

CHAPTER V - CHARITY, FOUNDATIONS AND SPECIAL FUNDS

A. ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY RE CHARITY

Section 1 – ACBL Charity Foundation

- 1.1 The ACBL Charity Foundation is a self-supporting, independent organization, paying all its own expenses without exception, and reimbursing the ACBL for any and all expenses incurred on behalf of the Foundation.

Section 2 – National Charity Committee

- 2.1 Each year each District Director will appoint two members to be lifetime members of the National Charity Committee.
- 2.2 Members of the Board of Directors and the Chairman of the Board of Governors will automatically become lifetime members of the National Charity Committee.
- 2.3 Suspension or removal from the National Charity Committee.
 - 2.3.1 A National Charity 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 National Charity 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 National Charity Committee.
- 2.4 Replacement pins for lost or stolen pins will be provided free of charge to members of the National Charity Committee.

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B. CHARITY AND FUND GAMES – CLUBS

Section 1 – Club Charity Game Requirements

- 1.1 Club Charity games run for the ACBL Charity Foundation or the CBF Charitable Fund shall include a payment by the club to the ACBL Charity Foundation or the CBF Charitable Fund of a minimum of \$1.00 per player.
- 1.2 Clubs are not required to run a charity game for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation or the CBF Charitable Fund.
- 1.3 The first ACBL sanctioned charity game, if any, plus at least every other subsequent game conducted by a club in a calendar year must be for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation or, in Canada, the CBF Charitable Fund. ACBL sanctioned charity games not required to be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation or the CBF Charitable Fund may be for the benefit of any governmentally-recognized charity, charity foundation or charity fund.

Section 2 – Special Games at Clubs

- 2.1 The month of January is reserved for Grass Roots Fund Games, the month of February is reserved for Junior Fund games, the month of April is reserved for charity games and the month of September is reserved for International Fund games; in those months any and all ACBL sanctioned club sessions may be special games for the named funds. In the remaining eight months of the year, one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special game for any one of the Junior Fund, International Fund, Educational Foundation (this fund does not have a designated month), Grass Roots Fund, or Charity.
 - 2.1.1 The month of January is designated as “Grass Roots Fund Month.” Clubs may hold special games under the same rules and regulations applicable to the other special fund months (currently benefitting the Junior and International Funds and the ACBL Charity Foundation.) Funds raised shall be returned annually no later than March 31 to the individual District in which those funds were raised, and shall be used by the District to help fund Grass Roots Events. Grass Roots Events are defined as the Grand National Teams and the North American Pairs. The ACBL shall not charge the Districts any fee for the cost of collecting and disbursing these funds.

- 2.1.2 The month of February is designated as Junior Fund month. Monies raised from Junior Fund games will be available for all Junior activities (see Chapter I. A.)
- 2.1.3 The month of April is designated as Charity Fund month. Monies raised from Charity games will go to either the ACBL Charity Foundation or a local charity (see Chapter V. A.). Any club that, in any calendar year, runs one or more allowed special local charity games that are sanctioned for extra masterpoints must make available for public inspection an accounting of all funds raised in such games no later than February 28th of the following calendar year.
- 2.1.4 The month of September is designated as International Fund month. Monies raised will go to the International Fund (see Chapter VII. A.).
- 2.2 The masterpoint rating for all of these special games will be 70% of Sectional Black points, maintaining the current cap of 6.00 masterpoints.
- 2.3 When a sectional (excluding STaCs) or higher rated event is being conducted within 25 miles of a club game's playing site, the club is permitted to hold only its regularly scheduled club masterpoint games (i.e., no special games). This regulation does not apply to Limited/Restricted Sectionals.

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C – UNIT AND DISTRICT CHARITY GAMES

Section 1 – Unit and District Fund or Foundation games

- 1.1 Units and Districts may hold a maximum of 4/year per Unit and 4/year per District Fund or Foundation games. 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 or International Fund game, except January is reserved for Grass Roots Fund games, February is reserved for Junior Fund games, April is reserved for Charity games and September is reserved for International Fund games.
- 1.2 The masterpoint rating for all games will be 100% of Sectional Rating.
- 1.3 Overall masterpoints will be awarded in District-Wide Charity Games that use hand records and for which District winners are determined.

Section 2 - Special Game at Sectionals

- 2.1 All Units (i.e. Sectional Sponsors), are permitted to run up to two (2) special game sessions at each Sectional with the exception of STaCs. In the USA, these special games may be to benefit the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL International Fund, the ACBL Grass Roots Fund or the ACBL Junior Fund. In other countries, they may benefit the NBO equivalent, if it exists, or the ACBL fund/foundation if it does not. The choice of beneficiary shall be made by the tournament sponsor.
- 2.2 Such a special game may be run as an open game, senior game, team or pair game, newcomer game, or any other game that is run at a Sectional.
- 2.3 The masterpoint awards will be regionally rated silver points.
- 2.4 The Sponsor of the sectional will be charged USD \$1.00 per player. In Canada the charge will be CAN \$1.00 per player. In other countries, the sponsor will be charged USD \$1.00 per player. These funds shall be included in the tournament report and shall be dispersed to the appropriate organization chosen by the tournament sponsor.
- 2.5 The normal sanction fee for Sectionals will also be charged to the Sponsoring Organization.

Section 3 – District and Continent-Wide Charity Games

- 3.1 Overall masterpoints will be awarded in Continent-wide Charity Games and in Continent-Wide International Fund games that use hand records and for which National and District winners are determined and published in the ACBL Bulletin.
- 3.2 In addition to District overall awards, Continent-wide overall winners will be determined and overall masterpoints awarded.
- 3.3 Overall point awards will be red points with amounts and depth of awards as recommended by the Masterpoint Committee and approved by the ACBL Board of Directors.

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D. EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Section 1 – Educational Foundation Games at NABCs

- 1.1 The NABC opening night (Thursday) games including, continuing rounds of KO games, shall be designated as Educational Foundation games with all net proceeds from the games going to the ACBL Educational Foundation.
- 1.2 ACBL will charge The Educational Foundation for administrative services costs.