Number of Assistant Chairmen of the ACBL Good Will Committee (781-52)

The number of Assistant Chairmen of the ACBL Good Will Committee shall be increased from four members to six members. The six areas of the ACBL represented by Assistant Chairmen on the Good Will Committee shall be the East, the South, the Midwest, the Northwest, the South-west and Canada. Implementation shall be at such time as the Board of directors of the ACBL establishes the precise geographic areas to be represented. Effective immediately. *(See D.1.5.4)*

Tenure of Office of Assistant Chairmen of the ACBL Good Will Committee (781-53)

Assistant Chairmen of the Good Will Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman with the approval of the Board. The terms of office of the Assistant Chairmen shall run concurrently with that of the Chairman. *(See D.1.5.3)*

Increase in the Number of Assistant Chairmen of the ACBL Good Will Committee for Canada (783-51)

The number of Assistant Chairmen of the ACBL Good Will Committee for Canada is increased from one to two, with one representing Eastern Canada and the other representing Western Canada, with the Manitoba-Ontario border as the dividing point. *(See D.1.5.4)*

Additional Appointments to Good Will Committee (823-62)

District Directors, in addition to the two annual appointments, may appoint replacements (maximum of two per year) to fill vacancies created by deaths of prior appointees in their Chapter 1, D.2 District. (*See D.1.2.2*)

Use of Active Ethics Pamphlet (893-93) The principles set forth in the Active Ethics Pamphlet apply to all ACBL sanctioned play. (*See D.2.1*)

CBL Goodwill Member of the Year (903-81B)

The ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year shall automatically become a member of the ACBL Goodwill Committee if not already a member of that Committee. (*See D.1.7.3*)

1991 ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year (911-94)

B. The regulation for selection of the ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year (Item 892-95) is amended to read as follows:

An ACBL Goodwill Member of the year shall be selected annually. The honorary title shall be presented to the ACBL member who has exhibited unselfish dedication to the causes of good conduct, worthy participation and ethical behavior. The ACBL Goodwill Committee shall review all nominations and present its recommendations for ACBL Goodwill Member of the year at each Fall Meeting of the Board. (*Superseded*)

ACBL Goodwill Committee (922-94) (982-41)

Management shall establish a budget for the Goodwill Committee for adoption in the ACBL Budget for 1993. (*Obsolete*)

B. The Chairman of the ACBL Goodwill Committee shall be reimbursed for his/her 30-day supersaver NABC airfare, two nights hotel, three days per diem and free plays at NABCs (excluding charity days). (*See D.1.5.2*)

Automatic Appointments to the ACBL Goodwill Committee (922-133)

The current regulation concerning automatic appointments to the ACBL Goodwill Committee (Item 801-103) is rescinded and replaced with the following: Members of the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Governors and ACBL Goodwill Members of the Year shall automatically become a member of the ACBL Goodwill Committee. (*See D.1.2.3*)

ACBL Goodwill Committee (971-34) (052-22)

B. A reception for all members of the ACBL Goodwill Committee shall be held at each NABC at a time determined by Management with input from the Goodwill Committee Chairperson. The preferred time is between sessions on Goodwill Day. (*See D.1.6*)

Goodwill Committee Appointment (013-61)

The President of the ABA will be appointed to the Goodwill Committee during the first year of his or her presidency. The appointment will be shown in the district of residence but not count toward the district's quota. (*See D.1.2.4*)

Goodwill Replacement Pins (033-127)

Item 802-83, ACBL shall charge the actual cost incurred for replacing ACBL Goodwill Committee pins, is rescinded. (*See D.1.4*)

Goodwill Member of the Year (042-47)

The ACBL Goodwill Member of the year shall receive reimbursement for roundtrip air travel from his/her home to the fall NABC at a supersaver rate, 2 room nights at the host hotel, 1 day of free plays, and 3 days of per diem. The reimbursement will come from the Norman Kay Fund which will be supplemented by the ACBL general fund as needed. (*See D.1.7.4*)

Goodwill Member of the Year (053-27) I

Item 911-94 is amended as follows:

B. The regulation for selection of the ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year (Item 892-95) is amended to read as follows:

An ACBL Goodwill Member of the year shall be selected annually. The honorary title shall be presented to the ACBL member who has exhibited unselfish dedication to the causes of good conduct, worthy participation and ethical behavior. The ACBL Goodwill Committee shall review all nominations and present its recommendations for ACBL Goodwill Member of the year at each Fall Meeting of the Board.

The Goodwill member will be informed by the Goodwill committee chairman and honored at the Spring Goodwill reception. (*See D.1*)

Goodwill Committee Appointment (062-39)

A Goodwill Committee appointment is a lifetime appointment as long as the member is a member in "good standing". If a member loses good standing, the member's Goodwill Committee appointment shall be suspended until the member regains good standing. Expulsion from the ACBL, suspension for one year or longer or probation for two years or longer will result in permanent removal from the Goodwill Committee. (*See D.1.3.1*)

National Goodwill Committee (102-69)

The name of the "ACBL Goodwill Committee" shall be changed to the "Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee. (*See D.1.1.*)

Effective immediately

Item 121-87: Rescinded Motions for Chapter 1. E. of the Codification

The following motions are rescinded:

Review of Insurance Plans for ACBL Members (833-21)

Management, in consultation with League Counsel, shall adopt a disclaimer clause to be included in the solicitation letters for the various group insurance plans offered ACBL members. (*Obsolete*)

Commercial Sponsorship of Sanctioned Tournaments (853-51)

Commercial sponsorship of ACBL sanctioned tournaments is approved. Prior to the 1986 Spring Meetings, Management shall develop guidelines for appropriate use of commercial sponsors at ACBL tournaments. (*See E.1.2.1*)

Membership Benefits (863-94) Management is authorized to negotiate membership benefit programs (bank credit cards, wholesale warehouse clubs, car rentals, etc.). (*See E.1.3.1*)

Royalty Agreement Group Insurance for Members (871-125)

Management is empowered to negotiate and enter into a royalty agreement relating to group insurance for members. The agreement shall include a provision for a proper disclaimer. (*See E.1.3.2*) (Non-Agenda item approved by the Board for consideration)

Publicity Status Report (892-91)

Management's report concerning ongoing activity in public relations, publicity and special projects was received and reviewed. Management shall continue to present status reports at each meeting of the Board. (*See E.1.5*)

Guidelines for Soliciting and/or Accepting Sponsorships (962-63)

Managements report on Guidelines for Soliciting and/or accepting Sponsorships is received.

(*See Appendix 6. Corporate Sponsorships (See E.1.2.2)*)

Effective immediately

Item 121-89: Rescinded Motions for Chapter 1. F. of the Codification

The following motions are rescinded:

ACBL policy on Gambling (713-61A)

Any person who engages in gambling in the playing area of an ACBL sanctioned event shall be subject to severe disciplinary penalties. (*See CDR*)

Costs and Procedures of District Judiciary Committees (733-6A) Expenses in connection with District Judiciary Committees shall not be borne by the ACBL unless specifically authorized by the ACBL. (*Rescinded by 081-03*)

Code of Disciplinary Regulations (722-22) (731-41) (811-1) (833-2) (863-3) (892-3) (903-1) (912-1) (933-2) (941-3) (941-4) (943-3) (951-12) (952-2) (962-02) (971-03) (971-04) (972-13) (973-06) (982-02) (992-44) (001-49) (002-42) (011-48) (012-49) (041-02) (043-02) (051-02) (051-03) (052-04) (052-05) (061-02) (062-02) (063-02) (072-02) (073-05)) (081-02) (083-03) (091-02) (092-05) (093-02) (093-03) (093-05) (102-03) (103-02) (112-02) (112-03) (See the *Code of Disciplinary Regulations* and the *Unit and District Disciplinary Proceedings* on the ACBL web site.) (*See F.1.1*)

Refusal to Play (842-96)

The refusal of a player, pair or team to play in an ACBL sanctioned Sectional, Regional, National or Grand National event against another player, pair or team duly entered in the event shall require the disqualification of the player, pair or team so refusing to play from further participation in the event and the forfeiture of any Master Points earned by the player, pair or team in the event.

Such refusal shall constitute conduct unbecoming a member of the ACBL and shall be referred to the disciplinary body having jurisdiction for appropriate disciplinary action. (*Rescinded by 081-03*)

Access to Disciplinary Files (843-2)

B. A player convicted of an offence shall forthwith submit to the disciplinary body his disciplinary history. The submission shall be on a form supplied by Management. Completed forms shall be sent to Management for verification and any substantial misstatement shall constitute an offense. (*Obsolete*)

Forfeiture of Titles and Master Points (872-2) (003-47)

A. Any member of the ACBL and his partner at the time, who admits having given or received information or signals in violation of Law 73 B 2 (Pre-arranged Communication) of the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge, on or after July 16, 1987, or who is finally adjudicated to have done so by the highest authority of the ACBL having jurisdiction, shall forfeit all Master Points and titles theretofore earned by said members.

The partner or teammates of a member who suffers penalties as provided herein shall forfeit any title or Master Points won in the event in which such offense occurred. Actions taken hereunder shall be automatically reviewed by the Appeals and Charges Committee of the ACBL.

- B. Titles so forfeited shall remain vacant and there shall be no change in rankings or awarding of Master Points for other contestants.
- C. Individual cheating also falls under this regulation. (*Rescinded by 032-50*)

Barring of Players in Open Clubs (913-2)

The procedure for the barring of a player by an open club, and the appeal thereof to the Unit, District and ultimately the National Board of Directors, is provided for in the ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations. (*Obsolete*)

Resignation of ACBL Membership (942-6) Effective August 1, 1994, the regulation governing the readmission to ACBL membership of members who resign (Item 772-4) is amended to read as follows:

A member who resigns his/her membership in the ACBL to avoid possible disciplinary action may not thereafter participate in any National, District, Unit, club sanctioned game or other ACBL activity, including but not limited to, (I) acting as non-playing captain, (ii) kibitzing any game or event, (iii) being physically present at the site of a tournament, (iv) participating in the corporate or business affairs of any ACBL affiliated organization.

A member who resigns to avoid possible disciplinary action may be readmitted to membership only by the ACBL Board of Directors. Further, no application for readmission may be considered before five years from the date of resignation and thereafter only once a year. The Board of Directors may impose such conditions upon readmission as it deems appropriate. (*Rescinded by 081-03*)

WBF Representation (943-2) (071-02)

- A. Effective immediately, no member will be permitted to represent any NCBOs belonging to the ACBL or Zone 2 of the WBF who has been expelled for cheating or who has resigned to avoid possible disciplinary action on charges of cheating, for at least 10 years following readmission and an application for permission has been approved by at least 75% of the ACBL Board of Directors present and voting. (*See F.2.2*)
- B. In considering relief from ACBL probation pursuant to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations, Section 9.5, effective immediately the entire disciplinary record of the member shall be considered. (*See F.2.3*)

Publishing Names of Suspended Players in Bulletin (952-4) (973-05)

- A. When a player is suspended or expelled by the Ethical Oversight Committee and after the appeals process is complete their full name and player number shall be published in the ACBL Bulletin. This will not apply if on appeal the action is reversed.
- B. In cases where a player or players are expelled (1) through actions of the National Appeals and Charges Committee or (2) through actions of the Ethical Oversight

Committee that are not appealed, an article may be published in the ACBL Bulletin explaining what occurred. The purpose of this article is to educate the readership on what is and is not actionable behavior. The chair of the applicable committee will oversee the writing of the article. Publication is at the discretion of the Bulletin Editor.

Upon request for information regarding publication of the facts of a disciplinary case, management will advise the requestor of ACBL policy.

NOTE: Current ACBL policy is to publish an individual's name and ACBL player number, and a brief description of their offense after any appeals are exhausted or the time period for an appeal has expired. (*Rescinded by 081-03*)

Disciplinary Files (963-03)

- A. Management/Office of the Recorder shall maintain an easily accessible, well filed and documented record of all disciplinary cases from 1990 to the present where the penalty imposed was a suspension of six months or longer. This record shall contain the name of the person(s) disciplined, the discipline imposed with applicable dates, and a summary of the facts on which the decision was based as well as a summary of any appeals taken.
- B. This summary information should be made available to members of the ACBL Appeals and Charges Committee, ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee and ACBL Management. Summaries should be made available where appropriate for purposes of precedent and to help future district and unit committees arrive at a just and reasonable discipline for any player found to have committed violations of the Disciplinary Code. (*Obsolete*)

Distribution of Appeals and Disciplinary Handbooks (972-07)

The Director-in-Charge of a tournament will have several printed copies of the Handbook for Bridge Appeals Committees and the Handbook for Disciplinary Committees.

A copy of the Handbook for Bridge Appeals Committees will be given to any person who is appointed chair of a bridge appeal committee.

A copy of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations, Handbook for Disciplinary Committees and Handbook for Bridge Appeals Committees will be given to any person who is appointed chair of a tournament disciplinary committee. (*See F.1.2*)

Disciplinary Files Pertaining to Canadian Members (972-08)

A summary of disciplinary action(s) previously made public is available upon request to unit, district or NCBO governing bodies. (*Obsolete*)

Ethical Oversight Committee (003-59)

A new Ethical Oversight Committee will consist of fifteen members, 12 of whom must be from the current EOC members, appointed by the President of the ACBL. Five members shall be appointed each year for staggered three-year terms.

During the first year (2001) five members will be appointed for a one-year term, five members for a two-year term, and five members for a three-year term. Each year thereafter, the President will appoint five members for three-year terms.

During their tenure in office a member may not be dismissed except for **grossly inappropriate behavior**. If the President of the ACBL or the Chairman of the Ethical Oversight Committee call together the members of the Committee, they may, by majority vote, remove a member of the Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected from within the body. The Chairman may not serve more than three consecutive one-year terms.

Rescinds Item 923-1. (*See Chapter IV, Section D 5.5*)

Privileged Communications (011-40)

- A. Any communication that occurs during the meeting of an ACBL Body (as defined below), which relates to matters that have been, are or might reasonably become subjects of business for that particular body, is privileged.
1. "Privileged" shall mean communication that may not be used as the basis for any complaint under ACBL disciplinary or other regulations.
 2. "ACBL Body" includes the Board of Directors, any ACBL Foundation Board and any ACBL committee or sub-committee appointed by the ACBL President, by the ACBL Board or by any ACBL Board member. It shall also include the Board of Governors, any District or Unit Board within ACBL and any duly appointed or elected District or Unit committee or sub-committee. (*Rescinded by 081-03*)

Disciplinary Administrative Policies (033-02) (042-46) (061-35)

- A. The ACBL CEO or his or her designee shall maintain and administer membership disciplinary files and records to include decisions of the hearing body wherein there was a finding of any guilt or responsibility (irrespective of whether a discipline was issued) or the committee referred the matter to a Recorder.
- B. Notices of discipline shall contain, in addition to the discipline issued by the hearing committee, an explanation of what that discipline involves and a description of the offense by number and titles per Appendix C of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations.
- C. Notices of discipline shall be sent routinely to:
1. The person disciplined.
 2. The ACBL Board of Directors.
 3. The disciplined person's District President, Secretary and Recorder.
 4. The disciplined person's Unit President, Secretary and Recorder.
 5. The appropriate Federation.
 6. The ABA.
 7. ACBL CEO.
 8. ACBL staff as determined by the ACBL CEO.
 9. The complainant.
 10. The appropriate appellate body chairperson.
 11. WBF if the player is a member of an NBO outside Zone 2.

- D. The disciplinary committee report on request shall be made available to (in accordance with CDR 5.2.9 the complainant and the disciplined person receive a copy of the report):
1. The ACBL CEO.
 2. ACBL staff as determined by the ACBL CEO.
 3. A member or members of the ACBL Board upon a determination by the ACBL President that such request is for a proper ACBL business purpose.
- E. A person's ACBL disciplinary record or material there from may be made available only to:
1. The person who is the subject of the record upon request. Chapter 1, F.6
 2. A disciplinary hearing committee when that person has been found guilty of a charge and the committee is considering discipline to be imposed.
 3. The ACBL President or CEO when the person is being considered for appointment to an ACBL position or ACBL employment.
 4. An Officer of the Court upon presentation of a subpoena.
 5. A law enforcement officer without a subpoena when an urgency exists involving a criminal matter.
- F. Upon request from the Chairperson or Chairpersons of the Hall of Fame Committee, a list of previous ACBL disciplines, if any, issued by an ACBL disciplinary committee with an explanation of what each discipline involves for each prospective nominee shall be given to the Hall of Fame Committee.
- G. Information provided to the ACBL Appeals and Charges Committee and the ACBL Disciplinary Committee (when impaneled as an appellate committee) and parties to an appeal to either body.
1. The above committees are sent:
 - a. A copy of the written appeal and all supporting documents submitted by the appellant.
 - b. All information included in the record from previous bodies that have heard the case.
 - c. A summary of the past disciplinary record of the person(s) charged and or disciplined.
 - d. Documents concerning procedural issues or administrative matters.
 - e. Any other information by instruction of the chairperson.
 2. The parties to the appeal (complainant charged person, original committee, the appellant, and ACBL if the appellant) are each sent prior to the hearing:
 - a. A copy of the written appeal and all supporting documents submitted by the appellant.
 - b. Any information for the committee submitted in a timely manner by any party to the appeal.
 - c. All information included in the record from previous bodies that have heard the case,
 - d. Other information at the instruction of the chairperson.
 3. The committees and parties to the appeal are apprised of:
 - a. Date, time and place of hearing.

- b. Any rights dictated by the Code of Disciplinary Regulations.
- c. The opportunity to appear by telephone as well as in person. *(See D 3.1 thru D 3.7.3)*

B. The Chair of the Ethical Oversight, ACBL Disciplinary and NABC+ Tournament Disciplinary Committee and all members serving on a case shall receive an honorarium.

The guideline to be used by Management for the amount of the honorarium is the value of a two-session entry to an NABC+ event for each day the committee meets. *(See Chapter IV, 5)*

Videotaping (042-04)

B. The ACBL Recorder may videotape in conjunction with an investigation with the concurrence of the ACBL CEO. *(See F.4.1)*

C. Recorder Regulations are amended as follows:

B. ADDITIONAL ACBL RECORDER DUTIES

- a. Advise Unit and District recorders as necessary.
 - b. Conduct seminars for recorders at NABCs as appropriate.
 - c. Supervise the National Office of Recorder as necessary concerning files.
- a. Determine whether to videotape in conjunction with an investigation with the concurrence of the ACBL CEO. *(See F.4.2)*

Readmission of Expelled Members (073-04)

A. Readmission of Expelled members

The ACBL Board of Directors will not hear and ACBL Management is instructed not to forward to the Board any request for readmission before five years from the date of expulsion or resignation to avoid possible disciplinary actions, provided that under no circumstances will the ACBL Board of Directors hear a request for readmission in regards to a second expulsion or resignation to avoid possible disciplinary actions or combination thereof. When a request is heard and denied, the person making the request will be told when and if the Board will hear a subsequent request for readmission.

Should the Board decide to hear a request, the following guidelines shall be used in considering the possible readmission to ACBL membership of former members who have been expelled or who have resigned to avoid possible disciplinary action:

1. Admission of guilt.
2. Appropriate written apology.
3. Support for readmission from the player's local bridge organization(s).

Additional provisions for readmission shall be at the discretion of the ACBL Board of Directors. Requests for relief from the provisions for readmission shall be made no more frequently than every three years. *(Rescinded by 081-03)*

ACBL Disciplinary or Ethical Oversight Hearing Committee (083-04)

A. When unable to seat a five-person hearing committee from among the membership of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee, the chairperson of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee

may select members of the hearing committee from among the membership of the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee. *(See F.5.1)*

B. When unable to seat a five-person hearing committee from among the membership of the Ethical Oversight Committee, the chairperson of the Ethical Oversight Committee may select members of the hearing committee from among the membership of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee. *(See F.5.2)*

Effective Date of Amendments to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) (101-02)
Barring exceptional circumstances, the guideline for setting the effective date for any amendments to the CDR approved during a calendar year shall be January 1 of the next calendar year. . *(See F.5.1)*

Effective immediately

Item 121-91: Rescinded Motions for Chapter 1. G. of the Codification

The following motions are rescinded:

ACBL Teaching Program and Teachers Outside the Program (881-31)

Management shall engage in an ongoing program of cooperation and communication with the ABTA. (*See G.4.1*)

Educational Committee (881-33)

Units and/or Districts shall designate a member to serve as a liaison with the ACBL for the purpose of furthering our Educational programs. (*See G.5.1*)

Bridge Education Status Report (903-31)

- A. Management shall present status reports on current Bridge Education programs and related projects, including operating statements and current and forecasted budgets, at each meeting of the Board.
- B. Charges for the Teacher's Accreditation Program shall be at a break-even cost. In those instances where the cost to ACBL is substantially less, the difference shall be refunded to the sponsor.
- C. Each District shall appoint an Education Coordinator to work with Unit Liaisons in the development of an educational program within its Units and to assist in organizing TAPs.
- D. Management shall provide instructional material and backup support for activities of the District Education Coordinator. (*Obsolete*)

Bridge Education Status Report (952-30)

Management's Bridge Education Status Report regarding the Education programs was reviewed and critique. Management will continue to present a status report at each Board meeting. (*See G.4.2*)

Intermediate Novice Program Report (952-31)

Management's Intermediate Novice Program Report regarding the Intermediate Novice programs was reviewed. Management will continue to present status reports on the current IN/Novice program at each Board meeting. (*See G.4.3*)

School Lesson Memberships (023-156)

ACBL will offer a School Lesson Membership (current price of \$5.00) to students until the age of 19 who are graduates of, or enrolled in, a School Bridge Lesson Series program funded by the ACBL and/or the ACBL Educational Foundation. (*See A.2.2.7*)

Shortened Mini Bridge Program (081-100)

The ACBL Bridge in the Schools program is expanded to include shorter mini bridge instruction for the years 2008/2009, 2009/2010 and 2010/2011.

Section I. Mini Bridge Program

- A. The School Mini Bridge program will have the same requirements and benefits as the School Bridge program except that:
 - 1) no text will be provided;
 - 2) the teachers will receive a subsidy of \$200.00 per class for eight hours of instruction and supervised play;
 - 3) the shortened mini bridge Program will be permitted through the 6th grade only.
- B. Management will advertise and promote this program through all methods used to communicate with our members and teachers including, but not limited to
 - 1) The Bridge Bulletin;
 - 2) the ACBL website;
 - 3) all newsletters used to communicate with teachers.
- C. Management will present a progress report to the Board of Directors at the Summer 2009 meeting, the Summer 2010 and the Spring 2011 meeting for the purpose of determining the feasibility of continuing the program.

Section II. Program Funding

- A. Funding will be obtained through the Marketing Department budget or other areas including the Junior Fund.
- B. The cost is expected not to exceed \$8,500 in 2008/2009, \$10,250 in 2009/2010, \$12,750 in 2010/2011.
- C. Should program participation exceed expectations in any given year so that budgeted funds are expended for the shortened course, management may choose to fund the shortfall from other sources including the Junior Fund or return to the Board of Directors to ask for additional funding. (*See G.2*)

Policy for Issuing Stipends to Bridge Teachers in Schools (103-90)

No one shall be denied the teacher stipend from the School Bridge Class program based solely on the receipt of payment from another source; however, the amount received from the School Bridge Class program when added to compensation from other sources shall not exceed US\$500. (*See G.4.1*)

Effective immediately.

Item 121-93: Rescinded Motions for Chapter 1. H. of the Codification

The following motions are rescinded:

Policy and Criteria for acceptance of Permanent Trophies (911-93) (022-55)

Trophies may be accepted on the following basis:

A. Trophies honoring individuals.

1. A minimum donation of \$50,000 is required for National Championships or ACBL-wide events and/or masterpoint races and a minimum donation of \$30,000 is required for Regional events at NABCs. These funds will be accepted into the general fund and for the next twenty years replicas will be provided by ACBL.
2. The individual to be honored must have been a member in good standing during the entire period of his ACBL membership and have made a significant contribution to the bridge community that warrants widespread recognition.
3. A maximum of 50% of the annual income earned on the donation after the purchase of the trophy shall be used for replicas or other suitable awards. Additional income shall go to the ACBL General Fund for insurance, maintenance, engraving, etc., of the trophy.
4. The trophy will be retired after twenty years unless renewed by the Board of Directors. Should the trophy be retired at that time, all funds will revert to the ACBL General Fund. (*See H.1.1*)

B. Trophies bearing the name of a corporation, a foundation, an organization or a product.

1. A minimum initial donation of \$100,000 and further donations of \$25,000 annually for ten years for National championships and a minimum donation of \$75,000 and \$15,000 annually for ten years for Regional and other ACBL-wide events.
2. A trophy is subject to renewal or cancellation after ten years and the remaining funds shall revert to the ACBL General Fund.
3. ACBL and the trophy sponsor shall determine mutual benefits and obligations. (*See H.1.1*)

C. General. ACBL shall retain possession of all trophies and shall be responsible for insurance and maintenance of the trophies. ACBL shall have the names of winners engraved on the trophies. (*See H.1.3.1*)

Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and Mini-Mckenney Races (922-23)

Effective January 1, 1993, certificates will be awarded and medallions may be purchased by Units on an annual basis for winners in the various categories of Life Master (bronze, silver, gold, etc.) for the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Races. (*See B.3.2.1*)

Review of Awards Granted and lists Maintained by ACBL (931-50)

B. A list of awards, trophies and races shall be maintained by Management and up-dated annually. If a trophy does not exist for an event/race, its title shall be changed to "award". (*see H.1.3.2*)

ACBL Honorary Member of the Year (942-42) (073-26)

The ACBL Honorary Member of the Year is awarded to:

A person who is known widely throughout the membership of the ACBL.

A person who has given freely of time and ability, without thought of reward, and in the interest and welfare of the League as a whole as opposed to a segment of the League's operations.

A person who is not an incumbent member of the ACBL Board of Directors.

The benefits for those members selected as "Honorary Member of the Year" are as follows: (1) free entries to NABCs for one year; (2) BULLETIN article and picture on the BULLETIN cover; and (3) a letter of congratulations from the ACBL Board of Directors signed by the ACBL President.

This information is to be included with the material that is provided annually to the "Honorary Member of the Year" Selection Committee. (*See H.4.1*)

Trophy Assignment (952-61) (953-61) (961-68) (972-44) (003-53) (093-31) (102-35)

A. The Trophy Committee recommendations as listed below shall be implemented by Management.

1. A list of all trophy winners shall be published annually in the Bulletin.
2. Articles about events that award a trophy should have a paragraph and short bio about the trophy and its donor when it is written up.
3. A trophy presentation should be included at the annual Hall of Fame event (this will help attendance), and plaques or framed certificates should be presented where replicas do not exist. The Vanderbilt, Reisinger and Spingold, USBC, NAWTC, GNT, NAOP, Blue Ribbon, and six sessions Life Master pair, should be presented, all others just read off (like secondary awards at the Oscars).
4. Trophies for a few of the major events should be displayed at each NABC on a rotating basis. All trophies should be written up in the Daily Bulletin.
5. In the future, if an event is eliminated that has a trophy, the Board of Directors should decide on the disposition of the trophy at the time the event is terminated.
6. A couple of trophies might be kept around in case there is a strong desire by the Board to name a trophy for some future event. Also, the Chicago trophy should be kept just for its historical significance, or it might be used for some new event.
7. Deleted
8. The Encyclopedia should show the disposition of a trophy in the event of an event change or its demise.
9. The handbook should show the current list and a short description about the trophy.
10. The Morehead Trophy for the Grand National Teams should be inscribed for all flight A & B. Plaques or certificates should be given to all winners.

11. The Baldwin trophy shall be for the national NAOP for Flight A. The trophy to be inscribed with all winners, and plaques or certificates should be issued to all winners.
12. The Board has the prerogative of changing the name on a trophy to that of a famous player who should be remembered, but for whom no trophy was donated. The committee has already begun this process on the attached list.
- B. Item 953-61 is amended to reflect that the MacNab Trophy shall be given for the North American Non-LM Teams (Morehead Trophy for Flight A, and Sheinwold Trophy for Flight B).
- C. The winner of the Red Ribbon Pairs will be awarded the Percy X. Bean Trophy.
- D. The Von Zedtwitz trophy will be referred to as the Gold Cup.

All events which have been on the current schedule of National-rated events at NABCs for at least 5 years will have a trophy assigned.

NAME CURRENT USE PAST USE

Baldwin NAP Flight A None

Baze Senior KO None

Bean Red Ribbon None

Bruce 0-5000 Life Master Pairs None

Burns Top Senior Top Senior

Cavendish Kaplan Blue Ribbon Blue Ribbon

Corn USBC (ITT) USBC

Crane Top 500 Top 500

Jo Culbertson NAWTC NAWTC

Fishbein Summer NABC MP Summer NABC

Freeman Mixed Teams None

Gold Cup (Von Zedtwitz) Summer Life Master Pairs Life Master Pairs

Golder Cup NAP Flight B NABC Regional Pairs

Goldman Grand Natl Team Open Flight None

Goren Fall NABC MP Player of the Year

Jacoby Spring Open Swiss Teams None

Kay Platinum Pairs

Keohane Fall NA Swiss Fall NA Swiss

Landy Jr Player Yr None

Lazard Sportsmanship Sportsmanship

Lebhar IMP Pairs IMP Pairs

Leventritt Silver Ribbon Silver Ribbon

Machlin Women's Swiss Teams Women's Swiss Teams

Manfield Non-Life Master Pairs None

McNab GNT Flight C GNT Flight B

Miles Non-LM Pairs Non-LM Pairs

Mitchell Open BAM None

Morehead Grand Natl Team Flight A GNT Open

Mott-Smith Spring NABC MP Spring NABC MP

Nail Spring LM Open Pairs Spring LM Open Pairs

Pender Jr Team Champ Jr Team Champ

Presidents Cup NAP Flight C Non-LM Teams

Reisinger Fall BAM Teams Fall BAM Teams
 Rockwell Spring Mixed Pairs Spring Mixed Pairs
 Sheinwold GNT Flight B GNT Flight B
 Silodor Natl Open Pairs (I) Natl Open Pairs (I)
 Helen Sobel LM Women's Pairs LM Women's Pairs
 Soloway NABC Player Yr NABC Player Yr
 Spingold Summer KO Summer KO
 Sternberg Women's BAM Women's BAM
 U. S. Playing Card Senior Swiss Teams Amateur Pairs
 Vanderbilt Spring KO Spring KO
 Margaret Wagar Women's KO Women's KO
 Wernher Spring Open Pairs II Spring Open Pairs II
 Wetzlar Honorary Member Honorary Member
 Whitehead Spring Women's Pairs Spring Women's Pairs (*See H.2*)

Annual Masterpoint Achievement Races (including GNT) (991-233) (992-135)

- B. The GNT Flight A masterpoints won at the NABC Final in the semifinals and finals will be included in the Player of the Year race.
- C. The GNT Flight A masterpoints won at the NABC Final in the semifinals and finals will be included for the Fishbein Trophy awarded to the Player winning the most masterpoints at the Summer NABC. (*See B.3.1.8.1*)

Unit Mini-McKenney and Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Awards (992-234)

To be eligible for an award in a Unit Mini-McKenney and Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs race, a player must be a member of that Unit for more than six months during the year and need not be a member on the last day of the year. This does not apply to those who have been ACBL members less than 6 months. (*See B.3.1.2.4*)

Sidney H. Lazard, Jr Award for Sportsmanship (003-53)

Subject to funding by Sidney Lazard:

An award for sportsmanship will be established to recognize those players who exhibit admirable ethical behavior and a strong sense of fair play at the highest levels of bridge. The award will go to an individual who displayed these traits over an extended period of time not for just one good deed. Presentation of the award shall take place at the first Hall of Fame Banquet following the selection.

This award will be named the Sidney H. Lazard, Jr. Award for Sportsmanship.

A permanent trophy for this award will be kept at ACBL Headquarters. Recipients of the award will receive certificates suitable for framing.

Recipients of the award will be determined by a three person committee. The initial committee appointees are Sidney Lazard, Lew Stansby, and Zia Mahmood. Each committee member will appoint his/her own successor. In those circumstances in which a committee member is not able or can no longer serve on the committee and no successor has been named, the other two committee members will appoint the third member.

The award is limited to the top echelon of players, i.e., only those that have finished 4th or better in an NABC+ event. The award may be given annually or less frequently as appropriate. *(See H.2)*

Sternberg Trophy (022-49)

The Coffin Trophy for the Women's Board-a-Match Team game will be replaced with the Marsha May Sternberg Memorial Trophy effective with the Fall of 2002.

This is contingent upon a contribution of \$50,000 being made by Dr. Jim Sternberg prior to September 1, 2002. Dr. Sternberg will also provide the trophy for this event. Replicas of the trophy will be given to the winners and paid for out of ACBL funds for 20 years. The trophy will be of Dr. Sternberg's choosing.

This trophy will be retired in 20 years as provided in motion 911-93 unless renewed by the ACBL Board of Directors. If the trophy is retired at that time all remaining funds will revert to the ACBL General fund. *(See H.3.1)*

President's Volunteer Member of the Year (042-49) (073-27) A new award will be created and named the President's Volunteer Member of the Year. It will be given to one or two ACBL members, who have exhibited the effort and selfless giving that makes ACBL volunteers the best in the world. Award winners will be selected by the President and announced at the Fall meeting. Management will design and mint medals that commemorate this award.

Presentation of the award will be made to the recipient(s) at the Summer Goodwill meeting that follows. Airfare, at super saver rates, and two (2) nights hotel will be provided. A suitable article will be carried in The Bulletin. *(See H.4.2)*

Senior Swiss Team Trophy (052-24) (053-20)

The United States Playing Card (USPC) trophy is reassigned as the Senior Swiss Team trophy. The Senior Swiss Team Trophy will be named in honor of Alan Truscott. Sponsorship has been made by the US Playing Card Company. Title on the trophy will be Alan Truscott USPC Senior Swiss. *(See H.3.3)*

Executive Committee Minutes (081-175)

The Goren trophy will be reassigned as the player winning the most masterpoints at the Fall NABC. The Herman trophy will be renamed the Paul Soloway trophy and be awarded to the player winning the most platinum points in a calendar year. *(See H.3.4 and 3.5)*

Trophy Assignments (093-31) (See Trophy Assignment Appendix)

Grant Baze Senior Knockout Teams Trophy (103-134)

The sterling silver trophy purchased to honor the Grant Baze Senior Knockout Teams is accepted. This trophy will be maintained at the ACBL Headquarters. (*See H.3.6*)

Platinum Pairs (111-37)

The Platinum Pairs are renamed the 'Norman Kay Platinum Pairs'. (*See H.3.6*)

Effective immediately

Item 121-95: Rescinded Motions for Chapter 1. I. of the Codification

The following motions are rescinded:

ACBL Junior Division (892-83) (901-72C)

B. The concept of a Junior Division of the ACBL for players under 25 years of age is approved. At the 1989 Fall Meetings, Management shall present recommendations for the establishment of a Junior Division.

Management's report on the development of a Junior Division of the ACBL for players under 26 years of age is accepted. (*See I.7.1*)

Eligibility in Masterpoint Restricted Events for ACBL Junior Teams (903-60)

Junior teams designated as ACBL World Junior Teams who are training for World Junior Championships shall automatically be given a berth in the top bracket of bracketed KOs and in the top division of any other masterpoint restricted event. The Junior Team Captains shall be responsible for notifying the Director-In-Charge that the Junior Teams will be entering such events. (*See I.6.1*)

Junior Day at NABCs (913-45)

Management shall request members of the Junior Corps to recommend, in consultation with ACBL officers and officials, new Junior Corps members from all ACBL Districts. The first Saturday of each NABC shall be declared Junior Day. At the Spring and Fall NABCs, a reception will be held for Juniors for the purpose of conducting business. 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. (*See I.2.1*)

Junior Day at NABCs (942-70)

A. The two session Regional-rated Junior Pairs event held on Junior Day at each NABC will be optional.

B. The sale of Junior Entry coupons on Junior Day will be reinstated.

NOTE: Replaces 932-14 (*Obsolete*)

Invoicing Junior ACBL Members (972-45)

ACBL will invoice Canadian Junior members for CBF fees. CBF shall determine the amount of these fees. (*See I.5.1*)

Unit Special Games (012-133) (103-135)

Replace all Unit or District Charity Games with one class of Fund or Foundation games. There will be a maximum of 4/year per Unit and 4/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 or International Fund game, except February is reserved for Junior Fund games, April is reserved for Charity games and September is reserved for International Fund games. (*See I.3.2*)

Junior Coupons at NABCs (021-230) (041-151)

Junior/Student Coupons for entry into events at NABCs are for any junior who is a member of the ACBL in good standing and who is either 21 years of age or younger or a full-time student between 22 and 25 years of age. Full time students must offer proof of their eligibility prior to purchasing their entry.

Junior/Student coupons shall be approximately 50% of the NABC regional entry fee.
(*Obsolete*)

NABC Junior Pair Event (033-155)

A Junior Pair event may be run during the Summer NABC. It will consist of:

1. Two sessions.
2. Regionally-rated red/gold points as appropriate.
3. Stratification with three strats as per other regionally-rated stratified events at the Summer NABC. (*See I.2.2*)

The North American Junior Corps (041-150)

Appendix 3 attached to Item 892-83 & 901-72C is amended as follows:

Appendix 3 - The North American Junior Corps

Concept: To establish a Junior Club within the ACBL, known as the North American Junior corps (NAJC), for which membership must be earned. The NAJC consists of young players who love the game of bridge, are ACBL members and have shown the desire to promote junior bridge in their school or in their community. These players should set a good example for other young players to follow.

Profile:

- a. Must be under 26 years of age.
- b. Must have been an ACBL member for more than a year.
- c. Must have at least 5 masterpoints.
- d. Must be approved by the ACBL staff member in charge of the Junior Program at the time of admission.
- e. Must be willing to be available for promotional efforts to advertise and promote the ACBL Junior Program.
- f. Program is under the umbrella of the Goodwill Committee.
Appointments made to the Junior Corps will be announced at the Junior Reception and pins will be presented by the Chairman of the Goodwill Committee

Selection Process:

Candidate's name must be submitted to the ACBL staff member in charge of the Junior Program for approval

Goals of the Program:

- a. To provide opportunities for young players to learn more about bridge.
- b. To develop players who will continue to play and encourage other new young players to participate.

- c. To serve as a showcase for other young players
- d. To provide incentive for ACBL Youth Members to improve their games and develop their skills.
- e. To help build a base for the ACBL Junior Division.
- f. To encourage our young players to become active in their Units and Districts.

Benefits of Membership in the Corps:

Junior Corps members will receive a pin.

Junior Corps members will be listed in the Grapevine and on the Junior web site. (*See I.7.1*)

ACBL Junior Player Entry Fee (042-151)

- A. At all NABCs, the entry fee for paid up ACBL members in good standing who have not reached their 26th birthday shall be no more than 50% of the regional-rated event entry fee.
- B. The ACBL encourages all districts, units and bridge clubs to consider similar policies for its Regional tournaments, sectional tournaments and club games. (*Obsolete*)

Junior Fund Games (051-121)

Monies raised from Junior Fund games will be available for all Junior activities. The first \$50,000 or the amount collected annually, whichever is less, will be given in July of the following year to the USBF to fund Junior Team activities. (*See I.3.3*)

Youth North American Bridge Championship (072-107)

On an experimental basis management in conjunction with one or two areas will plan and implement a championship for youth under the age of 19. The first championship will be held in Atlanta during the summer of 2008 or 2009 with a second championship to follow the next year. An evaluation of the program will be held at the fall meeting after each event. (*See I.4.1*)

Junior Coupons (073-150)

A. At all NABCs, ACBL Junior Coupons shall have a value of \$10 per session or the per person price of entry, whichever is less. This value shall be the discount applied to junior entries for any event conducted at an NABC. Coupon users may be asked for positive proof of age. (*See I.2.3*)

ACBL Youth Player Entry Fee (073-151)

At all NABCs, all member players who have not yet reached their 16th birthday will be granted free plays for each session of regionally rated events. A coupon will be provided to these players to ensure proper accounting procedures. Players may be asked to provide proof of age at the time of the entry purchase. Players under the age of 16 will pay regularly posted entry fees less applicable coupons, for all nationally rated events. Non-members under the age of 16 will pay the normal non-member entry fees to all events. (*See I.2.4*)

ACBL Youth Division (083-100) The ACBL will redefine the Youth Division using the following guidelines.

ACBL Youth Division Eligibility:

Under 20 years of age

ACBL member in good standing

Special Events/Benefits:

Eligible for all Junior special events and benefits

Youth NABC

A class for area youth at each of the NABCs if the sponsoring organization has an interest in promoting youth bridge in their city

Teacher of Junior Bridge workshops/receptions at each NABC for bridge players interested in starting Youth programs and classes in their area

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

Awards/Positions:

Goodwill Youth Player of the Year

Youth Player of the Year

Youth Brigade Membership

Youth Advocate (*See I.1.2*)

ACBL Junior Division (083-101)

The ACBL will define the Junior Division using the following guidelines.

ACBL Junior Division

Eligibility:

Under 26 years of age

ACBL member in good standing

Special Events/Benefits:

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.

February will be proclaimed Junior Month.

Junior Entry coupons will be available at NABCs for all juniors who are ACBL members.

Other events will be created to further interest juniors in participating in ACBL events.

A newsletter will be issued by e-mail with Junior/Youth news and items of interest and to promote the continued interest of our new players.

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.

Awards/Positions:

Goodwill Junior Player of the Year

Junior Player of the Year

Junior Corp Membership

Junior Advocate (*See I.I.1*)

Effective immediately

Item 121-97: Rescinded Motions for Chapter 1. J. of the Codification

The following motions are rescinded:

USBF Dues and Subsidy (012-17)

- B. The ACBL authorizes a loan to the USBF of up to an amount of \$50,000 to be disbursed no later than December 31, 2002. Any expense already paid by the ACBL for the benefit of the USBF will be considered as part of this loan. This loan shall be interest free and is repayable no later than December 31, 2005.
(*Obsolete*)

USA Representation in International Competition (012-116)

- A. The authority for selecting and subsidizing athletes who represent the United States in international bridge competition rests with the USBF.
- B. The following Board resolutions are rescinded: 951-66, 961-85 and 963-125. Other Board resolutions may also need to be rescinded or amended.
- C. The Committees previously established by the ACBL Board to handle the ITT and the WITT will cease to be official ACBL bodies and no longer report to the ACBL Board.
- D. 1. All US international fund monies collected by ACBL for the specific purpose of subsidizing US athletes in international bridge competition will be held by the ACBL and disbursed by ACBL directly to the athletes as directed and requested by the USBF.
- E. Any portion of the junior fund monies collected by the ACBL determined to be for the purpose of subsidy or training of the US junior athletes representing the United States in international bridge competition will be held by ACBL and disbursed by ACBL as directed and requested by the USBF. (*Obsolete*)

Eligibility for WBF Championships (022-116) (023-90) A. An ACBL NBO is encouraged to nominate a player for invitation to play in all WBF Championships only if he or she:

1. is a citizen or a resident of the United States according to ACBL Management criteria
or
a citizen or resident of Canada, or Mexico, as appropriate,
2. is a member of good standing of the USBF, CBF or Mexican Bridge Federation,
3. meets WBF criteria and/or conditions for nomination, ignoring participation in multinational events,
4. will not, at the time of the event, be under ACBL suspension,
5. will not, at the time of the event, be under ACBL probation where the period of such probation was more than 90 days,
6. has not been specifically excluded from playing in such an event by an appropriate disciplinary body under ACBL jurisdiction,
7. has not been refused nomination by the Board of Directors for reasons of personal hygiene, dress, deportment or ethics

8. has not played in events in more than one NBO, in which he or she was eligible for qualification to represent that NBO in the same WBF Championship (same event and year),
9. has submitted a signed and dated certification statement, provided by management of the applicable NBO concerning the use of illegal drugs and inappropriate behavior during the course of any event requiring nomination and approval by the applicable NBO credential committee. (*Obsolete*)

Zone II Regulations (042-65)

Item 033-65: Zone II Regulations are amended as follows:

Part One: The following items are rescinded: 751-54D, 903-55, 952-81, 991-99, 992-99, 022-116, 023-90, 032-70, plus any other previous Zone 2 regulation except for 033-65.

Part Two: The following resolutions are rescinded: CNTC Fees (821-26), Sanction Fees for Canadian Team Championships (863-63), Canadian International Fund Games (912-23), Sanction Fees for Canadian Team Championships (863-63), Sanction Fees for the COPC, CNTC and CWTC (922-103), National Team Championships for Bermuda and Mexico (852-34), NCBO Open Pairs Championship (832-26) (862-11), CBF Requests (862-12), CBF Requests (862-12), Canadian International Fund Games (912-23), Sanction Fees for the COPC, CNTC and CWTC (922-103), Flight B of the CNTC (992-111), plus any other previously approved item relating to Federation events sanctioned by ACBL.

Part Three:

A. Zone 2 International Regulations

1. The ACBL Board of Directors will act as the Zonal Conference for Zone 2, which consists of the following for International WBF Play:
 - a. United States Bridge Federation (USBF)
 - b. Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF)
 - c. Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF)
2. Bermuda Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 by virtue of the following, ACBL approves BBF's request to compete internationally as a member of WBF's Zone 5 while maintaining ACBL affiliation as Unit 198 in District 2 is approved.
3. The Virgin Islands Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 per its request to become an NCBO of the WBF as a member of Zone V while maintaining ACBL affiliation is approved.
4. The authority to approve a player and NPC from Canada, Mexico and the US participating in World Bridge Federation or other international competition is delegated to the Canadian Bridge Federation, Mexican Bridge Federation and United States Bridge Federation respectively. The player may be approved only if the player meets all Zonal Conference requirements as well as Federation requirements.
5. Zone 2 requirements for nomination are as follows:
 - a. When an on-site accreditation committee is needed in the future, the ACBL WBF representatives shall automatically assume this

responsibility. The most senior representative will serve as the chair.

- b. An ACBL NBO may nominate a player for invitation to play in a WBF Championship only if he or she:
 - 1) is a citizen or a resident (per the appropriate Federation's regulations) of the United States, Canada, or Mexico as appropriate,
 - 2) is a member in good standing of the United States Bridge Federation (USBF), Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) or Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF) as appropriate,
 - 3) meets WBF criteria and/or conditions for nominations,
 - 4) will not, at the time of the event, be under suspension from ACBL or any other NCBO or NBO,
 - 5) will not, at the time of the event be under ACBL or ABA probation where the period of such probation was more than 90 days,
 - 6) has not been specifically excluded from playing in such event by an appropriate disciplinary body under ACBL or ABA jurisdiction,

6. The authority for selecting and subsidizing athletes who represent an ACBL country in international bridge competition rests with that country's Federation.

B. International Fund Monies

1. All international fund monies collected from ACBL-sanctioned events conducted by ACBL in the United States for the specific purpose of subsidizing United States athletes in international bridge competition will be forwarded to and retained by ACBL. Upon request of the USBF, the ACBL will disburse funds to the United States athletes. International Fund monies collected at NABCs shall be apportioned to the appropriate International Fund in proportion equal to that country's percentage of ACBL membership. International Funds collected in Canada shall be sent to the CBF to be disbursed at its discretion.

2. Money raised by and from ACBL-sanctioned events for the benefit of the International Fund shall be divided among and disbursed to members of all teams representing that Federation at the sole discretion of the Federation.

A. Junior Monies

- 1. Junior Fund money collected at ACBL-sanctioned Junior Fund games shall be:
 - a. Submitted to ACBL from Junior Fund games conducted in the United States and to the Canadian Bridge Federation from Junior Fund games conducted in Canada.
 - b. Disbursed or used by ACBL Management at its sole discretion for the United States and by the CBF for Canada.
 - c. Submitted to ACBL from Junior Fund games conducted in Mexico or Bermuda.

- d. Disbursed or used by ACBL Management at the direction of Mexico and Bermuda Federations respectively.
- 2. ACBL is responsible for determining how much, if any, of the Junior Fund monies may be used by the USBF for subsidy of its International Junior Team.
 - a. In order for USBF to receive funds from ACBL for subsidy to juniors, any junior receiving such subsidy must meet the following minimum criteria:
 - i. Any junior under the age of 19 receiving subsidy must be a high school graduate, have received a high school equivalency certificate or be a student attending school and making orderly progress toward graduation.
 - b. All such juniors shall be held to the Code of Conduct developed by ACBL Management and League Counsel.
 - a. Junior Fund monies collected by the ACBL in the United States determined by the ACBL to be for the purpose of subsidy or training of USBF junior athletes representing the United States in international bridge competition will be dispersed or used by the ACBL for those purposes at ACBL Management's discretion. ACBL will make every effort to comply with the wishes of the United States Bridge Federation in which the funds were collected.
 - a. Teams receiving subsidies from the Junior Fund must ensure that all members of the team play sufficient boards to be eligible for medals won by the team unless there are physical, extenuating circumstances.

Part Four:

- A. 1. The Bermuda Bridge Federation, Canadian Bridge Federation, the Mexican Bridge Federation and the United States Bridge Federation may hold an annual ACBL-sanctioned, national championship in each of the following categories:
 - b. Open team
 - c. Women's team
 - d. Senior team
 - e. Open pairs
 - f. Women's pairs
 - g. Junior team
- 8. The national finals shall be regionally rated (Regionally rated red and gold points unless otherwise indicated in the ACBL Masterpoint Plan). Qualification events, if any, shall be sectionally rated (black points).
- 9. Sanction fees shall be as follows: (a) the then current Regional sanction fee for the national finals and (b) \$1 US/table/session for any stage of the championship conducted prior to the national final.
- 10. If the national finals of any of the championships listed in B. 1. above are not held concurrent with an ACBL Regional or Sectional tournament, each NBO may conduct ACBL-sanctioned sectionally rated black-point events concurrent with the national finals. The sanction fee for such an event(s) is \$1 US/table/session.

11. The Federation is responsible for applying for the sanction through and reporting the results to the ACBL Tournament Department.
 12. The championship may be flighted by ACBL masterpoints.
- B. Each National Contract Bridge Federation in WBF Zone 2 may conduct an ACBL-sanctioned event (Trials) to qualify a team or teams to represent the Federation's country at a World Bridge Federation or Olympic Championship in an appropriate category such as Open, Senior, Junior, Women or Men, etc.
1. The sanction fee for any such event is \$2 US per entered team except that such fee is waived for Junior Trials.
 2. The masterpoint award is determined by the ACBL Board of Directors.
 3. Should a National Championship as provided in section A above be used to determine the Federation's representative, section A fees shall not apply. The fees and masterpoint award in accordance with section B (this section) will apply.
 4. The Federation is responsible for applying for the sanction through and reporting the results to the ACBL Tournament Department.
- A. ACBL shall be solely responsible for establishing sanction fees for International Fund games sanctioned by ACBL.
- A. Upon request, ACBL will sanction one regional per year to the ACBL District of the USBF's and/or the CBF's choice.
- A. Miscellaneous Regulations
- B**
- C 1. At the sole discretion of Management, dues to or donations for an ACBL Federation can be placed on the ACBL membership and renewal forms.
2. A summary of disciplinary action(s) previously made public is available upon request to NCBO governing bodies. (*See J.1 through J.5*)

Effective immediately