

**Item 192-02: Vacating Title Resolution Option 1**  
**Deferred from Spring 2019 Memphis**

**Resolution on Players Convicted of Collusive and/or Premeditated Cheating**

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Whereas national and international bridge organizations of various stripes and squares have struggled to address the aftermath of that day, proceeding against players alleged to have violated these norms with varying degrees of satisfaction;

Whereas the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) has not been immune to these developments, having first responded in November 2015 and now acknowledging that response as inadequate to the bridge crimes committed;

Whereas the ACBL vacated NABC+ titles won only by persons convicted of cheating in ACBL events, and not in events of other bridge organizations, and then only for 4 years prior to the conviction in question; and

Whereas the ACBL now adorns its most prestigious Championships with the names of players who stand disgraced in the eyes of the bridge world; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the ACBL:

1. recognizes Boye Brogeland for his courage, whose actions we should all strive to emulate, and expressing our thanks to the countless others who worked to expose illicit signaling systems and other means of cheating;
2. recognizes that the players convicted of such methods have caused irreparable harm to our great game, and publicly condemns their actions as inimical to the fundamental principles of the fair play of bridge;
3. seeks to become a global leader in purging its events of collusive and/or premeditated cheating and responding justly and fairly to results obtained through such methods;
4. notwithstanding CDR 4.1.8, strips all NABC+ titles and second place finishes from any player partnership, each of whom has, from the date of August 22, 2015 onward, been (1) expelled from the ACBL for any reason; (2) resigned for the purpose of avoiding possible disciplinary actions; or (3) suspended for ethical violations;
5. notwithstanding CDR 4.1.8, recognizes that any such expulsion, resignation, or suspension may be due to participation in either an ACBL-sanctioned event or that of another bridge organization;
6. strips any NABC+ titles and second place finishes held by such pairs, or by teams including such pairs, to the first date of any recorded partnership of those pairs in the ACBL;
7. directs that, for NABC+ titles and second place finishes in pairs, BAM, and Swiss events vacated by this Resolution, all remaining partnerships shall have their finishing place elevated to the next higher position, with new event winners recognized accordingly; and
8. directs that, for NABC+ KO event titles and second place finishes vacated by this Resolution, all remaining teams shall have their finishing place elevated to the next higher position, with new event winners recognized accordingly.

**Item 192-03: Vacating Title Resolution Option 2**  
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  7. directs that, for NABC+ titles and second place finishes in pairs, BAM, and Swiss events vacated by this Resolution, all remaining partnerships shall have their finishing place elevated to the next higher position, with new event winners recognized accordingly; and
  8. directs that, for NABC+ KO event titles and second place finishes vacated by this Resolution, such titles and second place finishes shall remain and be recorded in official ACBL records as “Vacated.”

**Item 192-04: Collusive Cheaters**

Section 10 Other Disciplinary Matters item 10.2.4 of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations shall be amended as follows:

10.2.4 Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of Section 10.2, the ACBL Board of Directors will not hear, and ACBL Management hereby is instructed not to forward to the Board, any request for readmission of a member who was expelled for premeditated collusive cheating in any ACBL sanctioned event, or who resigned his membership for the purpose of avoiding possible disciplinary actions concerning premeditated collusive cheating in such events, or combination of such expulsion or resignation. Such a former member may never be readmitted to Membership in the ACBL nor participate in any ACBL sanctioned events.

**Item 192-05: Member in Good Standing**

Moved that:

The Codification Chapter 1 – Membership, A. Membership, Section 2 – Definitions and Rights of ACBL Membership and Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) be revised as follows:

~~2.3~~ ~~Definition of Member in Good Standing~~

2.3.1 **Definition.** An ACBL member shall be deemed to be in “good standing” when such member’s dues, if dues are required, are current and such member is not currently:

1. expelled;

2. serving a term of suspension;
3. serving indefinite probation;
4. serving a Probation, the initial term of which was 24 or more months; or
5. serving a term of probation following a Suspension, the initial term of which was more than ~~ninety~~ ~~(90)~~ 90 days.

2.3.2 Limitations. A member who is not in good standing ~~(as defined herein) shall not be entitled to~~ may not:

- ~~a1. s~~ Serve in any elected or appointed position in ACBL;
- ~~b2. r~~ Receive any subsidy or remuneration from ACBL;
- ~~e3. p~~ Participate in and receive recognition for achievement in m Masterpoint races;
- ~~d4. r~~ Receive recognition for achievement in m Masterpoint rank ~~ings on the ACBL website or in its official publication; and/or promotion;~~
- ~~e5. have an article p~~ ublished on the ACBL website or in its official an article in any ACBL publication;
6. Vote in any election in which general membership is electorate;
7. Serve as a club manager or director;
8. Participate in events where such participation is prohibited by Conditions of Contest;
9. Vote in a Hall of Fame election.

(reprinted in ~~2.3.3~~ ~~— In order to participate in a National rated event at an NABC,~~  
~~a person must be an ACBL member whose service fee or dues is current.~~

Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) for convenience)

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(reprinted in ACBL Codification, Chapter 1, section 2.3.1-2.3.2 ~~2.3.3~~ ~~———— In order to participate in a National rated event at an NABC, a person must be an ACBL member whose service fee or dues is current.~~

for convenience)

~~A member who is not in good standing shall not be entitled to serve in any elected or appointed position in the ACBL.~~

Effective immediately

### **Item 192-06: Collusive Cheating Definition**

The following be added to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations Definitions (CDR):

#### **Collusive Cheating**

1. An agreement made between contestants that encodes signals or exchanges information, or an agreement not to disclose a method, treatment, or convention, for the purpose of deceiving opponents.
2. An agreement made between two or more people, at least one of whom is a contestant, to exchange or pass information illicitly. This section includes agreements made by persons who are not partners or contestants, including, but not limited to kibitzers or teammates.

Effective immediate

### **Item 192-07: NABC Tournament Conduct Committee**

Codification Chapter IV – Board Procedures, D. Committees, Section 5 – Other ACBL Bodies, 5.2 NABC Tournament Conduct Committee be amended as follows:

ACBL Management be responsible for creating the NABC Tournament Conduct Committee roster and submitting a list of names to be approved by the ACBL President.

#### Section 5 - Other ACBL Bodies

Other ACBL bodies are non-Board committees established by the Board of Directors to accomplish goals and objectives deemed appropriate. These entities operate in accordance with, and under the provisions of, the enabling legislation.

5.1 NABC Tournament Conduct Committee The process for forming an NABC Tournament Conduct Committee will be as follows:

5.1.1 ~~The ACBL Management Disciplinary Coordinator~~ will create a roster of committee members from:

- a. A list of names ~~supplied~~ approved by the ACBL President that has been submitted by ~~ACBL Management~~ the District Directors;
- b. The membership of the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee; and
- c. The membership at large, if needed.

5.1.2 When the committee is to hear a ~~e~~Charge or ~~e~~Charges relating only to conduct (not including an Ethical ~~v~~Violation), ~~the ACBL Management Disciplinary Coordinator~~ will select the committee from available members in categories a. through c. immediately above. ~~The committee will select the person to chair the hearing from among the committee members.~~

5.1.3 When the committee is to hear a charge which includes an Ethical ~~v~~Violation, the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee chair will select the committee from available members of the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee and/or, if needed, from the membership at large. ~~The committee will select the person to chair the hearing from among the committee members.~~

5.1.4 The committee members serving on a case will be compensated. The guideline for the amount of the compensation is the value of a two-session entry to an NABC+ event for each day the committee meets.

#### **Item 192-08: Negotiated Resolution**

The Code of Disciplinary Regulations Section 5 Procedures for Disciplinary Bodies of Original Jurisdiction be amended as follows:

#### 5. Procedures for Disciplinary Bodies of Original Jurisdiction

##### 5.2.14 *Negotiated Resolution of a Charge.*

- (a) ~~If the Charges deal with matters other than an Ethical Violation, the~~  
General Procedures for Conduct of Hearings by Disciplinary Bodies  
of Original Jurisdiction in Section 5 of this CDR do not apply unless  
otherwise noted in this section.

Disciplinary Body. The Charging Party and the Charged Party ~~may~~must present  
a Negotiated Resolution ~~of all pending Charges to:~~

- (a) the Appeals and Charges Committee if the Ethical Oversight  
Committee would have heard the Charges absent such Negotiated  
Resolution, or
- (b) the Disciplinary Body which would have heard the Charges absent  
such Negotiated Resolution (except for 5.2.14 (a)).

Policy. This resolution must (i) dispose of all pending Charges against the  
Charged Party, and (ii) include the complete parameters of the discipline to  
be imposed and may, and (iii) include the Charging Party and the Charged  
Party waiving all its rights to appeal, both administratively and through  
arbitration or the courts. This resolution may also include a requirement that  
the Charged Party testify against any other Charged Party, if any. The  
Charged Party must waive all his rights to appeal the finding of guilt and the,  
and/or may consist of a dismissal of all charges. This resolution may include  
discipline imposed, both administratively and through arbitration or outside  
the courts. Upon entering into a parameters listed in CDR 4.

Standard of Review. The Disciplinary Body reviewing the Negotiated  
Resolution, ~~the Charging Party agrees may,~~  
and is encouraged to, conduct its review by telephone or video conference  
call. The waive all its rights to appeal as well.  
Disciplinary Body may (i) request written statements, (ii) review all related  
documents on  
file at the time of the Negotiated Resolution, and (ii) review the Charged  
Party's previous  
disciplinary record upon request.

Standard of Acceptance. When ~~considering deliberating on~~ whether ~~or not~~ to  
accept the Negotiated Resolution, the Disciplinary Body must ~~take into~~  
~~account~~consider the benefit to the ACBL of the certainty of conviction and  
the waiver of all appeal rights by the Charged Party and Charging Party. ~~A~~  
~~Negotiated Resolution may consist of a dismissal of all charges.~~

- (b) Rejection of Negotiated Resolution. If a Negotiated Resolution is rejected  
by the Disciplinary Body, in 5.2.14 (b), a different panel shall be  
chosen to hear the Charges if the previously disciplinary record was  
reviewed. Otherwise, the same panel may hear the Charges. The new  
panel shall not be informed why the proposed Negotiated Resolution

was rejected, nor, if possible, that a proposed Negotiated Resolution was even presented.

~~(c) — If a Negotiated Resolution deals in any manner with Charges that included an Ethical Violation when brought, its terms must be approved by the Appeals and Charges Committee rather than the Disciplinary Body which would have heard the Charges absent such Negotiated Resolution. The Appeals and Charges Committee is not required to review a Negotiated Resolution merely because of the discipline imposed. The Appeals and Charges Committee may, and is encouraged to, conduct its review by telephone or video conference calls between its regularly scheduled meetings at Board of Directors' meetings. The Appeals and Charges Committee may, but is not required to, request written statements, not to exceed three (3) pages, from the Charging Party, the Charged Party and/or the Disciplinary Body before, or during a period of adjournment after, its review is commenced as to why the proposed resolution is appropriate.~~

~~(d) — If a Negotiated Resolution is rejected by the Appeals and Charges Committee, the Charges shall be heard by the same panel of the Disciplinary Body Ethical Oversight Committee which would have heard the Charges absent such Negotiated Resolution.~~

~~Disciplinary Bodies Right to Participate in Negotiation. The Disciplinary Body may provide a reason for rejection or a condition for acceptance. Each party will have the right to review the condition for acceptance and choose to accept or reject within ten days of being notified.~~

~~Challenging Committee Members for Cause. There shall be no automatic challenges to the members of any Disciplinary Body. There may be challenges for Cause, such as bias, upon good cause shown (not merely alleged). In such cases, the balance of the committee members shall decide the validity of the challenge. A majority vote of such remaining members is required to remove a member for Cause.~~

~~Hearing Report Required. The Disciplinary Body must send to ACBL headquarters a fully typed Hearing Report and a copy of its written decision, if any is produced in writing, within thirty (30) days from the conclusion of the review.~~

Note: New format to be used.

### **Item 192-09: Resignation to Avoid Discipline Publication**

The Code of Disciplinary Regulations Section 10 Other Disciplinary Matters be amended as follows:



10. Other Disciplinary Matters

10.1.1 A member who resigns his/her membership in the ACBL to avoid possible disciplinary action for unethical conduct may not thereafter participate in any national, District, Unit, sanctioned game or other ACBL activity, including but not limited to:

(i) acting as non-playing captain,

(ii) kibitzing any game or event,

(iii) being physically present at the site of a tournament, or

(iv) participating in the corporate or business affairs of any ACBL affiliated organization.

10.1.2 For purposes of publication, a member who resigns to avoid possible disciplinary action for unethical activity shall be treated as though that member was convicted of the ethical violation(s) for which the member is charged, and received maximum discipline under Appendix B. However, publication as indicated in CDR 10.3.4 and CDR 10.3.5 shall be at the discretion of Management.

Effective January 1, 2020.

**Item 192-10: Statue of Limitations**

The Code of Disciplinary Regulations Section 5 Procedures for Disciplinary Bodies of Original Jurisdiction be amended as follows:

Section 5 Procedures for Disciplinary Bodies of Original Jurisdiction

5.2 Specific Procedures for The Conduct of Hearings by a Unit Disciplinary Committee, District Disciplinary Committee, The Ethical Oversight Committee and The ACBL Disciplinary Committee (see also cdr 5.1.)

5.2.1

(d) Notwithstanding the previous limitations period above, a Complaint involving ~~the conveying of information by unauthorized means, whether within a partnership or not (see Law 73.B.2)~~ any ethical violation for which CDR 3.20 “Cheating and other Ethical Violations” would apply, is not subject to a period of limitations.

Effective immediately upon publication

**Item 192-11: Unit Disciplinary**

The following sections of the Codification and CDR be modified to accompany the change described here:

**From Codification:**

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Chapter III, A. Units – Section 2 Unit Requirements, Privileges and Responsibilities 2.2.5

Chapter VI, F. Discipline – Section Club Discipline 1.13, 1.14, 1.16

The positions of Unit Recorder and Unit Disciplinary Chair are eliminated. All disciplinary matters previously managed by Units will be managed by Districts. For disciplinary matters in a District the District President shall be the Charging Party unless otherwise specified in the District's bylaws.

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**From CDR:**

Definitions – Advocate, Charging Party, Unit Disciplinary Committee.

1.1 Unit Disciplinary Committee

2.1 Jurisdiction, generally (or lack thereof), of Units, Districts, the ACBL and Tournament Disciplinary Committees

2.1.5 Limits on the Jurisdiction of Disciplinary Bodies.

2.2 Original vs. Appellate jurisdiction of unit and District Disciplinary Bodies.

4.3.2 Additional Reason for Administrative Suspension.

4.4.2 Requirements when Suspension Pending Hearing is in effect.

5.1.11 Advocate/Presenter

5.1.18 Advisor for Committees of Original Jurisdiction.

5.2 Specific Procedures for the conduct of hearings by a Unit Disciplinary Committee, District Disciplinary Committee, the Ethical Oversight Committee, and the ACBL Disciplinary Committee.

5.3.4 Hearing Held Following Tournament.

5.3.14 Additional Discipline Recommended.

7.0 Appeals to a Unit Disciplinary Committee.

7.1.1 Right to Appeal a Disciplinary Body's Decision.

7.4.5 Rights of Parties to the Appeal or Automatic Review.

7.4.6 Representation Provided for ACBL-Related Entities.

7.4.7 Advisor for Committees of Appellate Jurisdiction.

8.4 Authority to grant stay.

10.3 Publication of Disciplinary Cases.

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District Recorders will appoint Assistant Recorders. If a Unit requests that one of its members be an Assistant Recorder, such a request shall not be unreasonably denied.

Management will make the necessary changes in the Codification and in the CDR to facilitate this change.

Effective January 1, 2020

### **Item 192-13: Voluntary Relinquishment of Titles and Second-Place Finishes**

Chapter I – Membership, H. Awards and Trophies, Section 2 – Trophy Assignment Policy and Chapter VIII – North American Bridge Championships, D. Events / Schedules be amended as follows:

## **CHAPTER I - MEMBERSHIP H. AWARDS AND TROPHIES**

### **Section 2 - Trophy Assignment Policy**

#### 2.9. Relinquishment of Title.

2.9.1 Any ancillary benefit coming from a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in a NABC or NABC+ event will be removed or returned for all members of the relinquishing pair or team. This includes but is not limited to –

2.9.1.1 Any remuneration of any kind shall be returned to the ACBL.

2.9.1.2 Any trophy shall be returned to ACBL. The names of the relinquished players shall be struck from any trophy awarded.

2.9.1.3 Any rank change occurring as a result of the relinquished title shall be rescinded, including but not limited to Grand Life Master.

2.9.1.4 Any masterpoints and any event (such as Blue Ribbon Pairs) qualification shall be removed.

## **CHAPTER VIII - NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS D. EVENTS / SCHEDULES**

### **Section 1 – National-rated events**

#### 1.7 Voluntary Relinquishment of First or Second Place in NABC or NABC+ Events.

1.7.1 If members of a team which contains player(s) convicted of cheating, in the event in question or any others that occurred prior to those player(s) conviction for cheating, that team shall be permitted to voluntarily relinquish their title under the following circumstances –

1.7.2 The team Captain (playing or non-playing) and at least half of the team members not involved in the cheating conviction must concur. If the Captain is non-playing, a unanimous request from the members who played, but not including the convicted cheaters may override the Captain.

1.7.3 Any title or second place finish so relinquished shall be declared “vacated”.

1.7.4 To relinquish any title or second place finish, the team members desiring the relinquishment shall deliver to ACBL Headquarters, or to NABC Tournament Headquarters, a document signed and dated by all concurring team members.

1.7.5 At the discretion of ACBL Management, voluntary relinquishment may be published in the Daily Bulletin at an NABC and/or the monthly ACBL Bulletin.

1.7.6 Any ancillary benefit coming from a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in a NABC or NABC+ event will be removed or returned for all members of the relinquishing pair or team. This includes but is not limited to –

1.7.7 Any remuneration of any kind shall be returned to the ACBL.

1.7.8 Any trophy shall be returned to ACBL. The names of the relinquished players shall be struck from any trophy awarded.

1.7.9 Any rank change occurring as a result of the relinquished title shall be rescinded, including but not limited to Grand Life Master.

1.7.10 Any masterpoints and any event (such as Blue Ribbon Pairs) qualification shall be removed.

1.7-8 See Appendix 8-D for the schedule of national-rated events.

**Item 192-15: 4-Session Regional Events**  
**Second Reading**

Codification Chapter XIII – General Tournament Information - Appendix 13 B - Masterpoint Computations, Sectional/Regional Tournament Events, C. - Regional Events – Unrestricted Events, 3 - Four Session Regional Event is amended as follows:

For those unrestricted four session Regional events, other than Knockouts, the Masterpoint awards shall be computed by formula increased by 60% and not to exceed 50 masterpoints.

Effective August 1, 2019

**Item 192-16: Flight C CNT Championship and the CMT Championship**  
**Second Reading**

Codification Chapter XIII – General Tournament Information - Appendix 13 B - Masterpoint Computations, International Events and Team Trials, A Canadian Bridge Championship is amended as follows:

The Flight C Canadian National Team Championship and the Canadian Mixed Team Championship be changed from awarding over-all MPs based on the formula to over-all MP awards based on a fixed amount. The Masterpoint Committee will determine a suitable award.

Effective immediately

**Item 192-17: Opportunities for ACBL Members Residing Outside  
of the ACBL member countries**

ACBL Management will create two online bridge tournaments, in conjunction with an NABC, which:

- a) Will be limited to players whose residence is outside of the ACBL member countries
- b) Is only open to ACBL members in good standing, i.e., current with their dues
- c) Will provide for the opportunity to win gold, red and silver points

**Item 192-18: Club Incentive**

Moved that: Section D of the Masterpoint Book dealing with Club Awards under the heading **SPECIAL AWARDS IN CLUB EVENTS** be modified as follows:

Club Appreciation Team Games and Upgraded Club Championships – Awards 25% Gold masterpoints, up to a maximum of 1 masterpoint; remaining awards are black.

Effective January 1, 2020

**Item 192-19: Update General Conditions of Contest**

The revised General Conditions of Contest attached to this motion as [Exhibits A-1 to A-6](#) are approved.

Effective August 1, 2019

**Item 192-20: GNT Special Conditions of Contest**

The revised 2019-2020 Grand National Teams (GNT) Conditions of Contest to this motions as [Exhibit B-1](#) be approved.

Effective date: September 1, 2019

**Item 192-21: General Conditions of Contest for STaCs**

The revised General Conditions of Contest for STaCs to this motion as [Exhibit C-1](#) be approved.

Effective August 1, 2019

**Item: 192-22: Permanent Unit Residency**

Each ACBL member shall be assigned a Permanent Unit Affiliation (“PUA”). A member’s PUA shall be based on the member’s primary physical residence. Once a PUA has been assigned to a member, the PUA shall not change unless the member moves to a new primary physical residence.

Upon implementation of this procedure, any member who has multiple physical residences will be required to declare his PUA.

Each member shall also maintain a mailing address (“MA”), which may be the same as or different from the PUA. A member’s MA may be changed at any time and as frequently as the member chooses.

The Unit portion of a member’s dues shall be credited to the member’s PUA.

A member’s eligibility for Grand National Teams, North American Open Pairs or any similar event will be based on the member’s PUA.

Effective immediately

**Item 192-23: BBO Robot Daylong Tournaments**

Codification Chapter VI – Club Sanctioned Games, A. ACBL Sanctions for Club Masterpoint Games Section, 6 – Daylong Robot Tournaments be amended to increase the number of Robot Daylong Tournaments per day hosted by BBO:

6.1. Up to four ~~Two~~ sanctioned daylong online robot games may be held daily per approved online club: ~~one IMP and one matchpoint~~. Up to 18 hours are allowed for play. Each daylong game will play either 12 or 18 boards.

Effective immediately

**Item 192-24: Use of Tournament Assistants at ACBL Sanctioned Tournaments**

Codification Chapter XIII – General Tournament Information – G. Tournament Directors, Finance and Tournament Assistants – Section 3, Tournament Assistants (Formerly entitled Tournament Computer Operator Technicians in Canada) be replaced in its entirety with the text contained in the document titled Use of Tournament Assistants at ACBL Sanctioned Tournaments.

**Use of Tournament Assistants  
at ACBL Sanctioned Tournaments**

Tournament Assistants (TAs) are contractors/employees of the Unit or District sponsoring a tournament and are not employees of the ACBL. ACBL’s Tournament Directors are not to assist the Tournament Sponsor in recruiting, determining pay rates, scheduling and/or paying TAs, Caddies or other employees, contactors, or volunteers of the Unit/District.

**Use of Tournament Assistants**

- TAs must have passed the ACBL Tournament Assistant accreditation exam and meet the approval of the tournament Director-in-Charge (DIC).
- TAs will not be included or noted as staff in ACBL's tournament management systems such as TourneyTRAX, nor in tournament advertising.
- The specific work assignment of the TA can be defined by the DIC. The ACBL's Tournament Directors may convey their scheduling needs and preferred qualifications to the Tournament Sponsor in advance of hiring any employees.
- TAs are not to be used in lieu of part-time or full-time ACBL Tournament Directors who do not incur hotel or significant transportation expenses or when such expenses are nearly equivalent.
- A TA may not be used when, in the opinion of ACBL Tournament Management, that use precludes the use and training of an ACBL-employed Tournament Director without providing the sponsor with a substantial financial benefit or substantial increase in directing capability. The determination of "substantial" rests with ACBL Tournament Management.
- If tournament attendance is lower than expected, the DIC will discuss with the Tournament Sponsor the laying off Tournament Assistants before Tournament Directors.

**Tournament Sponsor Acknowledgement Form**

- The ACBL will provide this document, which must be completed for all tournaments using TAs. The document must be signed by the District/Unit President or by the Tournament Chairperson, indicating that:
  - The sponsor recruited and arranged for the TA work with no involvement from an ACBL employee.
  - The TAs and any other employee or contractor hired by the Unit/District will be paid directly by the sponsor.
  - The sponsor is responsible for, and will ensure that all required reports including 1099/W2 tax reporting documents are filed with the proper agencies. All employment issues such as compensation, payroll taxes, insurance, etc. are the sole responsibility of the sponsoring organization.

Effective August 1, 2019

**Item 192-25: Senior Age**

the definition of a "Senior" for the purposes of participation in all NABC events designated as 'Senior' be changed from a minimum of 60 years of age to 65 years of age. Also, that NABC events designated as "Super Senior" be changed from a minimum of 70 years of age to 75 years of age. Finally, the requirements for earning a "Silver Ribbon" qualification be changed from 60 to 65 years of age.

Effective date: January 1, 2020

**Item 192-30: Stipend Payment**

Codification Chapter IV – Board Procedures, B. Expenses – Section 4 – Board of Directors Stipend be revised to the following



## Section 4 – Board of Directors’ Stipend

4.1 The President of the ACBL, each District Director and the Chair of the Board of Governors will receive ~~an amount of \$1,000 three times per year to reflect up to \$3000 annually in reimbursement for~~ travel to ~~District and Unit~~ Unit/District events, telephone expenses, ~~and other mailings and miscellaneous office expenses connected with the office of District Director and Chair of the Board of Governors~~ expenses related to their office. ~~Each individual will be required to submit receipts within 6 months of the occurrence of the expense but no later than March 1 of the subsequent year.~~

~~4.2 Extraordinary expenses incurred as a committee member will be considered for additional reimbursement.~~

Effective January 1, 2020

### **Item 192-35: Month of Funding** **Deferred from Spring 2019 Memphis**

Codification Chapter V- Charity, Foundations and Special Funds, B. Charity and Fund Games – Clubs be changed with Section 2.2 to now read “The month of February is designated as Education Foundation Fund month. Monies raised from Education Foundation Charity Games shall be distributed to the Education Foundation.

Renumber current section 2.2 through 2.6 to 2.3 through 2.7.

### **Item 192-36 I/N Tournament Staffing**

Chapter X – Sectionals, D. Operations, Section 1 – Staffing, 1.1.4.2 be amended as follows:

Section 1 – Staffing

1.1.4.2 If ACBL hand records are used, the normal charge applies. ~~If an ACBL employee submits results to ACBL Live or provides any other support, the tournament will be charged a fee of \$50 over and above all other fees and charges.~~ ~~If an ACBL employee submits results to ACBL Live or provides any other support, the tournament will be charged a fee of \$50 over and above all other fees and charges.~~

Effective immediately

### **Item 192-37: Guest Membership**

1. Codification Chapter I – Membership, A. Membership Section, 2 – Definitions and Rights of ACBL Membership be amended to add guest member definition:

2.2 Classes of Membership

2.2.8 Guest member:

2.2.8.1 May join ACBL at no cost;

2.2.8.2 Former members may renew as a guest member, granted that they never achieved the ACBL masterpoint rank of Junior Master;

2.2.8.3 Membership renewal is required every 12 months;

2.2.8.4 The guest membership benefits shall be defined by management policy. Benefits may be adjusted according to recruitment and upgrading rates;

2.2.8.5 The following benefits shall not be available to guest members:

- a. A subscription to the printed version of the Bridge Bulletin
- b. Promotion to the rank of Junior Master
- c. Credit of masterpoints other than black or unpigmented

2. Codification Chapter I – Membership, C. Dues and Life Master Service Fees be amended as follows to restrict guest members’ ability to accrue masterpoints earned before joining the ACBL:

1.1.4 New General Members may provide club rating point receipts and/or references to points won at tournaments. Upon verification, the points won, to a maximum of 20, at clubs and/or tournaments will be credited to the member’s record upon joining becoming a General Member for the first time.

3. Codification subsection 2.1 of Chapter I - Membership, A. Membership, Section 2 be updated as below to restrict elections rights for guest members:

#### 2.1 Membership Rights

In accordance with Article III, Section 3.2 of the ACBL Bylaws, the following voting rights, term, characteristics, rights, limitations and obligations shall attach to all classes of membership as follows:

- 2.1.1 With the exception of guest members, all other classes shall have the right to vote in any election in which the General Membership is the electorate as long as he or she is a member in good standing;
- 2.1.2 Shall have an obligation to adhere to the rules and regulations of the ACBL;
- 2.1.3 Shall have such limitations as imposed by rules and regulations of the ACBL or actions of an ACBL disciplinary body;
- 2.1.4 With the exception of guest members, all other classes shall be able to run for an elected ACBL position as long as he or she is 18 years of age or older and there are no other age requirements for the position.

4. Codification subsection 2.3.3 in Chapter I - Membership, A. Membership, Section 2 be updated as below to restrict guest member participation in national-rated events:

2.3.3 In order to participate in a National-rated event at an NABC, a person must be an ACBL member whose service fee or dues is current. Guest members are not allowed to participate in such events.

- Codification Chapter I, Part C, Section 4 be eliminated entirely to eliminate the Temporary Membership (existing Temporary Memberships will be valid until the end of their current term):

~~Section 4 – Temporary Membership (Effective March 1, 2018)~~

- ~~4.1 A Temporary Membership will be available only for players who have not been previously a regular ACBL member. However, a member who has only held a Temporary Membership may buy another Temporary Membership.~~
- ~~4.2 Temporary members can only be referred by a teacher, club, or tournament. The referring teacher, club or tournament will receive a recruitment bonus.~~
- ~~4.3 Temporary memberships are valid for one month.~~
- ~~4.4 During the membership period, a Temporary Member is a General Member with the same rights and obligations as full membership members.~~
- ~~4.5 A Temporary Member will become inactive after the expiration of her/his Temporary Membership.~~

- Codification Chapter I, Part C, Section 5 be updated to eliminate the row "Temporary Membership":

	<del>1-month</del>	1-year	3-year
<del>Temporary</del>	<del>\$7.99</del>		
Junior		\$5	
Regular		\$4 9	\$117
Household		\$8 2	\$216
Life Member		\$4 6	\$108
Patron (Individual)		\$275	\$750
Patron Household)		\$375	\$1050

- Codification subsection 4.2.2 of Chapter I - Membership, A. Membership, Section 4 – Readmission be deleted to eliminate a codified, permanent amnesty rule to allow management more flexibility for designing, testing and implementing campaigns for recruiting former members:’

~~4.2.2. Any former member who reinstates for a three-year period will have all unrecorded Masterpoints credited at no charge. All Masterpoints earned during the non-member period for which payment is received will be recorded to the extent possible.~~

- Codification subsection 3.3 in Chapter VIII – North American Bridge Championships, C. Finances be updated as below to include guest members in the entry fee surcharge for NABCs:

3.3 At all NABCs, entry fees for non-members, guest members and unpaid Life Masters will be \$4.00 per player per session higher than for ACBL members and Life Masters other members who have paid their dues/service fees. Charity events and events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints are exempted from this requirement.

9. Codification subsection 3.2 in Chapter IX – Regional Tournaments, B. Finances be updated as below to include guest members in the higher entry fee for Regionals:

3.2 Except for charity events, events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints, and active members of the American Bridge Association:

- a. For all Regionals, the sponsoring organization will charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$4.00 per person per session for non-members, guest members and unpaid Life Masters. For tournaments which are hosted in Canada, this fee will be collected in Canadian dollars.

10. Codification subsection 1.4 in Chapter X – Sectionals, B. Finance be updated as below to include guest members in the higher entry fee for Sectionals:

1.4 Except for charity events, events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints, and active members of the American Bridge Association:

- a. For all Sectionals, the sponsoring organization will charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$4 per person per session for non-members, guest members and unpaid Life Masters. For tournaments which are hosted in Canada, the fee will be collected in Canadian dollars.

Effective: As soon as ACBL can implement the changes in all membership-related systems.

### **Item 192-38: WBF Management Meeting**

Codification Chapter VII – International Bridge, A. Zone 2 National Bridge Organizations (NBOs) Section 4 Miscellaneous, be modified to include the following:

- 4.6 The ACBL will sponsor a WBF Management Meeting to be held at the 2019 San Francisco NABC. The ACBL shall provide up to 50 room nights including one junior suite for up to five nights; light refreshments during the meetings; up to four lunches for ten people during the meetings; and appropriate meeting space for up to four days. The expenditure for hotel rooms, food and beverage shall not exceed \$10,000.

Effective immediately

## **192-39: Education Fund**

Codification Chapter I – Membership – G. Education be appended as follows:

### **Section 5: Education Fund**

The ACBL shall raise bridge-education funds in the name of the Education Fund rather than the Educational Foundation, except for the “Educational Foundation” check-off box at membership renewal. All money raised from the check-off box shall go to the Educational Foundation without restrictions.

ACBL management shall spend/distribute money raised either directly or indirectly for the Education Fund as follows:

- 40% to the ACBL Educational Foundation. Money distributed to the Educational Foundation shall be unrestricted up to \$50K or the full amount of check-off box donations, whichever is greater. Any additional funds going to the educational foundation shall be restricted to the college program.
- 20% to local bridge education charities throughout ACBL's territory. Recipients in the United States must be 501c3 bridge education organizations. These funds should be distributed for purposes that further the ACBL's education strategy and complement Educational Foundation goals/programs.
- 40% to development of bridge education technology

Management has the discretion to adjust the above percentages, but must report its reasons for so doing to the board no later than the next NABC.

Effective immediately

### **Item 192-40: NABC Regional Event Entry Fees**

Montreal, entry fees for Regional and single session games be either returned to \$16 US or \$20 Canadian. Entry fees for NABC+, NABC and I/N games would remain the same As in Motion 183-42 .

If the Board finds it unacceptable to do this for all ACBL members, a second option would be for this to apply only to Canadian players. If so, this should be well publicized to the Canadian membership.

Effective August 1, 2019

**Item 192-50: Codification Clean-up Project**  
**Deferred from Spring 2019 Memphis**

Codification Chapter I – Membership – H. Awards and Trophies is revised as set forth on [Exhibit A-2](#) to this motion;

**Item 192-60: Conflict of Interest**

Codification Chapter IV, A. Administration, Section 8 – Conflict of Interest be amended as follows:

**8.1 Purpose.**

*The purpose of these standards is to provide safeguards to members of the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League (the "League") from: (1) using their Board positions for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being, motivated by a desire for private financial gain for themselves or others such as those with whom they have family, business or other ties; (2) using their Board positions for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being, motivated by a desire to support a non-financial interest for themselves or others such as those with whom they have family, business or other ties; (3) violating their duty to the League by inappropriately disclosing confidential information about the League, and (4) any other acts which may constitute, or may appear to constitute, a conflict of interest.*

*This policy is intended to supplement but not replace the League's Bylaws and applicable state and federal laws governing conflicts of interest.*

...

**8.3 Non-Financial Interest.** A "Non-Financial Interest" shall be defined as an interest, not involving financial gain, which might lead an independent observer reasonably to question whether a Board member's actions or decisions in connection with the League are influenced by considerations of such outside interest. Non-Financial Interests include, but are not limited to, personal (direct or indirect through relatives and friends), bridge related and professional interests.

*A Non-Financial Interest shall not exist in connection with a member of the Board of Directors of the League serving as an officer or director of a League District or Unit. ~~or Conference. Nor shall a Non-Financial Interest be created by a Board member's service (whether by appointment or election) on behalf of, or as a representative of, the League to any other entity or organization, or as a board member or officer of a League-related foundation such as the Charity Foundation, the Education Foundation and the Foundation for the Preservation of Bridge.~~*

Effective immediately

**Item 192-63: Increase Novice Member Retention**  
Second Reading Required

The multiplier for players with fewer than 5 masterpoints (currently 0.3) and between 5 and 10 masterpoints (currently 0.4) in club games and/or within strata for limited or open games both be changed to 0.5;

The depth of session awards for players with fewer than 10 masterpoints in newcomer club games and/or within strata for limited or open games (currently 40%, as all other games) be changed to 60%; and

These changes will apply to both regular club games and to special games held at clubs.

**Effective date:** As soon as ACBL can implement the changes in ACBLscore/MP Engine pending second reading