

Item 132-83: Chapter VI A – Club Sanctioned Games

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VI A are rescinded:

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CHAPTER VI - CLUBS

A. CLUB SANCTIONED GAMES

Club Participation in Unit Championship or Unit-Wide Events (801-43) **RO**

All clubs within a Unit that have an expectation of an adequate number of tables, and that are operating in conformance with ACBL regulations, and who have not proven consistently unreliable regarding submitting of report forms and monies due for such games, must be allowed to participate when a Unit Championship, Unit-wide, District-wide, or ACBL-wide event is scheduled on a session for which the club is franchised.

Transfer of Club Sanctions (851-82) **RO**

The transfer of a club sanction from one ACBL member to another shall require a thirty-day probationary period. During this time the Unit, District Director or Management may object to the transfer. Valid objections shall be the same as those allowed before a new club sanction is granted.

Foreign Clubs (892-44) **See B5.13**

Bridge clubs, at locations outside of Bermuda, Canada, Mexico and the United States, may be sanctioned at the discretion of Management, subject to the following guidelines:

- A. Where there is no indication of a local bridge organization or local bridge club, sanctions may be freely issued.
- B. Sanctions may be issued for "isolated" locations, such as military bases, consulates, etc.
- C. Where there is a local bridge club in operation, efforts will be made to minimize competition or interference between such a club and an ACBL club. If all parties agree, joint sanctions will be encouraged. If a local club appears to have legitimate concerns that an ACBL club is unduly interfering, or would unduly interfere, with the operation of the local club, then any sanction granted to the ACBL club will be subject to restrictions that minimize such interference; e.g., play restricted to citizens of ACBL NCBOs with guest privileges no more than once a month.

ACBL-Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge Games (922-21) **See A 2.1**

Effective with 1993 club sanction renewals, Management shall incorporate in the renewal form a section requiring clubs to submit to binding arbitration. Sanction forms will not be accepted nor sanction checks cashed without a signed form which includes this mandatory arbitration agreement

New Club Plan (933) RO

On June 18, 1993, the Executive Committee met via conference call and took the following actions:

The New Club Plan, as approved at the 1993 Spring Meetings, is approved on second reading with the following change:

The sentence "Membership games have been eliminated" be deleted from the section titled Charity Club Championship Awards.

NOTE: The New Club Plan will become effective 1/1/94. January, 1, 1994.

(See Appendix 1. *Revised Club Program*)

Liability Insurance for Clubs and Units (933-56) RO

A. At the request of the Board of Governors, Management is instructed to provide to all clubs, Units and Districts a full explanation of current liability insurance coverage.

Two-Table Team Games at Clubs (952-46) (second reading 953-46) See B 6.1

Two-table sanctioned team games at club sessions will be allowed to award masterpoints. Regular session and table fees would apply.

Short matches are permissible and makeup of teams or partnerships may be changed for each match.

The masterpoint awards would be .01 masterpoint per board played and there would be match awards only. A 9-board match would award .09 masterpoints for each winning player. A 32-board match would award .32 masterpoints for each winning player.

There are *no* overall awards.

Club Handicapping; Master Point Awards (961-50) (962-66 Second reading) See B 6.2

The masterpoint awards for club handicap games can be as currently given *or* at the discretion of the club as follows:

1. 100% awards for scratch winners for the class of game involved.
2. 50% awards for handicap winners.
3. Players receive the higher of the awards, but *not* both

This change will bring the master point awards for handicap games in line with stratified games.

Effective August 2, 1996.

Club Masterpoint Awards (962-68) RO

All clubs must submit club masterpoints directly to ACBL.

For clubs using ACBLscore this is presently done monthly with either a disk or hardcopy.

(In the future this may be done with modem). For clubs not using ACBLscore, a masterpoint list will be provided monthly for members winning any masterpoints in a sanctioned game. Club rating point slips will no longer be required.

For any clubs desiring to have a masterpoint reference chit to identify fractional masterpoints won by any club member at any game or a summary of games, ACBL will prepare a new chit and provide it to the clubs on request.

Single Sanction for Multiple Site Clubs (963-70) See A 4.1.1

Clubs may have a single sanction number and varying sites.

Legal Defense of Clubs in Civil Actions (991-50) See A 6.1.1

The ACBL CEO is authorized to have ACBL participate to the extent and in such form as the CEO deems reasonable in the defense of a club/club manager/club official who is sued as the sole result of having enforced conditions of his/her sanction.

Club Annual Table Count List (992-191) RO

Lists prepared and published which rank the size of ACBL clubs will include in the total all games held not just regular club and club championship games.

Masterpoint Game at Schools (992-301) See B 5.7.2

The minimum number of boards played for 0-5 MP games conducted in schools is six for middle-schools through college. The masterpoint award will be 0.03 per table.

There are no sanction or table fees associated with these games **See B 5.7.3.**

Club Games (001-171) (021-200) See B 1.6

Sanctioned clubs may hold shortened regular open games (not to include any special games awarding extra masterpoints) with a minimum number of boards played of 12 Masterpoints will be awarded at 80% of the award for open games. Sanction Fees for these games are \$.40 (12-17 boards) per table.

Administrative Guidelines for ACBL Club Games and ACBL Club Director

Accreditations (073-57) (082-32) (083-85) See A 2.5

In accordance with Item 072-60: Sanctions for ACBL Games at Clubs and ACBL Club Director Accreditations:

The ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations is amended as follows:

A. ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations Chapter 4,

Section One, V., F. is deleted; Section One, IV. D. is added as follows:

D. Cancellation of Sanction

1. ACBL management has the right to cancel or suspend a club game sanction for cause upon thirty days notice to the club manager. Any one of the following shall constitute "cause" for cancellation or suspension:

operation of a club out of compliance with ACBL regulations

unsuitable club venue discriminatory practices as set forth in this Handbook

A suspension is for a fixed period of time whereupon the sanction shall automatically renew. If a cancellation is for a fixed period of time, the club manager may apply for renewal. Cancellations may be permanent without the possibility of renewal.

2 ACBL management may immediately suspend or cancel a club game sanction if the "cause" for cancellation is such that continuation of the sanction will result in substantial and immediate violation of ACBL Regulations; or increase the likelihood of lawsuit against the ACBL; or result in violation of state or Federal law.

3 The thirty day notice of suspension or cancellation shall provide the club manager with the option of providing ACBL management with reasons in writing why the suspension or cancellation should not take place, whereupon ACBL management, in its own discretion, may leave the suspension or cancellation in place, amend the suspension or cancellation or withdraw the suspension or cancellation.

4. The club may file a written appeal of a suspension or cancellation with the Appeals and Charges Committee of ACBL Board of Directors within thirty days of the effective date of the cancellation, provided however, that the suspension or cancellation will remain in effect until the appeal before the Appeals and Charges Committee has been decided. In order to be considered, such written appeal must include reasons why the cancellation is inconsistent with the terms of this Section D.

B. ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations Chapter 4, Section three, III.C. is added as follows:

C. Cancellation of Accreditation **See C 2.2 and C 2.3**

1. ACBL management has the right to cancel a club director's accreditation for cause upon thirty days notice to the club director. Any one of the following shall constitute "cause" for cancellation of accreditation: direction of a club game out of compliance with ACBL regulations; unsuitable club venue; or discriminatory practices by the club director as set forth in this Handbook. A cancellation of accreditation is for a fixed period of time whereupon the club director may apply for reinstatement of accreditation (a new examination may be required by ACBL management for reinstatement); or, a cancellation may be permanent without the possibility of reinstating accreditation.

2. ACBL management may cancel a club game director's accreditation without notice if the "cause" for cancellation is such that continuation of the club director's club activities will result in substantial and immediate violation of ACBL Regulations; or increase the likelihood of lawsuit against the ACBL; or result in violation of state or Federal law. **See C 2.6**

3. The thirty day notice of cancellation of accreditation shall provide the club director with the option of providing ACBL management with reasons in writing why the cancellation should not take place, whereupon ACBL management, in its own discretion, may leave the cancellation of accreditation in place, amend the cancellation or withdraw the cancellation **See C 2.4**

4. The club director may file a written appeal of a cancellation of accreditation with the Appeals and Charges Committee of ACBL Board of Directors within thirty days of the effective date of the cancellation, provided however, that the cancellation will remain in effect until the appeal before the Appeals and Charges Committee has been decided. In order to be considered, such written appeal must include reasons why the cancellation is inconsistent with the terms of this Section C. **See C 2.5**

Shortened Club Championships (091-32) See D 2.5.1 and D 2.5.2

Clubs be allowed to hold either regular club championships (18+ boards) or shortened club championships (12-17) boards played. The total number of club championships, including regular and shortened, will remain the same as currently allowed. The overall awards for shortened club championships are 60% of regular club championships. The online shortened club championship (12-17 boards) overall award is capped at 4.50 masterpoints. **See D 2.5.3**

Games at Clubs (101-132) See B 6.3

All sanctioned games held at clubs, with the sole exception of STaCs, are to be counted in Ace of Clubs masterpoint races at Unit, District and ACBL wide levels.

Addition of M Factor for Special Club Games (101-134) See B 6.4

The formula for masterpoints for special games at clubs will have the appropriate “M” factor applied when there are masterpoint limitations in exactly the same manner as the “M” factor is applied to all games conducted at tournaments

Item 132-84: Chapter VI B – Club Sanctioned Games

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

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CHAPTER VI - CLUBS

B. FEES AND CHARGES

Late Charge for Overdue Club Monthly Reports and Rating Point Reports (923-26) (992-44) See A 5.2.1

Effective January 1, 1993, Club Managers who do not submit timely club reports and rating point reports will be sent a notice that such reports must be submitted along with a \$5 late charge within thirty (30) days. If a report and late charge are not received within the thirty (30) days, an additional \$25.00 charge will be assessed and the club will be suspended until the report and monies due, including the late charges, are received at Headquarters.

ACBL Management may apply 5.3.1 (c) of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations to either the sanction owner and/or the club manager when a club owes ACBL a debt.

5.3.1 of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations is amended as follows:

(d) has failed to submit club masterpoint reports in a timely manner (the person may be either the sanction owner and/or the club manager).

Late Charge for Reports Overdue from Unit-wide Games, Unit Special Games and Special Events Games (931-48) Part A below is in current codification under Units Chapter III A 4.2.3

A. A Unit that is late in reporting Unit-wide games or Unit Special games will be sent one follow-up letter that allows 15 days for submitting the report and monies due. If after 20 days ACBL has not received the report and monies due, a \$25.00 late charge will be assessed. all subsequent Unit game will be suspended until the appropriate report and monies are received at Headquarters.

B. A club that holds the North American Pairs, 49er Pairs and Grand National Teams and does not submit its game reports within 15 days after the completion of the event will be assessed a \$25.00 late charge. The club will be suspended until the appropriate report, monies and late charges are received at Headquarters or by the CBF Coordinator. The club will be added to ACBL's Unresolved List and will not be granted a club sanction renewal for the coming year until the matter has been resolved. The Canadian National Rookie/Master Pairs, CWTC, COPC and CNTC are included. **See D 5.1**

C. A club that is sanctioned to host the EPSON, ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game, ACBL-wide Senior Game, International Fund Games and ACBL-wide Charity Games and does not submit its game reports within 15 days after completion of the event will be sent one follow-up letter,. The letter will allow a report/results postmarked within 20 days to be submitted with the monies due. If ACBL had not received the report/results and the monies due after the 20 day period, a \$25.00 late charge will be assessed. The club will be suspended until the appropriate report/results, monies and late charges are received at Headquarters. The club will be added to ACBL's Unresolved List and will not be granted a club sanction renewal for the coming year until the matter has been resolved. Also, if Special Event games are sanctioned and canceled, failure to report the cancellation is subject to the late charge and Unresolved status. **RO**

Start-Up Fees (942-46) RO

Effective immediately, Management is instructed to eliminate the \$25.00 start-up fee for new games.

Sanction Fees for Clubs (961-45) See A 3.3.5

The ACBL will waive all sanction fees for any game that a club schedules to recruit new members and for which it charges no entry fee.

Club Sanction Fees (002-151) (093-68)

The fee per sanctioned game shall be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.25. (The current fee has been in place since January 1994).**See A 3.3.1**

The annual sanction fee per club-sanctioned games shall be increased from \$11.00 to \$11.50. (The current fee has been in place since April 1999).

Short game table fees are increased from \$.40 to \$.46 per table. **See A 3.3.2 & 3.2.1**

Special Games at Clubs Committee (042-139) (072-56) RO

The Special Games at Clubs report is approved.

Changes to current policy are:

April is designated as Charity month.

September is designated as International Fund month.

Any and all ACBL sanctioned sessions may be held as a Junior Fund game, Charity game, Educational Foundation game or International Fund game, except February is reserved for Junior Fund games, April is reserved for Charity games and September is reserved for International Fund games.

The masterpoint rating for Charity games, Educational Foundation games, International Fund games and Club Appreciation Pair games (October) is increased to 100% Sectional Black points.

The masterpoint rating for the ACBL-wide Senior Pairs is increased to 80% Sectional rating and the sanction fee is increased to \$4.00 per table (from \$2.25). Chapter 6, B.3

The NABC Fund Raiser is now the NABC Promotional Game. The district sets the promotional fee if any.

Non-ACBLScore Club Fees (052-12) (061-34)

A. An additional \$2.00 per game sanction fee will be charged to clubs that do not utilize a version of ACBLScore that provides for electronic submission of accurate monthly reports. **RO**

B. Clubs not using ACBLScore to submit their monthly financial and masterpoint reports must pay an additional \$2.00 per game sanction fee. If Management believes the extra fee creates a hardship and is a detriment to bridge in the area, it may waive the extra fee for a sanction conducting 1-3 sessions a week averaging fewer than 10 tables per session. **See C 5.4.1**

Item 132-85: Chapter VI C – Club Sanctioned Games

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CHAPTER VI - CLUBS

C. DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS

Discipline of Club Directors for Offenses While Playing (752-5) **See C 2.1**

Management is and shall be the sole arbiter of the right of any club level, or higher, director to conduct any ACBL sanctioned tournament or game. Effective immediately.

Club Directors at Special Events (983-173) (993-191) **See C 2.7.1**

Non-playing directors are encouraged but not required for games having not more than one section of 17 tables or less for the following special events held at clubs or units: ACBL-wide International Fund Games, ACBL-wide Charity Games, Junior Fund Games, Senior Pairs, Worldwide Pairs, ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Games, Membership Games, NABC Fund Raisers, GNT Fund Raisers, Club Appreciation Games, Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STAC) Games, the Canadian Olympiad, the COPC, the CNTC, the North American Open Pair Club and Unit Qualifying stages, the North American 49er Pairs, the Grand National Team (GNT) Club and Unit Qualifying stages, Unit Championships, and Unit Charity Championships.

Administrative Guidelines for ACBL Club Games and ACBL Club Director Accreditations (093-79)

The ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations is amended as follows:

A. ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations Chapter 4, **See A 2.5**

Section One, V., F. is deleted; Section One, IV. D. is added as follows:

D. Cancellation of Sanction

1. ACBL management has the right to cancel or suspend a club game sanction for cause upon thirty days notice to the club manager. Either of the following shall constitute “cause” for cancellation or suspension:

- a) operation of a club out of compliance with ACBL regulations
- b) unsuitable club venue

C. Cancellation of Accreditation **See C 2.2**

1. ACBL management has the right to cancel a club director’s accreditation for cause upon thirty days notice to the club director. Either of the following shall constitute “cause” for cancellation of accreditation:

direction of a club game out of compliance with ACBL regulation
unsuitable club venue.

A cancellation of accreditation is for a fixed period of time whereupon the club director may apply for reinstatement of accreditation (a new examination may be required by

ACBL management for reinstatement); or, a cancellation may be permanent without the possibility of reinstating accreditation. **See C 2.3**

Bar Playing Directors in STaC Games (122-110) **See C 2.7.2 Updated to reflect sponsor option passed in St. Louis meeting.**

Playing directors in STaC games and their partners are ineligible to receive overall STaC masterpoint (silver point) awards, but are eligible to receive section awards.

Item 132-86: Chapter VI D – Club Sanctioned Games

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CHAPTER VI - CLUBS

D. SPECIAL CLUB GAMES

Holiday Cancellation of Games (741-31) **RO**

Management has the authority to use discretion in approval of rescheduling club games which fall on a holiday. This prerogative should be exercised only in exceptional circumstances.

Member/Guest Club Championship (823-21) **See D 1.6**

Each ACBL sanctioned club that operates a minimum of 18 regularly scheduled games under one session during the year is entitled to hold a one-session Member/Guest Club Championship. A club that is sanctioned for, and conducts, from six through ten weekly sessions is entitled to hold two Member/Guest Club Championships and a club that conducts 11 or more weekly sessions is entitled to hold three Member/Guest Club Championships.

Member/Guest Club Championships may be scheduled at any time during the year. Once each year a Club may hold a one session Member/Guest Club Championship at a time other than that of the regularly sanctioned session. When this is the case, written permission must be obtained from all other sanctioned clubs within a 25 mile radius scheduled to hold a game at the same time. Clubs entitled to hold more than one Member/Guest Club Championship may only move one of the events to a session for which they are not sanctioned.

Member/Guest Club Championships are open only to 1) any partnership made up of one ACBL member and one player who is a non-ACBL member or 2) any partnership made up of two individuals neither of whom are ACBL members.

Master Point awards are based on Club Championship Open Pairs rating for a Class 4 game with 3 Bonus Factors. (Note Bonus factor rescinded by 931-47)

Except as noted, all conditions for the operation of Member/Guest Club Championships follow the regulations set forth for any other Club Championship.

Membership Games at Clubs (901-75) **RO**

Providing they do not conflict with the NABC, North American Pairs, North American Rookie Pairs or the GNT event, clubs may conduct membership games during the months of August and September.

Club Series Games (923-22) **RO**

The Board approves the reinstatement of Club Series Games. Management is instructed to develop criteria and an awards plan whereby the winner of a club series game will not receive more than 1.5 points and within the context of the Masterpoint Plan. Chapter 6, D.2

Minimum Table Requirement for Unit-wide Games (Item 882-25) (941-43) **See Chapter III A Sec 4.2.2**

A qualified Unit may combine with another qualified Unit to hold a combined Unit-wide game. The game will be charged against the quotas of each Unit. Unit-wide championships may be conducted as stratified events.

Inter-Club Championship Games (962-69) (013-133) (012-202) **RO**

- A. ACBL Management is authorized to sanction and conduct inter-club championships which are administered online but played “live.”
1. ACBL may sanction and conduct the event.
 2. ACBL may hold the sanction and sublet the administration of the event. **See D 4.7.5**
 3. If requested by a group of clubs, ACBL may authorize (grant a sanction to) a qualified person to administrate such an online-administered, inter-club championship for those clubs. **See D 4.7.6**
 4. ACBL may also authorize (grant a sanction to) a qualified person to conduct an online-administered inter-club championship or sanction the event. **See D 4.7.6**

The masterpoint awards for this event are the same as inter-club championships administered manually. **See D 4.7.8**

- B. In addition to a club’s regular club championships, the club may participate in an additional four (4) inter-club championships administered online per scheduled session. A club may not use one or all of its regular, quarterly club championships to participate in inter-club championships administered electronically. **See D 4.7.8**

Super Club Championship (973-199) **RO**

Super Club Championships are awarded to qualified clubs. Management is authorized to award this game to clubs that participated during the past calendar year in at least seven of the following nine programs:

1. Master/Non-Master or Member/Guest games
- * 2. GNT or CNTC club games
3. NAOP and COPC games
4. 4.49ers Pairs
5. ACBL Instant Matchpoint or World Wide Pairs Championship
6. International Fund or ACBL-Wide Charity game
- * 7. STaC games
8. Novice program including lessons
9. Recruited ACBL members as follows:

3 - where unit membership is less than 200

5 - where unit membership is 201 - 500

10 - where unit membership is over 500

- * If unit or district does not schedule these events, the requirement for holding these games is met.

ACBL Club Appreciation Month (983-72) (012-202) (042-13) (073-29) **See D 4.5**

October is designated as ACBL Club Appreciation Month. Clubs may hold up one 100% Sectional black-point game during this month per sanctioned session. Sanction fees will be the same as for a regular club game.

Club Appreciation Team Games (003-101) (012-202) (051-102) **See D 4.5**

During the month of October, each ACBL Sanctioned Club shall be entitled to declare one of their regularly scheduled games as a Club Appreciation Team Game. Each Club shall be entitled to one such Team Game per scheduled session.

This game shall be sectionally rated and shall award black points. In addition, 5% of all Masterpoints awarded shall be Gold Points.

No one individual may win more than .25 gold in any single event.

The Club Appreciation Team Games held during the month of October, as an ongoing part of Club Appreciation month, are approved.

WBF Simultaneous Pairs (012-132) **See D 4.10**

1. The WWP Simultaneous Pairs may be held at clubs, Sectionals or Regionals.
2. In all cases, half /red, half /black points will be awarded or whatever is approved by the ACBL Board of Directors.
3. When this event is held as part of a 2 session event, the sponsoring organization pays the sanction fee for the WWP for those players entered in both the tournament event and the WWP. One sanction fee only is paid. The event is scored twice - once as the WWP and once as the tournament event. Participants entered in both are eligible only for the higher masterpoint award.
Note: Points remain half /red, half black for the WWP either red/gold or silver as is appropriate for the tournament event.
4. When the WWP is held at a sectional or regional, it should have its own separate section except that the organization may offer this event, in addition, to those playing in a two session event one session of which is concurrent with the WWP. (see 3 above)
 1. A one (1) session event may not be played as a WWP and a Tournament Event...i.e. - the event awards only WWP masterpoints. In a one session event a player is only eligible for masterpoints from one event.

Club Special Game Allocation (012-202) **See D 1.1.2**

The allocation of all special games will be based on sessions sanctioned rather than the number of sanctions held.

Instant Matchpoint Game (013-132) **See D 4.11**

- A. Games meeting open standards will be considered in the open contest. (Note: ½ table games will be included.)
- B. Minimum boards to be played by any pair in the open contest is 20.
- C. Howell movements meeting open standards will award a Gold Point for first place.

Special Club Games (083-86) (122-57) See B 4.3

Chapter IV, Section 6, 1F is amended as follows:

When a sectional (excluding STaCs) or higher rated event is being conducted within 25 miles of a club game’s playing site, the club is permitted to hold only its regularly scheduled club masterpoint games (i.e., no special games). This regulation does not apply to Limited/Restricted Sectionals.

Beginner, Newcomer Games (093-140) See B 3.4

The minimum number of boards required for a Newcomer Game is reduced to six.

Chapter 4 of the *ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations* is amended as follows:

III. NEWCOMER GAMES

A newcomer game is limited to players who hold fewer than 20 masterpoints, although a club can set a lower maximum, such as 1 masterpoint, if it so desires. **See B.3.1**

A newcomer game is conducted to acquaint new players with duplicate bridge and to encourage participation by inexperienced players. **See B 3.2**

A newcomer game must consist of at least two and one-half tables. However, there are masterpoint awards for two-table newcomer games conducted as individuals or team games. **AT LEAST SIX BOARDS MUST BE PLAYED. See B 3.3**

Any club with a sanctioned game may conduct a newcomer game session. The game session may be run any time, even if another regular club game session is running. **See B 3.5**

Special Games at Clubs Adjustments Amendment (042-139) (101-33) (102-133) See B 4.2

The month of February is reserved for Junior Fund Games, the month of April is reserved for charity games and the month of September is reserved for International Fund games; in those months any and all ACBL sanctioned club sessions may be special games for the named funds. In the remaining nine months of the year, one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special game for any of the Junior Fund, International Fund, Educational Foundation or charity. A regularly scheduled club game held at a frequency other than weekly may hold one special "fund" game every fourth game. The masterpoint rating for all of these special games will be 70% of Sectional Rating maintaining the current cap of 6.00 masterpoints.

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6. The NABC Fund Raiser is now the NABC Promotional Game. **See D4.3**

Establish and Define Purposes of the Grass Roots Fund (122-55) See B 4.6

The ACBL hereby establishes a Grass Roots Fund. The month of December is designated as “Grass Roots Fund Month.” Clubs may hold special games under the same rules and

regulations applicable to the other special fund months (currently benefitting the Junior and International Funds and the ACBL Charity Foundation.) Funds raised shall be returned annually no later than March 31 to the individual District in which those funds were raised, and shall be used by the District to help fund Grass Roots Events. Grass Roots Events are defined as the Grand National Teams and the North American Pairs. The ACBL shall not charge the Districts any fee for the cost of collecting and disbursing these funds.

The Grass Roots Fund shall be considered an additional, eligible beneficiary from regionally rated games at sectionals along with the Junior and International Funds and the ACBL Charity and Educational Foundations.

Item 132-87: Chapter VI E – Club Sanctioned Games

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CHAPTER VI - CLUBS

E. CONVENTIONS

Open Club Game With Restricted Conventions (802-31)

Management's definitions of conventions for open club games with restricted conventions are approved as amended.

ACBL retains the right to approve or disapprove any bidding or defensive carding (lead or discard signal) convention for general use in ACBL-sanctioned tournament games. In exercising this right, ACBL has established convention charts that list conventions permitted in games having varying degrees of difficulty. **See C 3.1**

A club manager can bar or allow specific conventions and can bar certain conventions in novice games but allow them in open games. The types of events for which this applies are club masterpoint games, club championships, club charity events, ACBL-wide events, unit championships, unit charity events, district charity events, and the North American Pairs events. The Alert procedure and the skip-bid announcement are procedures used in tournaments and are optional (and strongly encouraged) in club games. **See C 3.2 & C 3.3**

When masterpoints are awarded for overall positions in several locations, such as unit-wide games, STaCs, etc., all conventions in the ACBL General Convention Chart must be allowed unless the conditions of contest specify otherwise. Use of the Alert procedure is mandatory, and the rules that govern skip-bid announcements are applicable. **See C 3.4**

Occasionally special games, such as the GNT event, may be held in clubs. In such a case the club manager must check the conditions of contest to be sure to conduct the game in conformity with rules. **See C 3.5**

ACBL recommends that clubs which are inclined to permit patrons to test new or little-known conventions or systems restrict such testing to one of several scheduled game sessions. If experience indicates that the majority of the club players welcome this policy, it can be extended easily to other sessions. In any case, players must have the approval of the director before using any convention not specifically authorized. ACBL recommends that each club post a list of approved conventions in a conspicuous place on its premises. **See C 3.6**

Item 132-88: Chapter VI F – Club Sanctioned Games

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CHAPTER VI - CLUBS

F. DISCIPLINE

Barred Club Game Players (011-42) (021-201) (032-48) (043-80)

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B. The ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations is amended as follows: Since this is in the CDR, it will not be rescinded but will be used in the new codification as noted below.

2.2

Of Disciplinary Bodies

2.2.1 Units have only original jurisdiction, except:

(a)

In hearing appeals of a barring from a sanctioned game at a club. See C 4.17

(b)

When otherwise explicitly stated in the CDR.

Discipline at ACBL Sanctioned Club Games (062-02) (092-06)

Section G. Club Discipline of the ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations is amended as follows:

G. CLUB DISCIPLINE

Club management should deal promptly and fairly with all cases of improper conduct that occur during an ACBL-sanctioned masterpoint game in the club, including cases of unethical practices. The club manager should either handle these situations personally or establish a standing committee to review all disciplinary problems. Clubs holding non-sanctioned games may deal with problems arising in these games as they see fit. **See C4.1, C 4.2 & C 4.3**

The club manager can handle many behavior problems by discussing them with the offenders, by issuing a warning, or declaring a period of probation. In extreme cases or cases of repeat offenses, the manager can bar an ACBL member from the club game for a

stipulated period of time, or permanently. No open club may bar an ACBL member or members as a class, based upon the player's race, creed, religion, political affiliation, sexual orientation, national origin, and physical handicap or on his proficiency at bridge. **See C 4.4, C4.5 & C 4.6**

Unless a non ACBL member is currently suspended or expelled from participation in ACBL sanctioned events, permission to play in an ACBL sanctioned event at that club is at the sole discretion of the club management and ACBL has no jurisdiction. Therefore, except for a barring alleged to be for the above discriminatory reasons, these regulations do not apply (i.e. the ACBL requirements and rights enumerated in this section do not extend to non ACBL members). **See C 4.7**

Except as detailed in the previous paragraph, a club may bar an ACBL member for whatever reason it deems proper and consistent with ACBL Rules and Regulations and the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge. An obnoxious or incompatible partnership may be barred as a pair, but each may be permitted to play with other partners. **See C 4.8 & C 4.9**

To bar an ACBL member, club management must notify the member in writing and send a copy of the notification to the ACBL Club Membership Department. **See C 4.10**

The notification must include the member's name and player number and the reason for the barring. An open club can bar members from its regularly scheduled club masterpoint games, membership games, ACBL-wide games, club championships, charity and international fund club championships, and other special events specifically allocated to clubs as outlined above. **See C 4.10**

These regulations also apply to a club with an invitational sanction except that the club has the additional authority to refuse admittance to an invitational game to someone who does not meet the criteria upon which the invitational sanction is based (e.g. a member who has 500 masterpoints is denied admittance to an invitational game that is limited to members with less than 300 masterpoints). **See C 4.12**

If the member feels that his barring does not comply with these regulations prohibiting barring players as a class, religious or political affiliations, race, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, physical disability or proficiency at bridge, he or she may appeal the barring to the unit disciplinary committee. Appeals from the unit disciplinary committee may be filed in accordance with and under the authority of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations. Until the appeal is lodged and heard, the player remains barred unless reinstated by the club unless a stay is granted by the Unit Disciplinary Chairperson. **See C 4.13 & 4.14**

A club may extend the barring of an ACBL member from Grand National teams, North American Pair events, STaCs, qualifying sessions of a progressive sectional, unit or district competitions, and/or unit-wide or district-wide championships held at the club. A member so barred may appeal the extension of the barring under the process described in

the previous paragraph. In such cases, the written notice to the member barred must include the member's right to appeal the action to the Unit Disciplinary Committee in which the club is located within thirty days of the action taken by the club. Such written notice is required, otherwise the barring shall not be effective .**See C 4.15 & C 4.16**

Item 132-89: Chapter VI G – Club Sanctioned Games

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

RO = Rescind Obsolete

Bold numbers refer to where items can be found in the new codification.

CHAPTER VI - CLUBS G. CRUISES / LAND CRUISES

Games on Cruise Ships (823-64) See **B 5.10.4**

No minimum number of Boards are required for games held on cruise ships. Regular cruise ship game Master Point awards shall apply at all games on cruise ships regardless of the number of Boards played.

Masterpoint Awards for Games Held on Cruise Ships and Land Cruises (933-61)

Effective January 1, 1994, masterpoint awards for games held on cruise ships and land cruises will be 50% of an Open Club game. See **B 5.10.4**.

Cruise Championships (941-83) See **B 5.10.5**

One cruise championship event may be held for every 14 days (or portion thereof) of a cruise.

Special Sanction Requirements for Land Cruises (943-42) (Second reading 951-81) and Cruise Ship Sanction Fees (971-63)

A. For games in non-ACBL countries there is no change. See **B 5.11.5**

B. Land cruises that operate at a single site in an ACBL country for more than 14 days will be sanctioned as a club game and report as one. All other land cruises held in an ACBL country that are open to all ACBL members will be able to award masterpoints at full open club value. See **B 5-11.3**

Pricing for bridge cruises is left to the discretion of Management with the commitment of Management to implement the following guidelines until further notice.

A. Whoever receives sanctions for cruise ships is expected, within the constraints placed upon them by the cruise lines, to promote the ACBL actively for the purpose of recruiting new members. See **B 5.10.2**

B. ACBL will not enter into exclusive fee-splitting agreements with any party. **RO**

C. A \$200 fee will be charged to sanction bridge on a ship for the entire year. ACBL will make available promotional literature. See **B 5.10.1**

D. A \$100 fee will be charged to sanction bridge cruises of from 8 to 30 days. ACBL will make available promotional literature. **See B 5.10.1**

E. A \$50 fee will be charged to sanction bridge cruises of from 4 to 7 days. ACBL will make available promotional literature. **See B 5.10.1**

F. A \$30 fee will be charged to sanction Land cruise up to 3 days. **See B 5.11.2**

G. ACBL will send a letter to each cruise line asking who within their organization has authority to approve conducting bridge events on their cruises. **RO**

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Item 132-90: Chapter VI H – Club Sanctioned Games

Moved that:

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

CHAPTER VI
H. PENAL INSTITUTIONS

League Policy on Inmates of Penal Institutions (722-61) (032-57) **See B 5.12**

The Board of Directors establishes hereby the following policy regarding members incarcerated in places of penal confinement:

1. The American Contract Bridge League will assist and encourage the teaching and playing of bridge in penal institutions in North America.
2. Any person who is incarcerated in a place of penal confinement may, upon application become a member of the American Contract Bridge League.
3. In institutions which permit inmates to leave such institutions for limited periods of time, such an inmate may, with the sponsoring organization's approval, compete in sanctioned American Contract Bridge League activities. Any award won by such inmate in a sanctioned activity within or without the place of penal confinement shall be treated as awards won by any other player in equivalent competition.
4. In the assistance and encouragement of bridge, Management may, upon application, sanction games within places of penal confinement and may supply cards, boards, instructional material and direction.
6. Funding of this program may be undertaken both by the American Contract Bridge League and by the American Contract Bridge League Charity

Club Fees (793-53) **See B 5.12.2**

Management shall have the authority to substantially reduce or eliminate ACBL charges to clubs in prisons or mental institutions.

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