

Item 131-91: Chapter VIII A. ACBL/Host Organization

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VIII A are rescinded:

CHAPTER VIII - NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. ACBL / HOST ORGANIZATION

NAC Fund Raising Games (832-61) See A.1.1.2

During the three years prior to hosting a NAC, sponsoring organizations shall be permitted to conduct one fund-raising event each year with the following conditions:

1. The event may be held at sites throughout the District during a one-week period as scheduled by the District and approved by Management.
2. An additional fee of \$4.00 per table shall be forwarded to the NAC Fund of the District.
3. Master Point awards, based on Sectional Open Pairs rating, shall be issued for each site.
4. ACBL Sectional sanction fees shall apply and must be remitted with the report of the game.

NABC Operations (883-61) See A.1.1.1

- A. Once an area has been selected for an NABC, the District Organization becomes the primary host organization. The District, at its option, may delegate the responsibility to a local Unit, but the District Organization retains overall accountability. This shall apply to NABCs assigned at and after the 1988 Fall Meetings.

Allotment of Hospitality Funds for NABCs (893-63) See A. 2.1 thru 2.6

1. The policies of the ACBL relating to NABCs are approved as follows:

Notes to Host Organization

1. Publicity and P.R. functions □□ ACBL will prepare all materials with input from local organization. In some cases a professional local public relations person will be hired by ACBL.
2. Novice program local participation includes fliers, ads, special club incentives or teacher incentives, and mailings. Good involvement will reap huge benefits to local organization.
3. ACBL believes a registration gift of \$2.50 plus cost of giveaway bag is adequate. Host organization is free to spend more money on the souvenir.

4. Player hospitality has certain minimum standards; i.e., a certain number of evening entertainment or food, panel shows, days of hospitality for all players. Host organization can improve to whatever degree they financially wish.
5. Souvenir program will be prepared by the local organization. ACBL will layout, typeset and print. Pages will have a fixed cost. Local organization may sell ads either at cost or as a fund raising endeavor by charging an amount in excess of actual cost.
6. Baby Sitting ☐☐ (most important at summer NABC) ACBL will provide room, establish hourly charge and pay sitters. Host to arrange for sitters.
7. ACBL provides local organization with 4 rooms. Suites and/or additional rooms for local workers must be paid for by host.

Management Guidelines for Financial Commitment to Host Organization

Based on location and anticipated number of tables ACBL should determine a dollar amount to be allocated to Host Organization for hospitality items. Sites should receive about \$3.50 per table for player hospitality, local novice program, BOD spouse entertainment and administrative expense. However, in the case of a "C" site, a minimum standard of hospitality, etc. should be taken into account and allocated to the host organization. The theory is that the extra dollars will be paid by having an "A+" tournament in the same year. *Obsolete*

All tournaments should be operated on a budget with yearly net NABC revenues tied to fiscal NABC anticipated net revenues. *Obsolete*

At sites where anticipated level of attendance is lower than expected, the dollar allotment remains the same, except for possible adjustments in food expenditures negotiated with the host organization and the hotel. *See A. 1.4.1*

At sites where levels exceed anticipated amounts, ACBL should work with the host and the site to add to original allotment for food, etc. *See A. 1.4.2*

NABC Host Organization Financial Arrangements *Obsolete*

Effective with the 1991 Spring NABC, or sooner at the option of the host organization, the host organization will receive an actual dollar allotment from the ACBL to cover the cost of the following:

- Souvenir Gift
- Player Hospitality
- Local Novice NABC Program
- Board of Directors Spouse Entertainment
- Local Administrative Expense

The host organization must submit proposed budgets and plans for approval. ACBL will pay all bills based on approved budgets.

The host organization is financially responsible for:

1. Entertainment of local workers over and above that supplied by ACBL;
2. Rooms for workers over and above 4 rooms provided by ACBL;
3. Hospitality room and refreshments for local organization and/or workers, if desired;
4. If desired, expanded player hospitality;
5. If desired, more expensive souvenir.

Tournament Chairman's Manual (962-180) *See A. 3.1*

With thanks to members of the NABC Advisory Committee, the NABC operations manual for tournament chairmen is accepted.

NOTE: Manual is available from ACBL Headquarters.

NABC Formula (963-174) *See C. 1.2*

Management shall establish a range of tables for attendance at an NABC and guarantee the low end of that range to the host organization for host activities.

Effective 1998.

Promotional Plan (963-104) *Obsolete*

Management's promotional plan is approved for implementation within the constraints of the budgeted amount.

(See Appendix 5. *Promotion of Bridge in NABC Metropolitan Areas*)

Elimination of Cost (963-108) *See A. 2.6*

A. Pre-tournament spouse/companion entertainment is limited to \$3,000 per year.

NABC Volunteer Dinner (971-49) *Obsolete*

The ACBL volunteer dinner/reception will be held at a time designated by the NABC Tournament Chairman/Committee.

Sponsorship Committee Action Item (022-300) *Obsolete*

ACBL will develop an NABC sponsorship package to be used by local organizations.

Item 131-92: Chapter VIII B. Sites

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VIII B are rescinded:

CHAPTER VIII - NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

B. SITES

Site of Future Summer NABCS (922-72) (921-66) *Obsolete*

No action is taken to hold the Summer NABC every other year in Las Vegas, Nevada. (922-72)

NOTE: The above action was taken due to, among other reasons, the lack of available space, undesirable dates and the operational requirements of the local Unit.

NABC Site Selection (933-72) *Obsolete*

The request of the Board of Governors that Management be instructed to advise local Unit and District officials when a site in its geographical boundary is being considered for an NABC and that the officials be included in the process, is denied.

Moved and seconded that Management and the District Director advise local District and/or Unit officials when a site in its geographical boundary is being considered for an NABC.

NABC Site Selection Criteria (942-85) *See B. 1.4* (anti-discrimination legislation)

ACBL will not schedule future NABCs in any city, county, state, province or parish that affirmatively denies gays and lesbians the protection of anti-discrimination legislation.

Future NABC Sites (943-66) *Obsolete*

The Board reaffirms the policy that the District President and District ACBL Board Representative will be apprised and consulted prior to preliminary site investigations for future NABCs.

Multi-Meeting Contracts (971-48) *See B. 1.3*

Management may enter into multi-meeting agreements, i.e., agreements for two or more NABCs, with hotels in premiere destination cities. It is expected these agreements will provide a pricing benefit to the players and additional concessions to ACBL. This item replaces Item 922-76, #8.

NABC Third Party Housing Bureau (971-178) *See B. 2.1*

Management may use its discretion in contracting with a third party housing bureau for NABCs.

Scheduling Fall NABC (981-199) See B. 1.5

ACBL Management shall attempt to avoid scheduling the Fall NABC to end on U.S. Thanksgiving weekend.

Item 131-93: Chapter VIII C Finances

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VIII C are rescinded:

CHAPTER VIII - NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

C. FINANCES

NAC Fund Raising Games (832-61) See A. 1.1.2

During the three years prior to hosting a NAC, sponsoring organizations shall be permitted to conduct one fund-raising event each year with the following conditions:

1. The event may be held at sites throughout the District during a one-week period as scheduled by the District and approved by Management.
2. An additional fee of \$4.00 per table shall be forwarded to the NAC Fund of the District.
3. Master Point awards, based on Sectional Open Pairs rating, shall be issued for each site.
4. ACBL Sectional sanction fees shall apply and must be remitted with the report of the game.

International Fund (901-55) (981-141) Obsolete (See C 3.2.1)

The entry fee for the following events held at NABCs shall be increased by \$1.50 per player per session (team events considered to be four players) to benefit the International Fund: Spingold, Vanderbilt, Reisinger, Flight A GNT, Women's KO, Women's BAM, Women's Swiss, Spring Open Pairs I, Spring Open Pairs II, NAOP, Spring Women's Pairs, Summer LM Open Pairs, Summer IMP Pairs, Fall Blue Ribbon Pairs, Fall LM Women's Pairs and Fall LM Open Pairs. Persons with free entries or reduced entry fee coupons pay the same surcharge.

Compensation for the Chairman and Co-Chairmen of Tournament Appeals Committees at NABCs (911-73) (982-41) See C. 4.2 and 4.3

Compensation for the Chairman and Co-Chairmen of NABC Tournament Appeals Committees, only while serving at the tournament, shall be as follows:

1. Each shall receive a hotel room.
2. Each shall receive per diem (at the rate paid to tournament directors).
3. Each shall be allowed free play privileges.

Persons who serve on Appeals committees will receive \$10 in Bridge Bucks for each committee service and \$10 in bridge bucks will be given to the scribe for each Appeals committee. Exceptions to these compensation guidelines may be approved by the Director or Chairman of Appeals.

Remuneration of NABC Support Staff and Volunteers (913-92) (093-8) *Obsolete*

Management's report relating to past and current expenses for NABC support staff and volunteers is accepted. Management is requested to pursue the possibility of reducing expenses in the areas of appeals committees, seeding committees and caddies and present a report at the 1992 Spring Meeting on the feasibility of any such reduction.

(See Appendix 2. *NABC Volunteer Expenses*)

Junior Entry Fee at NABCs (913-97) *Obsolete*

Beginning with the 1992 Spring NABC, ACBL will offer a junior entry in the amount of \$5.00 per session to all members who qualify as a Junior under WBF regulations. Additionally, all Juniors will receive free entries on Junior Day at NABCs. Proof of age will be required.

Tournament Director Fees for Charity Pair Games at NABCs (913-58) *Obsolete*

The ACBL shall absorb the cost of providing tournament directors for the Charity games that are held on the Thursday evening prior to the commencement of each NABC.

NABC Financial Plan (942-21) (973-198)

The NABC Financial Plan is approved as attached and will become effective January 1, 1995.

(See Appendix 3. *NABC Financial Plan*) *See C. 5.2*

Entry Fees for National Knockout Team Events (952-110) (933-85) *See C. 3.3.1*

Entry fees for National Knockout Team events (Vanderbilt, Spingold, Women's KO) will be the same throughout that event. The fees will be the same as other NABC+ events that contribute to the International Fund. There will be no refreshments provided from the round of sixteen on.

NABC Free Plays (983-37) (013-53) See C. 2.1

Following is the NABC free play list. Anyone entitled to free plays will receive totally free plays including surcharges for the entirety of each NABC except for the Educational Foundation game.

1. ACBL President and spouse or significant other
2. ACBL CEO and spouse or significant other
3. Salaried and full-time ACBL employees*
4. Spouses or significant others of salaried and full-time ACBL employees when the employee is assigned to the NABC or functions conducted in conjunction with the NABC*
5. Servicemen or women (enlisted ranks only) showing ID cards and wearing proper uniform attire throughout the event. Applies to US, Canada and Mexico.
6. ACBL Board of Directors members
7. Chairman of the Board of Governors
8. ACBL retirees (for full-time employees only, at least five years of employment and age 65 or older or 20 years of employment and age 55 or older)*
9. League Counsel
10. Roy and Mary Green
11. Appeals Committee Chairman or Chairmen
12. ACBL Recorder
13. Honorary Member(s) (for one year)
14. Chairman of the Goodwill Committee
15. Staff assigned to the NABC. This includes any person assigned to the NABC by ACBL Management and compensated by ACBL for fulfilling that assignment. However, people compensated for caddying, recording the bidding and play of hands, or similar types of assistance are not considered assigned staff.*

* Subject to management policy

Entry Fees (983-196A) See C. 3.4

- A. At all NABCs beginning with the San Antonio (Summer 1999), entry fees for non-members and unpaid Life Masters will be \$1.00 per player per session higher than for ACBL members and Life Masters who have paid their service fee. Charity events and events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints are exempted from this requirement.

Non-Member and Unpaid Life Master Entry Fees (983-196) (991-132) *Obsolete*

Management's implementation plan for collecting additional entry fees for non-members and unpaid life masters is accepted.

USA Senior Team Trials (993-98) Conditions of Contest

- A.
1. A Senior USA Team Trials will be held to qualify a team to represent USA in the Senior Team Olympiad Championships to be held in Maastricht in August, 2000.
 2. The event will be open to all US players (in accordance with Appendix P) born on or before June 21, 1945.
 3. The trials will be held from June 21 to June 25, 2000 in conjunction with the Springfield, MO regional.
 4. Entry Fees will be \$75 per session per team and revenues from entries in excess of expenses from the trials will be used to provide partial subsidy to the team approved for representation.
 5. The event will be a 5-day event with a 2-day preliminary round to qualify 8 teams to be followed by a one-day quarterfinal, a one-day semi-final and a one-day final.
 6. Teams must register for the trials by May 15, 2000 and pay a non-refundable deposit of \$300 that will be applied to the entry fee.
 7. More details of the event will be published in the March Bridge Bulletin after the WBF Executive Council approves the Senior Olympiad event for the year 2000.
 8. The entry fee to the Senior Team Olympiad will be paid from the International Fund.
- C. If the WBF confirms in their meetings at Bermuda that there will be a Senior Team Olympiad Championship, a surcharge equal to the surcharge on NABC+ events will be added to the entry fee for NABC+ Senior Events

International Fund (012-40) See C 3.2.1

All NABC+ event entry fees will be the same and will include a \$1.50 surcharge per player per session for the International Fund.

NABC Tournaments Non-Member Fees (022-44) See C 3.4

Effective January 1, 2003 at all NABCs, entry fees for non-members and unpaid Life Masters will be \$2.00 per player per session higher than for ACBL members and Life Masters who have paid their service fee. Charity events and events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints are exempt from this requirement.

ACBL Junior Player Entry Fee (042-151) Obsolete

- A. At all NABCs, the entry fee for all players who have not yet reached their 16th birthday shall be \$1 per session. In NABC-surcharged events the surcharge will be paid in addition to the \$1.

- B. 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.
- C. The ACBL encourages all districts, units and bridge clubs to consider similar policies for its Regional tournaments, sectional tournaments and club games.

Junior Coupons (073-150) See C 3.1.3

- 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.

ACBL Youth Player Entry Fee (073-151) See C 3.1.2

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.

Item 131-94: Chapter VIII D Events/Schedules

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VIII D are rescinded:

CHAPTER VIII - NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

D. EVENTS / SCHEDULES

Conduct of Major National Championship Events (741-65) Obsolete

The Board authorizes Management to make an additional cut following the third session of play in six session National Championship Pair events where desirable due to a large number of entries. Effective immediately.

Schedules of National Tournaments (761-84) See D. 1.1

Any change made by the Board of Directors in the schedules of our Spring, Summer, and Fall Nationals will not be effective for at least one year. This will apply to the Nationally-rated events. Effective immediately.

Entries in Flighted Events (761-91) (722-80) Obsolete

In flighted events other than Life Master events, partnerships crossing masterpoint boundaries shall be required to enter the flight appropriate to the higher-ranking partner. Effective June 1, 1976. A six session National Championship Swiss Team shall be run concurrently with the Reisinger, effective for the 1977 Fall North American Championships.

Revision of North American Championships Schedule (803-91) *Obsolete*

- C. An experimental four session (2 session qualifying, 2 session final) Nationally rated Non-Life Master Open Pairs shall be held opposite the Life Master Men's and Women's Pairs at the Fall NAC. Master Point awards shall be: red for section awards; two-thirds red, one-third gold for overall.

Consolation Swiss Teams (803-92) (811-153) *Obsolete*

On an experimental basis, Consolation Swiss Team events shall be held in connection with Regionally rated Swiss Teams (including flighted events where feasible) at NAC and, at District option, at Regionals.

Two-Session Regionally Rated Speedball Pairs at NAC (822-74) *Obsolete*

The concept of a two-session Regionally rated Speedball Pairs at NAC is approved to be run concurrently with a regular two session Open Pair event. The first place overall Master Point Award shall be based on the total number of tables in both events (combined) and then divided in direct proportion to the number of tables entered in each event. Subsequent overall awards shall be based on the percentage of the first place award in accordance with the current formula. The number of positions to receive overall awards in each event shall be based on the number of tables in that event without regard to the magnitude of the first place award.

NAC Morning Knockout Events (823-72) *Obsolete*

Commencing with the 1983 Summer NAC, a morning Knockout event (Regionally rated, with random seeding) shall be conducted on an experimental basis.

Regional Rated KO Events at NAC (832-62) *Obsolete*

On an experimental basis, beginning with the 1984 Spring NAC, a Regionally rated open KO event shall be scheduled to begin on the same day as the major NAC Championship Team event under the following conditions:

1. An upper limit of 2000 Master Points shall apply.
2. The M factor shall be .65.
3. Seeding will be by random draw.

Schedule of Morning Knockouts (871-83) *Obsolete*

The Morning Knockouts at NABCs shall begin on Monday rather than Sunday.

Morning Knockout Defending Champions (871-128) *Obsolete*

Any team, with at least four original members, that won a flight A NABC morning KO will have the right to play in the highest flight in the morning NABC Knockouts during the succeeding year.

Regional Rated Events at NABCs (892-64) *Obsolete*

- A. A Regional-rated Open Pair event shall be scheduled concurrently with Regional Swiss Team events held at NABCs except for the final Sunday. The masterpoint awards shall be 80% of open pair rating when scheduled with an Open Swiss and 80% of men's and women's pair rating when scheduled with a Men's and Women's Team. Effective with the 1989 Fall NABC.
- B. A Regional-rated Mixed or Open Pair event shall be scheduled concurrently with Regional-rated Men's and Women's Pairs held at NABCs. Effective immediately.

Knockout Team Game/Charity Pairs Game at NABCs (913-96) *See D. 2.4*

A Regional-rated knockout team game, held in conjunction with the regular Thursday night Charity Pairs game, shall be added to the schedule for each NABC. Proceeds from the first session only shall benefit the ACBL Charity Foundation.

Schedule (Summer NABC) and Starting Times for National Events at NABCs (942-66) *See 2.5*

- C. Management is authorized to set the times for all national-rated events with an upper masterpoint limit on the final Sunday to be concurrent with the scheduled Regional event.

NOTE: This regulation does not apply to NABC + events.

Junior Day at NABCs (942-70) *Obsolete*

- 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.

Revision of Conditions of Contest National Swiss Teams (971-140) Conditions of Contest

The carry-over for the Fall National North American Swiss Teams is the actual difference between the highest and lowest qualifying scores to a maximum of 1 match's victory points from qualifying to semi-final sessions and 1½ match's victory points from semi-final to final sessions. For the National Senior Swiss Teams, the carry-over will be the actual difference to a maximum of 1 match's victory points.

NABC+ Senior Swiss Team (971-174) Conditions of Contest

A two-day, four-session National Senior Swiss Team event will be added to the Summer NABC.

The event shall be held on Tuesday and Wednesday. Conditions of Contest will be written by Management and approved by the Executive Committee.

Bracketed KOs at NABCs (972-191) Obsolete

Management will recommend scheduling a regionally rated bracketed KO event on the first Friday and Saturday with a compact KO on Saturday.

Prime Time KOs at NABCs (972-194) Obsolete

The Board affirms the policy of setting the regionally rated schedule and conditions at NABCs by Management after discussion with and input from the local organization. For example, reasonable suggestions of scoring method in Swiss Team events, selection of VP scale and length of KO matches are adopted.

NABC Speedball Championship (993-132) Obsolete

- A. A two-day NABC Speedball Championship is authorized to be held, on an experimental basis, at the 2000 summer NABC in Anaheim. Results of holding this event will be evaluated at the Fall meetings in Birmingham.
- B. The Speedball Championship will be held Thursday, with a two-session qualifying, and Friday, with a two-session final. Starting times will be 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Two-board rounds will be 11 minutes in length and there will be TIGHT time monitoring.
- C. The General Convention Chart will be in effect for this event.
- D. The masterpoint award will be the same as the IMP Pairs.

Player Entering more than One Event (993-84) Conditions of Contest

- A. A player may play and earn masterpoints in as many sessions of bridge as possible while not entered in a concurrent or over-lapping event, except as listed below. A player who is on a team that has received a bye is considered entered in that event when that event begins. Morning and evening knockout events are not considered overlapping or conflicting events regardless of times scheduled.
1. Players on teams with more than four members or teams with byes may play in concurrent one-session events only. For this purpose Continuous Pairs are considered a one-session event.
 2. The players noted in number 1 above may be credited with masterpoints only from the event in which they earn the larger number of points. (This may include overall awards of the Continuous Pairs.)
 3. Players entered in International team trials such as, but not limited to, the ITT and WITT may enter any other event without restriction prior to commencement of their teams play. Once a team has begun play, then the regulations in paragraphs 1 and 2 above will apply.
 4. The players on International Trials teams such as, but not limited to, the ITT and WITT teams may be credited with masterpoints earned only from the event in which they earn the larger number of masterpoints.
- B. A team with a bye in an NABC+ event is required to pay an entry fee for the day of its bye.

Bracketed KO's (001-122) See D. 2.7

The choice as to number of boards played in Regionally-rated prime-time knockout events at NABCs is up to the host organization. Management will make certain that the host organization's selection is requested and implemented.

NABC Starting Times (001-125) See D. 1.2

The default starting times for the prime-time sessions at NABCs for all events is 1 and 7:30 P.M. After consultation with District and Unit officials when circumstances (e.g., not many walking-distance restaurants of all types and insufficient cab service available) warrant, management may set the above times to 1 and 8:00 PM. Should Management elect to institute the latter times, the ACBL Board of Directors will be informed twelve months before the NABC.

NABC+ Events Qualifying Field (003-82) *See D. 1.4*

Except for the Reisinger, which will remain as is, approximately 50% of the field but no less than 40% of an NABC+ event's field will qualify from one level to the next (qualifying to final, qualifying to semifinal and semifinal to final).

NOTE: The philosophy of the Board is that more emphasis should be on the number of contestants qualifying from one level to the next than on the technical perfection of the movement.

NABC Speedball Championship (003-121) *Obsolete*

B. The NABC Fast Open Pairs is approved for 2001 and 2002 on a trial basis.

Team Game Scorecards (003-126) *Conditions of Contest*

Conditions of Contest for Knockout and Swiss Team events are amended to include a statement that teams may be required, at the discretion and instruction of the DIC of the event, to keep and submit an official scorecard.

Mini Spingold Kos (003-128) (013-147) *Conditions of Contest*

A Concurrent with the Spingold there be a mini-Spingold (alternative name may be selected) Knockout held with conditions similar to the Spingold. The event will begin the same day as the Spingold begins and continue for not more than five days.

1. There will be two Flights, 0-5000 and 0-1500.
2. Conditions of Contest to include masterpoint awards will be submitted at the Spring 2001 Board meeting for approval.
 - A. The masterpoint awards for the Mini-Spingold will be:
 1. 75 points for first place in the 0-1500 category.
 2. 100 points for first place in the 0-5000 category.
3. After a trial in 2001 and 2002, the event will be reviewed at the 2002 Fall meeting.

Note to C: The committee determined that the length of a match should be similar to the length in Regional KO events (i.e., 56 boards for an all day match and 28 boards for a one session match). Screens should be used as appropriate in later rounds.

Mini-Spingold KOs Conditions of Contest (011-145) Conditions of Contest

The conditions of contests for the Mini-Spingold KOs are approved.

Mini-Life Masters' Pairs (021-145) Conditions of Contest

Management shall make arrangements to add a LM to 5000 masterpoint event and a LM to 1500 masterpoint event to the Summer NABC schedule for a two year trial.

- A. Except for the masterpoint restrictions, the conditions of contest will be identical to the six-session Life Masters' Pairs that has no upper masterpoint limit.
- B. The masterpoint award will be calculated using the current formula for a Nationally-rated event that has no pre-determined masterpoint award. There is a cap on the first place award of 50 masterpoints for the LM to 1500 event and 75 masterpoints for the LM to 5000 masterpoint event.
- C. Management shall select an appropriate name for this event.
- D. The Board will review the attendance and consider this event for permanent status no later than the 2004 Fall meeting.
- E. The event will be reduced to a 4-session event if table count is below 60. The appropriate adjustments will be made to the overall masterpoint awards with a cap on the 1st place award of 60 MP's for the LM-5000 MP event and 40 MP's for the LM-1500 MP event.

Red Ribbon Pairs Schedule (021-151) See D. 1.5

The Red Ribbon Pairs will be held concurrently with the NABC+ Open Pairs II (second Thursday and Friday) at the Spring NABC starting in 2003.

Mini Spingold KOs (003-128) (023-115) See D. 1.5

The mini-Spingold KOs are approved as permanent National Events. There will be a scheduled review by the ACBL Board of Directors at the 2005 Fall meeting.

NABC Fast Open Pairs Championship (003-121) (023-116) See D. 1.5

The National Fast Open Pairs is approved as a permanent National Event scheduled to be played the last two days of the Summer NABC. There will be a scheduled review by the ACBL Board of Directors at the 2005 Fall meeting.

NABC+ Life Master Pairs Participants (032-87) Conditions of Contest

All Conditions of Contest for NABC+ Life Master Pairs are amended as follows:

An ACBL member, who has equivalent status in a Bridge Organization other than the ACBL, may request, in writing, an exemption from the requirement to be an ACBL Life Master. Only the Chief Tournament Director or his designee may grant this request.

Wagar Women’s Knockout Seeding Points (032-91)

Appendix BW is amended such that seeding points awarded to women on teams participating in open events are reduced by the factor shown when the team is not an all-women’s team.

# players	# Wmn	Reduce Pts by
6	1	$\frac{3}{4}$
6	2	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	3	$\frac{3}{8}$
6	4	$\frac{1}{4}$
6	5	$\frac{1}{8}$
5	1	$\frac{3}{4}$
5	2	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	3	$\frac{1}{4}$
5	4	$\frac{1}{8}$
4	1	$\frac{3}{4}$
4	2	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	3	$\frac{1}{4}$

Reisinger and BAM Barometer Scoring (032-93) *Conditions of Contest*

The 2003 and 2004 Reisinger Conditions of Contest are amended as follows:

Management, at its discretion, may, for the final day, authorize barometer scoring with publication of previous rounds’ results and standings throughout the day with a one round lag through the penultimate round (i.e., the last preliminary posting will be through the anti-penultimate round).

NABC+ Board-a-Match Events (032-95) *Conditions of Contest*

The Conditions of Contest for each NABC+ Board-a-Match event are amended such that there is an offset of the seeded teams in one of the paired sections (using a Mirror Mitchell movement) so that no team will avoid playing a top seeded team for both sessions that day.

NABC+ Senior Knockout Teams (032-101) Conditions of Contest

The Senior Knockout Teams Conditions are amended as follows:

2. The teams will be ordered by their average seeding points with ties broken by lot. The defending champion will be seeded number one provided at least four members are playing together. The remaining teams are seeded in order by average masterpoint holding.

International Fund Game (032-65) See D. 2.3

On the afternoon of the first day of each NABC, there will be a one-session regionally rated red-point event for the benefit of the International Fund. Proceeds shall be determined by subtracting actual expenses from revenues. A surcharge of \$1.00 will be made.

NABC Junior Pair Event (033-155) See D. 2.6

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

- A. Two sessions.
- B. Regionally-rated red/gold points as appropriate.
- C. Stratification with three strats as per other regionally-rated stratified events at the Summer NABC.

NABC Event Schedule (042-123) See D. 1.5

- A. The IMP pairs at the Summer NABC on the second Thursday and Friday is moved to the Spring NABC on the second Thursday and Friday and the Open Pairs II on the second Thursday and Friday at the Spring NABC is moved to Tuesday and Wednesday of the Summer NABC.
- B. The Senior Swiss on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Summer NABC is moved to Monday and Tuesday of the Summer NABC.
- C. The Mixed BAM Teams and the Fast Open Pairs on the second Saturday and Sunday at the Summer NABC is moved to the second Thursday and Friday of the Summer NABC.
- D. A four-session (two qualifying sessions and two final sessions) North American Swiss Team event with Conditions of Contest the same as the Spring Open Swiss will be held on the second Saturday and Sunday at the Summer NABC.
- E. A four session (two qualifying sessions and two final sessions) Mini-Blue Ribbon (for players with a Blue Ribbon qualification with no more than 5000 masterpoints) will be added to the Fall NABC to run concurrent with the first two days (Tuesday and

Wednesday) of the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

(See Appendix 1. *Schedule of National-rated Events at NABCs*)

NABC Starting Times (061-43) *See D. 1.3*

The first session of each NABC+ event will have the same starting times each day throughout the length of the event. There may be an exception for the final Sunday of an NABC.

NABC Senior Knockout Teams (062-76) *See D. 1.5*

The Senior Knockout Teams will start on the first Friday rather than the first Sunday of the Fall NABC. Pre-registration will close at 11:00 AM the day of the event. The special conditions allowing a re-scheduling of the final are deleted.

NABC Schedule (072-91) *See D. 1.5*

The following events are deleted from the NABC schedule.

Spring 49er Pairs

Fall Non Life Master Pairs

Platinum Pairs (083-120) (091-34) (091-178) (092-36)

A. The Platinum Pairs is established as an annual event, subject to a BoD approved schedule, starting in 2010. This will be a six-session qualification pair event open to members that have won 50 or more platinum points in the three calendar years prior to the event or 200 platinum points lifetime and all players who have attained the rank of Platinum Life Master or Grand Life Master.

B. SCHEDULE OF NATIONALLY RATED EVENTS AT NABCs

(*See Appendix 1, Chapter 8*)

Super Senior Pairs (101-110) *Conditions of Contest*

A Super Seniors Pairs (age 70+) shall be established as an NABC+ event and will be governed by the following conditions :

- The event will be held at the Fall 2010 NABC and continuing at each Fall NABC until further notice.
- The event will run on the last two days of the Fall NABC.
- Starting times will be 10 AM & 3 PM.
- The event will consist of 2 qualifying and 2 final sessions.
- The national events formula for masterpoints will be used to calculate masterpoint awards. Masterpoints awarded shall be platinum points.
- Masterpoints earned will not count towards senior masterpoint races.

- This event shall not qualify for Grand Life Master eligibility requirements.

Senior Mixed Pairs (102-111) Conditions of Contest

The ACBL establishes a Senior Mixed Pairs event at the Fall NABC.

- a) Conditions: Two qualifying and two final sessions. The award for first place will be 80 platinum points. Other awards will follow the four-session pair event formula. The event will be held Wednesday and Thursday.

0-5000 Blue Ribbon Pairs Conditions (102-137) Conditions of Contest

The conditions of contest for the 0-5000 Blue Ribbon Pairs are amended to make it a Mid-Chart event.

General Conditions of Contest Change (102-51) Conditions of Contest

The following changes be made to the Mini-Spangold Knockout Team-of-Four Special Conditions of Contest:

- A. Conditions of Entry, paragraph 2. line 3, delete --
The Flight II (0-1500) event will last no longer than five days.
- B. Conventions -- Bidding and carding methods permitted, restricted, or not permitted in these events are per the ACBL Mid-Chart, add -- for Flight I (0-5000) and per the ACBL General Chart for Flight II (0-1500).

Mini Life Master's Pairs (043-120) See D. 1.5

- A. The David Bruce Life Master Pairs (LM-5000 MPs) and the Sally Young Life Master Pairs (LM-1500MPs) will be permanently added to the Summer NABC schedule.
- B. Except for the masterpoint restrictions, the conditions of contest will be identical to the six-session Life Masters' Pairs that has no upper masterpoint limit.
- C. The masterpoint award will be calculated using the current formula for a Nationally-rated event that has no pre-determined masterpoint award. There is a cap on this first place award of 50 masterpoints for the LM to 1500 even and 75 masterpoints for the LM 5000 masterpoint event.
- D. An event will be reduced to a 4-session event if its table count is below 60. The appropriate adjustments will be made to the overall masterpoint awards with a cap on the 1st place award of 60 MP's for the LM-5000 MP event and 40 MP's for the LM-1500 MP event.

Platinum Pairs (102-49) Conditions of Contest

The Platinum Pairs may be scored across the field from the beginning of the event.

Platinum Pairs (111-37) See Chapter I

The Platinum Pairs are renamed the 'Norman Kay Platinum Pairs'.

Item 131-95: Chapter VIII E Operations

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VIII E are rescinded:

CHAPTER VIII - NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

E. OPERATIONS

Increased Playing Space, and Players Staying at the Table, for the Second and Later Days of National Championship Events (772-74) See E. 1.2

1. Increased playing space shall be provided for the second and later days of National Championship Events to provide more room between the tables. Effective immediately, for the Chicago North American Championships.
2. The existing regulation requiring players to remain at the table until a round change is called (including the time for duplication of hands) shall be strictly enforced. Each violation will carry an automatic penalty of one full board. This rule shall be announced prior to the start of each session. Effective immediately for National Tournaments.

The penalty provisions of this regulation shall be optional with the Tournament Committee at Sectional and Regional Tournaments. Effective immediately.

Duplication of Boards at NAC Pair Events (823-77) Obsolete

In pair events at NAC (even though they may be different pair events) hands shall be duplicated across all sections in play at the same time whenever possible.

North American "Bridge" Championships (871-35) See E. 1.1

The designation "North American Championships" shall be changed to include the word "Bridge" (e.g., the 1987 Spring North American Bridge Championships). Units, Districts, etc., hosting a tournament shall be instructed to include the word bridge in all signs and literature concerning the tournament in general.

Experimental Materials at NABCs (882-73) *Obsolete*

Approval of the Board, or the Executive Committee when the Board is not in session, is required for the use of any experimental materials in NABC National rated events.

"Security" During NABC Knockouts and Hospitality Breaks (883-84) *See E 1.16*

There shall be a strictly enforced Closed Room during the last three rounds of NABC+ Knockout events. With the exception of a Tournament Official, NO PERSON may enter or leave at any time without an authorized escort. Effective immediately.

Vu-graph of Major Team Events at NABCs (901-65) *See E 1.15*

Where feasible, the semi-finals and finals of the Reisinger, Spingold, Vanderbilt, Women's KO and Flight A of the GNT event shall be shown on vu-graph.

Junior Day at NABCs (913-45) *Obsolete*

The regulation concerning Junior Day at NABCs (Item 911-43) is amended to read as follows (additions are underlined):

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.

Location of Senior Events at NABCs and Regionals (913-94) *Obsolete*

At NABCs and Regionals, every attempt shall be made to locate Senior events in close proximity to elevators and restrooms.

National Anthems at NABCs (913-95) *Obsolete*

The national anthem of the host country may be played at the opening ceremonies of an NABC.

Air Travel Arrangements and Housing Accommodations for NABCs (913-98)

- A. Management is authorized to contract with a travel agency to act as the "Official Travel Agency" of ACBL for the purpose of providing travel arrangements for NABCs and corporate travel.

- B. The matter of entering into a housing contract for NABCs is deferred to the 1992 Spring Meetings. The Board affirms that the matter of commissioned room rates is a policy matter and must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Resolution Adopted at the 1992 Annual Membership Meeting (NABC Hotel Room Reservations) (923-82) *Obsolete*

After a member receives confirmation from an NABC host hotel, every effort will be made to honor the reservation at the designated hotel.

NABC Playing Conditions (931-85) *Obsolete*

Management shall emphasize player comfort as an important requirement in the selection of NABC sites. This shall include temperature, lighting, space, ventilation and sound absorption. Consideration shall be given to existing approved sites to assure that these environmental concerns will be met.

NABC Supplement (933-59) *Obsolete*

An NABC section will be printed in the *BULLETIN* as follows: the December *BULLETIN* for the Spring NABC, the April *BULLETIN* for the Summer NABC, and the August *BULLETIN* for the Fall NABC. One page per *BULLETIN* will be printed in subsequent months to update members on changes in schedule, additional entertainment, and any other promotional material concerning the NABC.

Dress Code at NABCs (933-84) *See E. 1.17*

Informal or casual dress is acceptable and appropriate at NABCs. While specific standards would be difficult to both formulate and enforce, conformity to generally acceptable standards of decency and cleanliness is expected. Tournament Directors may, subject to consultation with the DIC, refuse to sell an entry to a person or persons inappropriately dressed. Subject to consultation with the DIC, Tournament Directors may remove from the tournament area anyone who is inappropriately dressed.

Security of Hand Records at NABCs (941-75) *See E. 1.19*

As requested by the ACBL Board of Governors, Management is instructed to remind tournament directors to refrain from placing hand records on the table prior to game time and prior to all players being seated.

Smoking Policy at NABCs *See E.1.18*

All previous regulations governing the smoking policy at NABCs (Item 771-101; 791-72; 832-73; 883-104; 891-65; 892-71; 893-69) are rescinded. Effective with the 1994 Fall NABC, the following shall apply:

- A. Smoking is not permitted during any bridge playing event at an NABC.
- B. Distinctly separate smoking areas will be provided at NABCs as allowed by state and local ordinances. These areas will not be the hallways immediately outside the playing area, near restrooms or snack bars or in any area where non-smokers may be exposed.
- C. All pair events at an NABC will have two (2) hospitality breaks per session of at least five (5) minutes.

Use of Bid Boxes (941-74) (903-75A) *Obsolete*

- A. Effective with the 1994 Fall NABC, bid boxes will be used in all events at NABCs with the exception of the IN Program where it will be optional.
- C. Handicapped players requiring bid boxes will have preference when availability is limited.
- D. Non-handicapped players may use bid boxes, if available, in events where such use is not mandated as long as no player at the table objects.

Sponsorship for NABCs (942-47) *Obsolete*

Management's general approach for obtaining sponsorships for NABCs, as outlined in the San Diego journal, is approved.

(See Appendix 4. *Sponsorships*)

Small Children or Pets in Playing Area (942-81) *Obsolete*

Non-participating children under the age of six or pets are not allowed to remain in the playing area of NABC tournaments while play is in progress. Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the tournament DIC. (NOTE: Animals whose purpose is to assist their owners, such as seeing eye dogs, are exempt from this rule.)

Starting Times for Vugraph Events (943-76) *See E. 1.20*

Management is authorized to adjust starting times for any event of which any part appear on BridgeRama using Pendergraph.

NABC Official Dates (953-123) *Obsolete*

When a charity event is held on the day prior to the start of an NABC, the official dates for that NABC will include that charity event day.

Policy on Flyers/Brochures at NABCs (962-65) See E. 1.8

The distribution of flyers or brochures promoting any product or service not directly related to bridge tournaments and other bridge events at NABCs is at the discretion of Management.

Child Care (962-189) See E. 1.21

- A. Child care services will be offered at all NABCs. *See E. 1.21.1*
Effective September 1, 1996
- B. Management shall control cost of the child care program in a fiscally responsible manner. Costs of this program are included in the overall tournament budget. *See E. 1.21.2*
Effective September 1, 1996
- C. ACBL reimbursement of the guardian(s) of the children at the tournament will not exceed the amount of the entry fees the guardian(s) pay for each day. *Obsolete*
Effective September 1, 1996

Promotional Plan (963-104) Obsolete

Managements promotion plan is approved for implementation within the constraints of the budgeted amount.

(See Appendix 5, *Promotional Plan*)

Outside Travel Agents (991-136) See E. 1.21

Travel agents in addition to the “official ACBL Travel Agent” shall be permitted to distribute brochures at NABCs.

Section Results in NABC Daily Bulletin (993-234) Obsolete

The ACBL will print the names of all section placers in each Daily Bulletin at each NABC.

Intermediate / Novice Status Report (002-121) Obsolete

Suggestions to Management:

- A. Local Unit and District luminaries and officials should be invited to the IN receptions since new players are predominantly local. In addition, speakers and especially local speakers should be invited.
- B. When selecting speakers, Management should consider whether the speaker’s general reputation is such that ACBL wants to endorse that person by having

them speak. An excellent behavior history and cooperativeness with ACBL and ACBL goals are two important attributes to consider.

- C. Canadian attendance should be broken down by province.

Electronic Equipment in Playing Area (002-126) *Obsolete*

Except for health-related equipment or by permission of the Director-in-Charge of the tournament or event, cell phones, audible pagers or any similar communication equipment may not be operated or operable in the playing area during a session of play at NABCs. Sponsoring organizations of other ACBL-sanctioned events are strongly encouraged to adopt this policy.

NABC Child Care Program (003-197) *See E. 1.21*

The ACBL will continue to support a parent-coordinated child-care program.

- A. ACBL will advertise the availability of child care at each NABC with the normal NABC publicity in the ACBL Bulletin and in each daily bulletin.
- B. ACBL will continue to provide a room and supplies for day care.
- C. ACBL will maintain a list of parents who may need daycare and inform them in advance of the availability of child care at least three months before each NABC.
- D. ACBL will provide a sleeping room for the parent-coordinator that will be used as an overflow child care room during child care hours.
- E. Parents and the coordinator involved will sign agreements that the child care is being provided by a parent-coordinator and not the ACBL.
- F. The child care providers must be licensed and bonded in accordance with each state, provincial and local laws.

Board of Governors NABC Hotel Accommodations (022-40) *See E.1.10*

ACBL will notify by mail (at least one month prior) all Board of Governor members of their ability to make their NABC host hotel reservation in the week before the official opening of the general reservation period.

NABC+ Events Eligibility (031-50) (032-47) *See D. 1.5*

In order to participate in a Nationally-rated event at an NABC, a person must be an ACBL member whose service fee or dues is current.

NABC+ Pair Event Scoring (032-98) *Conditions of Contest*

A.The Conditions of Contest for two and three day NABC+ pair events are amended to require two section comparison/qualifying groups on the first day of these events except that one three-section group is permitted when necessary.

B.The Conditions of Contest for three day NABC+ pair events are amended to require across- the-field-scoring on the second day with up to seven sections. With more than

seven sections, the Director-in-Charge may, at his or her discretion, score across the field, if logistically appropriate, or arrange for two- or three-section comparison groups.

NABC Starting Times (032-117) *Obsolete*

With the approval and cooperation of the local sponsoring organization, Management is authorized to experiment with 10am and 3pm starting times during an upcoming NABC.

Management will poll the 2003 Spingold entrants to determine if there is any preference for 10am and 4pm starting times for future Spingold and Vanderbilt events.

Child Care Program at NABCs (033-118) *See E. 1.21.3*

The board supports the idea of assisting in childcare programs at NABCs at a reasonable per-session cost to bridge-playing parents. This program should include providing a guest room for the child care parent-coordinator, appropriate space for the child care program itself and funding as determined by management for supplies and administrative expenses. ACBL's exposure to liability should be reduced by using licensed and bonded caregivers and by requiring signed releases by the parent coordinator and parents/guardians of children in the program.

NABC Goals and Guidelines (081-86) *See E. 2.2*

The following goals and guidelines for NABC's are adopted:

Mission Statement: ACBL will conduct North American Bridge Championships utilizing efficient and profitable methods while providing outstanding playing facilities, excellent value, unsurpassed service, and geographic accessibility to the most possible members.

A. General Goals

The ACBL holds NABC's in order to:

- 1) provide ACBL members an opportunity to play in an NABC.
- 2) serve a broad spectrum of the membership.
- 3) provide a convenient location for a large number of players while rotating the tournament.
- 4) provide ACBL members satisfaction with the complete NABC experience.
- 5) provide a source of revenue for the ACBL.
- 6) provide promotional opportunities to attract new and social players to duplicate bridge.
- 7) provide a tournament that maximizes the prestige, excitement and fun of a tournament experience.
- 8) provide an environment of cooperation between ACBL and local Units and Districts.

B. Financial Goals

Excess revenue should average \$500,000 per year over a period of several years.

C. Location Guidelines

A site for an NABC may be proposed only by management and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Management and the NABC Advisory Committee will identify:

- 1) Approximately 12 top tier locations to host NABC's about every 6 years.
- 2) Approximately 12 second tier locations to host NABC's about every 12 years.
- 3) Additional sites for an occasional NABC.

D. Rotation Guidelines

It is desirable that an effort be made to rotate NABC's throughout the three zones.

Location has a higher priority than rotation.

E. Rating System

Management, in cooperation with the NABC Advisory Committee, will develop and maintain a rating system for NABC sites and locations consistent with the above goals and guidelines. The ratings for a site will be made available to the BoD when a motion to approve a site is on the agenda.

F. NABC History

Management will maintain a spread sheet that shows the history of NABC's that includes financial, table count and room pick-up data.

G. Host Hotel

A host hotel is one with which ACBL has established direct contracts for an NABC.

Electronic /Devices (081-) (093-164) *Obsolete*

The electronic device policy is revised as follows:

1. The following policy applies to all NABC+ rated events at NABCs.

Electronic devices, including but not limited to, phones, cameras, PDAs, and others capable of sending or receiving electronic communication are excluded from the playing areas during any session of play. This does not apply to health related equipment.

2. The following applies to all events at an NABC other than a NABC+ rated event.

Except for health-related equipment, or by permission of the Director-in-Charge of the tournament cell phones, audible pagers or similar equipment may not be operated or operable in any manner in the playing area during a session of play. Any such equipment must not be visible during the session. Sponsoring

organizations of other ACBL-sanctioned events are encouraged to adopt a similar policy.

3. These restrictions in numbers 1 and 2 above apply to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, play recorders except those designated by ACBL and kibitzers and are in force throughout any actual playing session or segment of play.
4. A violation of any of the restrictions in numbers 1 and 2 above will result in a disciplinary penalty of one full board (12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event for the pair / team. Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

Hand Records at NABCs (083-30) *Obsolete*

The hand records used in NABC+ events will be different from the hand records used in all other events (Regional, side, I/N).

Small Children or Pets in Playing Area (112-42) *See E. 1.13*

Item (942-81) Small Children or Pets in Playing Area is amended as follows:

Non-participating children under the age of six and pets are not allowed to remain in the playing area of NABC tournaments during play and for 15 minutes before and after play, subject to the following exceptions and restrictions.

1. The tournament DIC shall grant an exception to a player (a “player/owner”) with disabilities who brings a working service dog (“WSD”) to the playing area if the player/owner provides credible evidence to the DIC that his or her WSD performs tasks. The only questions which the DIC may ask are: “Is that a service dog?” and “What tasks does the service dog do?” The DIC may *not* ask questions regarding the player/owner’s disability or request certification or proof of the WSD’s training.
2. The tournament DIC shall grant an exception to a player/owner who brings an emotional support animal (“ESA”) to the playing area if the player/owner submits to the DIC a formal letter of prescription from a licensed mental health professional (psychiatrist, psychologist, therapist, counselor or social worker) which indicates the necessity of use of an ESA by the player/owner. The DIC may *not* ask questions regarding the player/owner’s emotional status or request certification or proof of the ESA’s training.
3. The WSD or ESA must remain on a leash in a sitting or lying position within three feet of the player/owner or in a kennel within three feet of the player/owner during the game.

4. The WSD or ESA must wear identification indicating that the dog is a service dog or support animal.
5. The DIC may exclude a WSD or an ESA from the playing area when the behavior of such dog or animal, in the judgment of the DIC, poses a direct threat to the health or safety of persons in the playing area.
6. The player/owner must clean up (or assure that clean up is performed) after his or her WSD or ESA. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be documented by the DIC, and may result in disciplinary action under the Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

Peter Pender Memorial Vugraph (112-88) See E. 1.15

When there is a Vugraph presentation at an NABC, the room of the presentation shall be called the Peter Pender Memorial Vugraph Theatre.

Item 131-96: Chapter VIII F Rules and Regulations for NABC+ Events

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VIII F are rescinded:

CHAPTER VIII - NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

F. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR NABC+ EVENTS

Red Ribbon and Blue Ribbon Qualifications (721-42) (823-76) 843-52) (851-41) (871-81) (872-131) (903-123) (912-71) See F. 1.1

The Conditions of Qualification for the Red Ribbon and Blue Ribbon Pairs are as follows:

RED RIBBON ELIGIBILITY:

(Qualifications that were won previous to 1991 that expired and/or were credited to a player entered in a Blue Ribbon Event prior to 1991 no longer count as a Red Ribbon Qualification. No qualification earned previous to 1986 may count.)

1. First through eighth in all North American Bridge Championship knockout events with an upper master-point limit of at least 300 and not more than 1500.
2. First through 10th and ties in Non-Life Master North American Bridge Championships of four or more sessions.
3. First and second (including ties) in all regionally rated red or gold point events of two or more sessions that have an upper limit of at least 300 points and of no more than 1500 masterpoints.
4. Members of the Flight B and the Non-Life Masters District Champions in the Grand National Teams.
5. First and second (including ties) in North American Flight B and Non-Life Master single-site District finals; first-place pairs at each site in split-site District finals.

6. First and second (including ties) in the North American 49er Pairs final at the NABC.
7. 10th overall or better in the North American Junior Pair Championship for players who do not receive Blue Ribbon qualification.
8. First and second (including ties) in the North American Youth Championship.
9. First and Second place finishers in the National Final of Flight B and Non-Life Master Flight of the GNT and the North American Pairs (NAP).
10. Players with a Blue Ribbon or Silver Ribbon qualification provided they do not have more than 2000 masterpoints as of the last point notification prior to the event.
11. First and second in any bracket of a bracketed KO which does not award 100% gold points for overall placing when no member of the team has more than 1500 masterpoints.

BLUE RIBBON ELIGIBILITY *See F. 1.2*

(Qualifications that were won previous to 1991 that expired and/or were credited to a player entered in a Blue Ribbon Event prior to 1991 no longer count as a Blue Ribbon Qualification. In no instance may a qualification won prior to 1986 be counted.)

1. First through eighth in the Vanderbilt, Spingold, Women's, or Senior Knockout Teams at NABC Championships.
2. First through 10th and all ties in the Red Ribbon Pairs and all other nationally rated events that have no upper masterpoint limit.
3. First and Second (including ties) in all Gold Point Regionally-Rated Events with no upper masterpoint limit. For bracketed KOs the foregoing applies only to brackets issuing 100% gold points.
4. The 100 players having the greatest total of master-points as of the Sept. 1 ACBL computer cycle.
5. All members of the Flight A District champions in the Grand National Teams and the winners and zonal champions in the Canadian National Team Championship Flight A.
6. Winners of the Canadian Women's Team Championship.
7. First and clear second in single-site District finals of North American Open Pairs - Flight A. First and ties for first in multiple site District finals.
8. First through 10th in the North American Junior Pair Championship (not to exceed 5% of pairs entered).
9. First and Second (including ties) in the National Final of the Open Flight of the GNT and the North American Open Pairs (NAOP).
10. All past world champions.
11. Canadian Open Pairs - Regionally Rated (COPC), Mexican Grand National Teams,(MGNTC), Bermuda National Pairs (BNPC), and Bermuda National Teams (BNTC). 1st and 2nd place finishers in the pair events and winners of the team events.

Requirement that Players Play at Least 40% of the Boards in Every Match in the Spingold & Vanderbilt Team Events (741) Conditions of Contest

All players entered in the Vanderbilt and Spingold Team Events must play at least 40% of the Boards in every match. Effective immediately.

Conditions of Contest for National Swiss Team (791-83) Conditions of Contest

Teams qualifying for the final two sessions of the National Swiss Teams Championship shall carry over 1 victory point for each full quarter match over five, including carry over that it has achieved at the conclusion of the semi-final round. Pairings for the first round of the finals shall be made in order of rank at the conclusion of the semi-final round, i.e. 1 vs 2, 3 vs 4, etc. Effective as soon as can be implemented by Management.

Revision of North American Championships Schedule (803-91) Conditions of Contest

- B. For the Women's Knockout Teams event, the Conditions of Contest shall follow the same format as that used for the Vanderbilt and Spingold events. Effective with the 1981 Spring NAC.

Clarification of Policy on Withdrawal from Regional and National Knockout Events (823-71) Conditions of Contest

- A. If, because of an emergency, a player withdraws from a team, or is declared ineligible to play further on the team for failure to fulfill the participation requirements established by the sponsoring organization, in a Regional or NAC tournament, that player is ineligible to participate in a Regional or higher rated championship being played concurrently with the team event in which his former teammates are still participating. Any such player may only receive match awards or section awards for his participation in the team event.

North American 6-Session Swiss Team Championships Conditions of Contest (831-65) Conditions of Contest

Paragraphs 16 and 19 of the NAC Swiss Team Conditions of Contest are amended as follows:

- A. Paragraph 16. All teams with a score of 5 or more matches will qualify for play in the semi-final. If fewer than 40 teams achieve a score of 5, the high 40 teams and ties will qualify for the semi-final. Each team qualifying for the further team is necessary to provide an even number of teams, such team shall be selected from among those teams with next highest total, with ties broken by Swiss points.
- B. Paragraph 19. There will be a carryover into the final of one Victory Point for each full 1/4 point in excess of the lowest qualifying score that a team achieves at the conclusion of the semi-final rounds. Pairing for the first round will be in accord with Paragraph 7. Section A-2.

Barometer Play and Scoring (833, p. 15) Conditions of Contest

Management is authorized to use Barometer play and scoring in the Finals of the Non-Life Master Pairs, the Finals of the Blue Ribbon Pairs and Barometer style play in the Semi-finals and Finals of the Reisinger Team event.

Eligibility for National Championships (853-81) Obsolete

ACBL members in good standing may not be denied eligibility to participate in ACBL sanctioned National Championship events in the country of their domicile.

Late Finish (Slow Play) in Knockout Team Events (863-66) Conditions of Contest

The Conditions of Contest for the Spingold, Vanderbilt, and Women's Knockout Teams and the head-to-head knockout portion of the Grand National Team finals are amended to include the following:

An individual is allowed, without penalty, one late finishing segment for each eight segments (or part thereof) played. A segment is a session of 16 boards in knockout play.

An individual is allowed, without penalty, a total of ten minutes of late finishes for each eight segments (or part thereof) played.

To the degree a player exceeds the foregoing allowances, he will be penalized by having his seeding point total reduced (from a maximum of 25) by the greater of (a) one seeding point for each late finish in excess of segment allowances, or (b) one seeding point for each ten minutes (or part thereof) in excess of time allowances.

A player who incurs a penalty shall have his record carried forward into subsequent events and his potential penalty calculated on an accumulated basis until such time as he is free of penalty points at the completion of a tournament.

All players who complete a tournament free of penalty points start the next tournament with a zero meter; i.e. no carryover of penalty free sessions.

All late finish reports will be presented to the Board of Directors. Chronic appearances on slow lists or wanton disregard of the fact that bridge is a timed event may result in disciplinary penalties.

Participating of Foreign Players (871-105) Conditions of Contest

- A. Foreign Players (who reside outside the geographical boundaries of the ACBL) who have any WBF points shall be permitted to play in any North American Bridge Championships event with the exception of Grand National and North American Pair events, and events with upper Master Point restrictions. In flighted events at any level, such foreign players shall be permitted to play only in Flight A.

- B. Management shall present seeding regulations for foreign players in K.O. events at the 1987 Summer Meetings.
- C. Other foreign players shall be given permission to play in events appropriate to their experience level as determined by their NCBO.

Seeding of Women's KO Teams (872-98) Conditions of Contest

Seeding points for the Women's KO shall be awarded as follows:

<u>Women' KO</u>		<u>Women's B-A-M</u>		<u>Women's Swiss</u>	
1st	20 points	1st	11 points	1st	7 points
2nd	14 points	2nd	7 points	2nd	5 points
3rd/4th	8 points	3rd	5 points	3rd	3 points
		4th	3 points	4th	1 point
<u>Vanderbilt & Spingold</u>		<u>Reisinger</u>			
(all woman team)		(all woman team)			
1st	42 points	1st	42 points	5th	16 points
2nd	30 points	2nd	30 points	6th	14 points
3rd/4th	20 points	3rd	22 points	7th	12 points
5th/8th	12 points	4th	18 points	8 th	10 points

Life Master Status: 1 point

Each full 1,000 Master Points: 1 point

Seeding points in excess of 30 for any team member will not increase the team's average, but will be used to break ties. Effective with the 1988 Summer NABC.

Seeding Regulations for Foreign Players in KO Events (872-122) (902-46) (903-53) Conditions of Contest

1. The Vanderbilt Open Knockout Teams, Spingold Master Knockout Teams, Women's Knockout Teams and Reisinger Open Teams shall be open to non-ACBL members from outside Zone 2. Effective August 1, 1987.
2. Foreign players who enter the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, Spingold Master Knockout Teams or the Women's Knockout Teams will be assigned seeding points as follows: World Grand Master - 7 seeding points; World Life Master - 5 seeding points; World Master - 3 seeding points. In addition, each player will be awarded 1 seeding point for each 100 WBF Master Points credited to the player in the most recent WBF Directory. A player who has no Master status in the WBF may obtain 1 seeding point by presenting certification from his or her NCBO of having achieved Life Master status or its equivalent.

3. ACBL members shall be credited with their seeding points from the standard formula or their seeding points earned which a "foreign player", whichever is greater. Effective January 1, 1991.

Reconsideration of Item 872-95A "Field Matchpointing" (873-82) *Obsolete*

Whenever practical, all sessions of National rated events at NABCs shall be matchpointed across combined sections.

Random Draw (873-114) *Conditions of Contest*

The Conditions of Contest for all random draw Knockout events at NABCs shall provide that the draw must be random at each level of the event, even if teams met formerly in three-way matches.

Seeding Points (873-89) *Conditions of Contest*

The seeding point awards shall be as follows:

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| 2nd | - | 7 points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3rd/4th- | - | 5 points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5th/8th - | - | 3 points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9th/16th | - | 1 point | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1st | - | 8 points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2nd | - | 6 points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3rd/4th | - | 4 points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5th/8th | - | 2 points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1st | - | 6 points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2nd | - | 4 points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3rd/4th- | - | 2 points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| - | - | 1 point | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | - | 1 point | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>g. Events held during the five years preceding the above shall earn 25% of the listed awards.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

A maximum of forty seeding points shall be allocated to any one player except that further points shall be used to break ties.

Effective immediately.

Fouled Board Penalties (901-111) *Conditions of Contest*

A. The following shall be standard policy with regard to fouled boards at NABCs:

Tournament directors shall make every effort to avoid fouled boards. The hand records shall be distributed odd/even in pair events using combined scoring and in BAM team games. In addition, hand records shall be redistributed at the end of round one in BAM team games (and combined score pair games at the discretion of the Director-in-Charge) to check duplication.

World Championship Players - ACBL Events (911-69) *See F. 2.6*

Non - ACBL members who have represented their country in World Championship events organized by the WBF, when playing in ACBL stratified or flighted events, are required to play in Flight A. Players may request exemption from this rule for valid cause.

Silver Ribbon Pairs (911-74) (912-71) *See F. 1.3*

The guidelines and qualification rules for the silver ribbon Pairs championship are approved.

NOTE: At the request of the Board of Governors, the name of this event was changed from gray Ribbon Pairs to the Silver Ribbon Pairs by action of the Executive Committee on August 26, 1991.

SILVER RIBBON ELIGIBILITY

Silver Ribbon eligibility will be earned for first and second place (and ties) in the following qualifying events: gold and/or red point, regional and higher-rated Senior (55 years of age or older) events of at least two sessions with an upper masterpoint limit at least 300.

Players with Blue or Red Ribbon qualification provided that they are 55 years of age or older at the beginning of the event.

(912/Exec. Com.) Conditions of Contest

On May 3, 1991, the Executive Committee met via conference call and took the following action:

The following action taken by the Tournament Committee at its meeting in July, 1990 is affirmed and shall be considered an ACBL regulation for all NABCs:

All pairs that have been assessed with a late finishing session or late minutes will be informed in writing through their team captain. The date and time that the captain is

notified is to be noted on the report form, which is to be signed by the person doing the notifying and by the team captain. A copy of the signed report form will be filed with ACBL.

Slow Play Penalties at NABCs (921-117) See F. 2.5

The regulation concerning slow play penalties at NABCs (Item 901-112) is rescinded and replaced with the following:

At the discretion of the tournament director, slow play penalties will be deemed to be either disciplinary (and unappealable) or procedural. If the latter, appeals committees should tend strongly to reject all routine appeals against slow play penalties. Should a committee deny such an appeal, it should consider imposing an additional penalty for a frivolous appeal. The burden is on the appellant to demonstrate that some unusual circumstance makes the penalty inappropriate.

1992 Summer NABC Tournament Committee (922) Obsolete

The Board recessed to reconvene as the 1992 Summer NABC Tournament Committee.

- E. Moved and seconded, that, except in unusual circumstances, Management shall routinely deny requests to enter an event already in progress.

Participation of Foreign Players in Events Held at NABCs (941-79) Conditions of Contest

Players who are not a member of WBF Zone II are allowed to play in any event at NABCs for which they are eligible.

Conditions of Contest for National Events (942-83) (873-90B) Conditions of Contest

Effective with the 1994 Fall Meetings, Management will present for approval all conditions of contest for national events starting in a year at the preceding year's Fall Board Meetings.

Eligibility in NABC+ Events (952-118) See F. 2.7

The eligibility of all players participating in an NABC+ event shall, to the extent possible, be checked by Management before the results of that event are declared official. The same time period that is allowed for the protest of a director's error will be allowed for this purpose.

If a player, pair or team is found ineligible or a position is otherwise vacated within the above correction period, all pairs or teams will move up to fill the vacated position.

From the end of the above correction period until one year after the event, if a player, pair or team is found to be or is declared ineligible or a position is otherwise vacated after the protest period has expired, the position will be vacated but pairs or teams will not be moved up.

Spingold Knockout and Master Mixed Teams (953-104) Conditions of Contest

- A. Neither the Master Mixed Teams nor the Spingold Knockout Teams have either a minimum or maximum masterpoint restriction.
- B. The name of the Spingold Master KO will be Spingold Knockout Team Championship. The name of the Master Mixed Teams will be NABC+ Mixed Board-a-Match Team Championships.

NABC+ Events (961-106) Conditions of Contest

Scoring in NABC+ pair events for the first day shall be across a minimum of three sections.

Revision of Conditions of Contest National Swiss Teams (971-140) Conditions of Contest

The carry-over for the Fall National North American Swiss Teams is the actual difference between the highest and lowest qualifying scores to a maximum of 1 match=s victory points from qualifying to semi-final sessions and 12 match=s victory points from semi-final to final sessions. For the National Senior Swiss Teams, the carry-over will be the actual difference to a maximum of 1 match=s victory points.

Effective with the 1997 Fall National North American Swiss Teams.

Ribbon Eligibility for Second Strata Flight A Events (972-206) Obsolete

First and clear second place finishers of a Flight A Second Strata two-session regional event shall earn Red Ribbon qualification if the event has an upper master point limit of 1,500. First and second place finishers of a Flight A Second Strata two-session regional event with an upper masterpoint limit of 2,000 or higher that issues 100% gold points shall earn Blue Ribbon Qualification.

Player Entering more than One Event (993-133) See F. 2.4

- A. A player may play and earn masterpoints in as many sessions of bridge as possible while not entered in a concurrent or over-lapping event, except as listed below. A player who is on a team that has received a bye is considered entered in that event when that event begins. Morning and evening knockout events are not considered overlapping or conflicting events regardless of times scheduled.
 - 1. Players on teams with more than four members or teams with byes may play in concurrent one-session events only. For this purpose Continuous Pairs are considered a one-session event.
 - 2. The players noted in number 1 above may be credited with masterpoints only from the event in which they earn the larger number of points. (This may include overall awards of the Continuous Pairs.)

3. Players entered in International team trials such as, but not limited to, the ITT and WITT may enter any other event without restriction prior to commencement of their teams play. Once a team has begun play, then the regulations in paragraphs 1 and 2 above will apply.
4. The players on International Trials teams such as, but not limited to, the ITT and WITT teams may be credited with masterpoints earned only from the event in which they earn the larger number of masterpoints.

B. A team with a bye in an NABC+ event is required to pay an entry fee for the day of its bye.

NABC+ Winners Certificates (993-138) *Not needed*

Management will create and issue recognition certificates to all first place overall winners and ties for first of all Nationally-rated events.

Team Game Scorecards (003-126) *Conditions of Contest*

Conditions of Contest for Knockout and Swiss Team events are amended to include a statement that teams may be required, at the discretion and instruction of the DIC of the event, to keep and submit an official scorecard.

NABC Nationally-Rated Events Eligibility (031-50) (032-47) *See F. 2.8*

In order to participate in a Nationally-rated event at an NABC, a person must be an ACBL member whose service fee or dues is current.

Fouled Board Penalty (052-69) *Conditions of Contest*

The Conditions of Contest are modified as follows:

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1. Fouling or Misduplicating a Board - In Individual, Pair and B-A-M Team events, penalties for fouling a board will automatically apply any time the offense causes the board to be scored as a fouled board.

In events that are sectionally or regionally rated, a quarter board penalty for a foul during duplication will apply to all contestants assigned to the table at which the board was "made" unless the director determines that there are mitigating circumstances. In all NABC+ events, a full-board penalty shall apply. A full-board penalty for a foul during play will be imposed on the pairs responsible.

Seeding Points for NABC+ Knockout Events (111-36) Conditions of Contest

The seeding point formula for masterpoints is changed to the following:

$SP = 1 + \ln [(0.22\{MP-300\}/700) + 1] / \ln (1.22)$ for players with more than 300 masterpoints with a cap of 11 seeding points from masterpoints.

For players with fewer than 300 masterpoints $SP = MP/300$ (zero for players with less than 150 masterpoints).

Item 131-97: Chapter VIII G Masterpoints for NABC+ Events

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VIII G are rescinded:

CHAPTER VIII - NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

G. MASTERPOINTS for NABC+ EVENTS

Amendment to Item 943-70, NABC Masterpoint Awards (951-47) See D. 1.4

47B: For any NABC+ event with or without a set masterpoint award, whenever entry is fewer than 30 tables for three consecutive years, the ACBL Board of Directors must review continuing this event on the National schedule.

Item 131-98: Chapter VIII H Appeals and Recorders

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VIII H are rescinded:

CHAPTER VIII - NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

H. APPEALS / RECORDERS

Duties of Committees Serving at National Tournaments (713-32) See G. 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3

Responsibility for the operation of National Tournaments shall be divided as follows:

1. Questions involving determination of facts upon appeal from a director's ruling shall be heard by the Tournament Appeals Committee.
2. Questions involving interpretation of law shall be heard by the National Laws Commission.
3. Disciplinary questions involving conduct shall be heard by the Tournament Appeals Committee.

4. Disciplinary questions involving ethics shall be referred by the Tournament Appeals Committee to a select committee to be appointed by the Chairman of the Tournament Committee.
5. All other questions including conditions of contest, conventions and any questions of policy, shall be solely the province of the Tournament Committee as constituted by Item 712-21, Minutes of the 1971 Summer Meeting. Effective immediately.

Tournament Committee at Nationals (761-92) *Obsolete*

When an appeal of a director's ruling at a National Tournament falls solely within the province of the Tournament Committee, the Chairman must convene a meeting of the Tournament Committee in time to adjudicate that appeal.

Compensation for the Chairman and Co-Chairman of Tournament Appeals Committees at NABCs (911-73) *See G. 1.1.4*

Compensation for the Chairman and Co-Chairman of NABC Tournament Appeals committees, only while serving at the tournament, shall be as follows:

1. Each shall receive a hotel room.
2. Each shall receive per diem (at the rate paid to tournament directors).
3. Each shall be allowed free play privileges.

Correction and Appeal Periods for ACBL Events (943-69) *Conditions of Contest*

Knockout Teams:

The score correction period for player and scorer errors expires thirty minutes after the completion of the match, at the start of play at either table of a playoff, or at the announced starting time of the next match, whichever is earlier.

The appeal period for or of a director's ruling expires thirty minutes after the completion of the segment, at the start of play at either table in the next segment, or at the start of play at either table of a playoff, whichever is earlier.

A segment of a match is completed when the teams have agreed upon a score.

Swiss Teams:

The score correction period for:

Players' errors: No increase in score will be granted unless the Director's attention is called to the error prior to the announced starting time of the next match or thirty minutes after the completion of the match whichever is earlier. Scorers' errors, decrease in score due to players' errors and mis-reporting the agreed result of a match:

Expires one hour prior to the announced starting time for play on the next day of the same event, twenty-four hours after completion of the event, or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Tournament Director may decline to amend the overall rankings if the team could have known at the time that one or more pairings were made based on an incorrect cumulative total. In any case, all matches played prior to correction of an error stand as played.

The appeal period for or of a Director's ruling expires thirty minutes after the completion of the match or at the start of play in the next match, whichever is earlier. When an appeal will not be heard prior to the playing of one or more matches, each of the teams will be credited, for pairing purposes, with a score reflecting a favorable ruling.

A match ends for a pair when all boards scheduled for play are completed and they leave the table or meet with their team-mates.

Individual events, Pair events, and Team events such as Board-a-Match and Team-of-two-Pairs:

Players' Errors: For playthrough events, no increase in score will be granted unless the Directors' attention is called to an error prior to completion of play of the session following the one in which the error occurred and, for the last session, thirty minutes after that session.

Scorers' errors and decrease in score due to players' errors: For playthrough, single session and the finals of qualifying events, the correction period expires twenty-four hours after the completion of the event or thirty minutes after the completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier.

Qualifying Events (Other than final session(s)): The score correction period for scorer and player errors expires one hour before the announced starting time of the session following a qualification.

The appeal period for or of a Director's ruling expires thirty minutes after the completion of the session or at the announced starting time of the next session whichever is earlier.

Moved that the correction and appeals periods for ACBL events be accepted as stated above effective immediately.

Handbook for Appeal Committees (952-1) Obsolete

- A. The Handbook for Appeals Committees is approved as presented (Exhibit L).
- B. The members of the Handbook for Appeals Committee shall begin preparing a handbook for the Conduct of Ethics Committees and shall keep the Appeals and Charges Committee apprised of their progress.

(See Chapter 13, Appendix 3, *Handbook for Appeals Committee*)

National Tournament Committee (961-110) See G. 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3

Chapter IV, Paragraph A2 of the brown pages is modified to include the revised requirements:

1. Management shall, upon review of the conditions of contest, determine if there is a need to convene the National Tournament Committee.
2. The Chairman of the Tournament Committee shall be determined by the following order:
 - President of ACBL
 - Chairman of the Board of ACBL
 - Chairman of the Tournament Committee of the Board of Directors
 - Senior member of the Board of Directors of the ACBL
3. The Tournament Committee shall have a minimum of five Board members. If there are fewer than five Board members at the tournament site who can serve on the committee, a conference call shall be used to include enough additional Board members to meet the five Board member requirement. Members of the Tournament Committee of the Board of Directors shall be the first ones called for this duty. The Chairman shall be selected from the above requirement from those members at the tournament site.
4. Where applicable, this supersedes Items 712-21 and 713-32.

Compensation for the Chairman and Co-Chairmen of Tournament Appeals Committees at NABCs (911-73) (982-41) See G 1.1.4

Compensation for the Chairman and Co-Chairmen of NABC Tournament Appeals Committees, only while serving at the tournament, shall be as follows:

1. Each shall receive a hotel room.
2. Each shall receive per diem (at the rate paid to tournament directors).
3. Each shall be allowed free play privileges.

Persons who serve on Appeals committees will receive \$10 in Bridge Bucks for each committee service and \$10 in bridge bucks will be given to the scribe for each Appeals committee. Exceptions to these compensation guidelines may be approved by the Director or Chairman of Appeals.

Zero Tolerance Policy (973-02) See G. Section 3

The following Zero Tolerance Subcommittee's report is adopted as ACBL policy:

Zero Tolerance ("ZT") Policy and Procedures

The ACBL Board of Directors and Management is committed to improving acceptable player behavior at all times. In accordance with Laws 74, 80F, 81C4, 90A, 91 and 92A (*Laws of Duplicate Bridge*), the following policy outlines what is expected of all players during NABCs and other ACBL sponsored events, as well as in the playing area before and after each session.

The ultimate purpose of the ZT policy is to create a much more pleasant atmosphere in our NABCs. We are attempting to eradicate unacceptable behavior in order to make the game of bridge more enjoyable for all. Below are some examples of commendable behavior, which, while not required, will significantly contribute to the improved atmosphere:

- Being a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table.
- Greeting others in a friendly manner.
- Praising the bidding and/or play of the opponents.
- Having two clearly completed convention cards readily available to the opponents. (This one is a regulation, not just a nicety.)

The following list are some examples of behavior which will not be tolerated:

- Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence.
- Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.
- Gloating over good results.
- Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.
- Loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling.

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, **the director should be called immediately**. Annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A. Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties.

The following procedures have been given to the tournament directors for implementation.

1. At the start of each event, the director shall make an announcement that the tournament will be observing ZT for unacceptable behavior. It is requested that the director be called whenever behavior is not consistent with the guidelines outlined above.

2. The director, when called, shall attempt to determine the facts. If it is established that there was unacceptable behavior, an immediate $\frac{1}{4}$ board disciplinary penalty (3 IMP in team games) shall be assigned to all offenders. This may involve any one or all four players at the table irrespective of who initiated the unacceptable behavior. If both members of a partnership are guilty, the penalties are additive ($\frac{1}{4}$ board EACH =

½ board). The Board of Directors strongly believes that assignment of disciplinary penalties will improve the overall behavior at our tournaments.

3. If it is determined that a second offense has occurred in the same event, then the offender(s) shall be ejected from future competition in that event. An offender removed from an event shall be deemed to have not played in the event, no masterpoints will be awarded and no refunds will be made. In the case of a serious offense and in the case of multiple offenses (three) during a tournament, a disciplinary committee may be convened to determine whether the offender(s) should be allowed to play in other events at the tournament and/or whether additional sanctions may be appropriate.

4. Warnings are strongly discouraged and will be given only when there is no clear violation or in cases where the facts cannot be determined. Offenders are to receive immediate penalties. Regardless of who may have initiated unacceptable behavior, ALL offenses are punishable. Retaliatory behavior is a punishable offense. Frivolous accusations will also be considered as offenses under this policy.

5. In accordance with the *Laws of Duplicate Bridge*, a director's decision to impose a disciplinary penalty is final; however, all such decisions may be appealed. An appeals committee may not overturn the director's decision, but could *recommend* that the director reconsider the imposition of a penalty. It should be noted that the committee may feel that the penalty assessed was not severe enough and may refer the matter to a disciplinary committee.

6. A ZT report form shall be available for players to report incidents which occur away from the table; and for directors to document complaints and action taken. The DIC shall provide a summary report of all behavioral penalties to the Tournament Chairman and/or Recorder.

Appeals without Merit (982-03) See G. 1.4

At NABCs, appeals without merit points will be assessed by appeals committees, but only when the experience level of the player(s) warrants.

This replaces the \$50 deposit requirement for appeals in NABC+ events and may be assessed for appeals lodged in any event at an NABC.

Appeals Procedures at NABC's (983-02) (992-02) *Obsolete*

- B. NABC+ events will continue using existing (traditional) appeals procedures. On an experimental basis, for all other events at the 1999 Spring, Summer, and Fall NABCs, tournament directors will hear and resolve appeals in a manner similar to that suggested in the report.
- C. A write-up of the appeals handled by the tournament directors will be published in the Daily Bulletin.

- D. The appeals decisions made by the tournament directors will be reviewed by the Chief Tournament Director (CTD), an advisory panel consisting of knowledgeable experts, and senior staff. The review process will assess current decisions with the intent of improving future ones by pointing out errors and developing a guideline manual. The comments of the reviewers will be made available to the ACBL Board of Directors.

NABC Appeals (053-54) See H. 2.2

A. The complete names and positions of all players involved in NABC Appeals Committee Hearings and from NABC+ or Flight A events will be published in the appeals reports in the Daily Bulletin and in any other reports of these Hearings. The names of the Committee members will also be published along with a minority opinion, if requested.

B. Management shall ensure that the following functions are performed:

1. Appeals from an NABC will be compiled and readied for publication on the ACBL web site as soon as possible after each NABC.
2. A description of each appeal will be posted.
3. Each appeal should include commentary.
4. Management shall publish descriptions of likely cases of interest in the Daily Bulletin of the NABC at which the decision took place when submitted by the Editor and the Chairman of National Appeals.
5. The commentators for the Appeals will be selected, and the number of commentators determined by the Director of National Appeals and Management. Any one of the above may require that a specific commentator not be used.
6. Management may include appeals cases from events conducted by the USBF, CBF and MBF, which qualify contestants to International competition.
7. Appeals shall be reviewed and approved by League Counsel, the Director of National Appeals and Management before they can be published.