

APPEALS & CHARGES COMMITTEE

Item 182-02AC: CDR Regulations

The changes to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations as set forth in Attachment 1 to this motion be, and hereby are, approved.

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/2018AtlantaMotions.pdf>

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Item 182-10AU: Updated Whistleblower Policy

The Whistleblower Policy in Codification Ch. II – Business Management, B. Employees and Consultants, be revised as follows:

Section 4 – Corporate Compliance and Whistleblower Policy

- 4.1 The ACBL requires directors, officers, ~~and~~ employees and volunteers to observe high standards of business and personal ethics in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. As employees and representatives of the ACBL, we must practice honesty and integrity in fulfilling our responsibilities and comply with all applicable laws, regulations and internal regulations.
- 4.2 Reporting Responsibility - It is the responsibility of all directors, officers, ~~and~~ employees and volunteers to report any actions taken by or within the ACBL that is illegal, fraudulent or in violation of any adopted policy of the ACBL (hereinafter referred to as “ethics-violations”) or suspected violations in accordance with this Whistleblower Policy.
- 4.3 No Retaliation - No director, officer, ~~or~~ employee or volunteer who in good faith reports an ~~ethics~~-violation shall suffer intimidation, harassment, or other retaliation or, in the case of employees, adverse employment consequence (or adverse consequence to the position the director, ~~or~~ officer or volunteer holds). Any person who retaliates against someone who has reported a violation in good faith is subject to discipline up to and including termination of employment or removal from office or position. This Whistleblower Policy is intended to encourage and enable employees and others to raise serious concerns within ACBL prior to seeking resolution outside ACBL.
- 4.4 Reporting Violations - ACBL has an open-door policy and suggests that directors, officers, employees and volunteers share their questions, concerns, suggestions or complaints with someone who can address them properly. In most cases, an employee’s supervisor is in the best position to address an area of concern. If ~~you are~~ an employee is not comfortable speaking with ~~your~~ their supervisor or ~~you are~~ the employee is not satisfied with ~~you’re~~ his/her supervisor’s response, ~~you are~~ the employee is encouraged to speak with someone in the Human Resources Department or anyone in management whom ~~you are~~ the employee is comfortable in approaching. Supervisors and managers are required to report suspected ~~ethics~~ violations to the ACBL’s Compliance Officer, who has specific and exclusive responsibility to investigate all reported violations, or to the Human Resources Manager who must notify the

Compliance Officer. For suspected fraud, or when ~~you are~~ an employee is not satisfied or is uncomfortable with following ACBL's open door policy, ~~individuals~~ that employee should promptly contact ACBL's Compliance Officer directly. Directors, officers, and volunteers are encouraged to notify the Compliance Officer directly of any suspected violations. ~~When appropriate, the Compliance Officer will notify the Human Resources Manager of reported violations.~~

- 4.5 Compliance Officer -The ACBL's Compliance Officer is responsible for investigating and resolving all reported complaints and allegations concerning violations and, ~~at his/her discretion,~~ shall advise ~~the Chief Executive Officer and/or~~ the Audit Committee (and, at his/her discretion, the Chief Executive Officer). In conducting such investigations, the Compliance Officer shall, where appropriate, seek the assistance of the Human Resources Manager or other ACBL personnel. The Compliance Officer has direct access to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors and is required to report to the Audit Committee at each regular Board meeting ~~least annually~~ on compliance activity. The ACBL's Compliance Officer is the In-House Counsel of the ACBL.
- 4.6 Accounting and Auditing Matters -The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors shall address all reported concerns or complaints regarding corporate accounting practices, internal controls or auditing. The Compliance Officer shall immediately notify the Audit Committee or, in the alternative, when a conflict exists with the Audit Committee, the President of the ACBL, of any such complaint and work with the Audit Committee or the President until the matter is resolved. Directors, officers, ~~and~~ employees and volunteers may also report any concerns in these areas directly to the Chair of the Audit Committee.
- 4.7 Acting in Good Faith - Anyone filing a complaint concerning a violation or suspected violation must be acting in good faith and have reasonable grounds for believing the information disclosed indicates a violation. Any allegations that prove not to be substantiated and which prove to have been made maliciously or knowingly to be false will be viewed as a serious disciplinary offense.
- 4.8 Confidentiality - Violations or suspected violations may be submitted on a confidential basis by the complainant or may be submitted anonymously by phone, email or regular or overnight mail to one of the parties identified in subsection 4.9.2 below. Reports of violations or suspected violations will be kept confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate investigation.
- 4.9 Handling of Reported Violations - The Compliance Officer or the Human Resources Manager will notify the sender, if known, and acknowledge receipt of the reported violation or suspected violation within five business days. All reports will be promptly investigated, and appropriate corrective action will be taken if warranted by the investigation. The person who is the subject of a whistleblower complaint or allegation may not be present at, or participate in, any Board or committee deliberations or vote on the matter relating to that complaint or allegation. However, the board or committee may request that the person who is subject to the complaint or allegation present information as background or answer questions at a committee or Board meeting prior to the commencement of deliberations or voting relating to the matter. If appropriate, the sender will be apprised of the outcome of the investigation. If, after a reasonable period of time the sender believes appropriate action has not been taken

by the party to whom the violation was originally reported, he or she may submit another report to one of the other parties listed below.

4.9.1 **ACBL Management Staff:**

Human Resources ~~Manager~~ ~~Director~~
6575 Windchase Blvd.
Horn Lake, MS 38637-1523
(O) 662-253-3100

4.9.2 **Compliance Officer:**

Linda Dunn, Esq.
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6575 Windchase Blvd.
Horn Lake, MS 38637
(O) 662-253-3182
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4.9.3 **Audit Committee Compliance Officer:**

Audit Committee Chair~~man~~

4.10 Annually, the ACBL Audit Committee will provide a dated/reviewed/approved copy of this Whistleblower Policy to the Human Resources Manager Director for organizational distribution and posting on the ACBL website.

4.11 This Whistleblower Policy shall apply to all directors, officers, employees and volunteers of the ACBL. It does not apply to any director, officer, employee or volunteer of an ACBL-affiliated District, Unit or other ACBL-affiliated organization. Those organizations are encouraged to adopt their own policy.

BRIDGE COMMITTEE

Item 182-20: Masterpoint awards at Sectionals with Concurrent NLM Regionals

Philadelphia 2018 NABC (Second Reading)

CHAPTER IX – REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

C. EVENTS / SCHEDULES

Section 5 – Unrestricted Events at Sectionals be amended as follows:

5.3 An open sectional held concurrently at the same location with a masterpoint restricted regional, shall receive credit for simultaneous tables in the NLM Regional.

CHAPTER X – SECTIONALS

C. EVENTS / SCHEDULES

Section 3 – Unrestricted Events be amended as follows:

3.1 At ~~regional and~~ sectional tournaments, ~~two-session~~ events which are unrestricted in any way (completely open) shall be credited with all tables in play in totally concurrent events (pairs, teams or individual ~~to include tables in play at a concurrent Non-Life Master Regional~~, but not knockouts or continuous pairs) for the purpose of computing overall awards, ~~up to a maximum total of three times the number of tables in play in the unrestricted event~~. In the event that a concurrent NLM Regional is held at the same site, the unrestricted event shall be credited with 65% of any pair or Swiss tables in the NLM Regional held during the same session for the purpose of calculating overall awards.

MATERPOINT AWARDS RULES AND REGULATIONS, JANUARY 2018 SECTIONAL/REGIONALS TOURNAMENTS, EVENTS, CALCULATING THE AWARDS

Section B. Sectional Regulations – Unrestricted Events and Section B. Sectional Regulations – Unrestricted Events, Paragraph be amended as follows:

c. The chapter entitled Sectional/Regional Tournament Events, Calculating the Awards, Section B. Sectional Regulations – Unrestricted Events and Section B. Sectional Regulations – Unrestricted Events, Paragraph 1 in the *Masterpoint Book Rules and Regulations January 2018*, be amended as follows:

B. SECTIONAL REGULATIONS - UNRESTRICTED EVENTS

At Sectional tournaments, two-session events which are unrestricted in any way (completely open) shall be credited with all tables in play in totally concurrent events (pairs, teams or individual ~~to include tables in play at a concurrent Non-Life Master Regional~~, but not knockouts or continuous pairs) for the purpose of computing overall awards, up to a maximum total of three times the number of tables in play in the unrestricted event

At Sectional tournaments, Flighted, Stratified and Stratiflighted events count all tables in all flights/strats to determine the number of tables in the unrestricted event (the A Flight or Strat). Two or more concurrent unrestricted events share equally the available restricted tables as above, but not each other's tables. An unrestricted event with a lower limit and no upper limit is treated as an open event when there is no concurrent open event.

For the purpose of awarding masterpoints, a restricted event that is two sessions morning and afternoon, is deemed to be totally concurrent with a two-session event that is afternoon and evening. However, if a restricted event is scheduled horizontally (same session on different days), it is not deemed to be totally concurrent with a two-session vertical (same day) event.

At Sectional tournaments, one session events which are unrestricted in any way and are not concurrent with either session of a two-session event shall be credited with all tables in play in concurrent events (as above) for the purpose of computing overall awards, up to a maximum total of 3 times the number of tables in play in the unrestricted event. Any two-session unrestricted event at a Sectional receives table credit from all restricted events held either totally concurrent or concurrent with the first session, as above.

1. SECTIONAL STRATIFLIGHTED EVENTS

A Stratiflighted event is a combination of Flighted and Stratified, where the A Flight is a separate event. Flight A may be stratified into two strats (A & X) provided that the limit of the X strat is at least 500 points higher than the limit of B strat. Masterpoint awards for Strat A are calculated using the General Formula based on the number of tables in play in each strat plus all tables in lower strats to include tables in play at a concurrent Non-Life Master Regional.

Masterpoint awards for Strat X are calculated as follows:

1. If the event meets a threshold of either:
 - a. 20 or more actual tables entered in X
 - b. 40% or more of the A & X field is entered in X;then the first place X award is the greater of 105% of the Flight B awards, or the awards based on X only.
 2. If the event does not meet these thresholds, then X receives the greater of:
 - a. $105\% \text{ of Flight B award} * ((X / 0.4) / (A + X))^2$
 - b. $105\% \text{ of Flight B award} * (X / 20)^2$
- c. Award based on X tables only.

Effective Pending Second Reading at Atlanta 2018

Item 182-21: Increase awards NAP/GNT

Philadelphia 2018 NABC (Second Reading)

MASTERPOINT AWARDS RULES AND REGULATIONS, JANUARY 2018
GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS & NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

District Stage Awards for NAP be amended:

Flight A: 2 sessions – ~~24.00~~ 32.00 masterpoints
 3 sessions – ~~30.50~~ 40.00 masterpoints
 4 sessions – ~~36.00~~ 48.00 masterpoints
(Overalls 100% Gold, Section tops Gold, session awards Red at 100% of regional rating)

Flight B: 2 sessions – ~~16.00~~ 22.50 masterpoints
 3 sessions – ~~20.00~~ 28.00 masterpoints
 4 sessions – ~~24.00~~ 33.50 masterpoints
(Overalls 100% Gold, Section tops Gold, session awards Red at 70% of regional rating)

Flight C: 2 sessions – ~~10.00~~ 15.00 masterpoints
 3 sessions – ~~12.50~~ 17.50 masterpoints
 4 sessions – ~~15.00~~ 20.00 masterpoints
(Overall awards and Section Tops 50% Gold, 50% Red, Session awards Red, 50% of regional rating)

District Stage Awards for GNT be amended:

Championship Flight: 2 sessions – ~~24.00~~ 32.00 masterpoints
3 sessions – ~~30.00~~ 40.00 masterpoints
4 session or longer event – ~~36.00~~ 48.00 masterpoints

(Overall awards are Gold. Match awards are 100% regional rated Red)

Flight A: 2 sessions – ~~20.00~~ 27.00 masterpoints
3 sessions – ~~25.00~~ 33.00 masterpoints
4 sessions or longer event – ~~30.00~~ 40.00 masterpoints

(Overall awards are Gold. Match awards are Red and 90% of regional rating)

Flight B: 2 sessions – ~~18.00~~ 22.50 masterpoints
3 sessions – ~~22.00~~ 28.00 masterpoints
4 sessions or longer event – ~~26.00~~ 33.50 masterpoints

(Overall awards are Gold. Match awards are Red and 70% of regional rating)

Flight C: 2 sessions – ~~10.00~~ 15.00 masterpoints
3 sessions – ~~12.50~~ 17.50 masterpoints
4 sessions or longer event – ~~15.00~~ 20.00 masterpoints

(Overall awards are 50% Gold and 50% Red. Match awards are Red and 50% of regional rating)

Effective August 6, 2018

Item 182-22: District 2 Allocation of Regionals

Philadelphia 2018 NABC (Deferred)

District 2 be allocated an additional Regional tournament for 2019.

Item 182-23: Flight AX Pair Events at NABC

Board of Governors

Directors are strongly encouraged to use a movement that will ensure that all pairs in regionally rated flight A (A/X) championship events play the most boards as possible in common.

Effective immediate

Item 182-24: NAP Conditions of Contest Substitutes

Board of Governors

The NAP Conditions of Contest, section on “Substitutes”, Part 2, be amended to read as follows:

Beyond the district final stage, a replacement is permitted only if one member of a pair that qualified to play in the National Final stage is ~~deceased either. The surviving qualifier may select a new partner, who will be fully eligible to play in the National Final stage. The new partner must meet all~~

~~of the eligibility requirements of this event listed. The replacement may not appreciably strengthen or weaken the partnership.~~

- A) Deceased.
 - 1) The surviving qualifier may select a new partner, who will be fully eligible to play in the National Final stage.
- B) Medically diagnosed as being unable to travel to or play in the National Final stage and the medical condition that renders the member unable to travel to or play in the National Final stage was unknown to the member at the time of the District Final.
 - 1) The otherwise qualified member may request permission to obtain a substitute. Either member will have an opportunity to provide medical documentation of the condition. ACBL Management will decide the request fairly and promptly, and is the sole judge of whether a substitute will be allowed. Its decision will be final. If approved, the surviving qualifier may select a new partner, who will be fully eligible to play in the National Final stage.
- C) The new partner must meet all of the eligibility requirements of this event listed. The replacement may not appreciably strengthen or weaken the partnership.

Effective immediately

Item 182-25: U26 Teams Qualified for International Competition

Solely for purposes of bracketing in KO's, Compact KO's and Bracketed Swiss Teams, a player who has qualified to represent his/her NBO in the U26 bracket will be deemed to have an additional 5,000 optional "placement points" from the date of the player's qualification through the commencement of the junior championships for which such player has qualified. The "placement points" shall be used at the option of the player, with the consent of his/her teammates, solely for the purpose of placement in a bracket. The "placement points" will not be considered in the calculation of the Bracket Average Masterpoint holdings and the calculation of the bracket awards.

Effective immediately

Item 182-26BR: Spring 0 -10,000 KO

the Conditions of Contest for the Spring 0-10,000 KO be changed to half-day 28 board matches in place of the current full-day 56 board matches.

Effective date: January 1, 2019

Item 182-27BR: Expand Zero Tolerance Policy

Section 3 – Zero Tolerance in Codification Ch. VIII – North American Bridge Championships, G. Appeals/Recorders, be deleted in its entirety and Chapter I - Membership, D. Goodwill, Ethics and

Zero Tolerance, 3 – Zero Tolerance and Ch. XIII – General Tournament Information, C. Appeals and Recorders, be amended as follows:

CHAPTER I – MEMBERSHIP
D. GOODWILL, ETHICS AND ZERO TOLERANCE

Section 3 - Zero Tolerance

3.1 Zero Tolerance ("ZT") Policy

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

3.1.2 The ultimate purpose of the ZT policy is to create a much more pleasant atmosphere in our ~~NABCs~~ tournaments. 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:

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

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

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

3.2 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.

3.3 Zero Tolerance Procedures - The following procedures have been given to the tournament directors for implementation.

3.3.1. 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.

3.3.2 The director, when called, shall attempt to determine the facts. If it is established that there was unacceptable behavior, an immediate minimum ¼ 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 = $\frac{1}{2}$ board) The Board of Directors strongly believes that assignment of disciplinary penalties will improve the overall behavior at our tournaments.

3.3.3 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. When a player is ejected or ~~in~~ in the case of a serious offense and in the case of multiple offenses (three) during a tournament, the Recorder shall be notified and shall investigate and report to a Charging Party to determine whether a disciplinary committee will ~~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.

3.3.4 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.

3.3.5 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.

3.3.6 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.

CHAPTER VIII – NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

G. APPEALS / RECORDERS

~~Section 3 – Zero Tolerance Policy~~

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- 3.2.1 Being a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table.
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CHAPTER XIII - GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

C. APPEALS, ~~AND~~ RECORDERS AND ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Section 3 – Zero Tolerance

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Effective October 1, 2018

Item 182-28BR: BSAF KO Bracket Changes

A KO event may be scheduled with the first two sessions played as a Round Robin or Swiss to qualify four teams to the semifinals and finals played over the next two sessions. The current Bracket Size Adjustment Factors for KO Team events are replaced by those in the following charts and the rules following the charts apply to the play and awarding of Masterpoints in the semifinal and final matches.

Item 182-29BR: Extend KO Experiments

the experimental method of running KOs as first day qualifying (usually Round Robin) and second day semifinals and finals, with associated increased Masterpoint awards, be extended through December 31, 2018.

Effective immediately

Item 182-30BR: Inter-club championship games

Chapter 6 - Clubs, Section D, Club Championships and Special Events, 4.4 Inter-Club Championship Games be amended as follows:

4.4 Inter-Club Championship Games

~~4.4.1 Clubs may use their quarterly club championship sanction to hold combined games including two or more clubs not necessarily within the same unit. Each participating club must use their club championship allotment and clubs may schedule as many of these games as they have allotted.~~

4.4.2 Overall awards are based on the entire field and the same hands are to be used by participating clubs.

~~4.4.3 This game is to be coordinated by the unit(s) in which the clubs are located and all clubs in the unit(s), sanctioned for the session the game is held, must be allowed to participate.~~

~~4.4.4 This game must be sanctioned by the ACBL at least 60 days in advance of the event.~~

4.4.5¹ ACBL management is authorized to sanction and conduct inter-club championships, which are administered online but played “live.” The ACBL may sanction and conduct the event or the ACBL may hold the sanction and sublet the administration of the event.

~~4.4.6 If requested by a group of clubs, the ACBL may authorize (grant a sanction to) a qualified person to administrate such an online-administered, interclub championship for those clubs. The ACBL may also authorize (grant a sanction to) a qualified person to conduct an online-administered interclub championship or sanction the event.~~

4.4.7³ In addition to a club’s regular club championships, the club may participate in ~~an~~ **additional four** inter-club championships administered online during a time they have a sanctioned game. ~~A club may not use one or all of its regular quarterly club championships to participate in inter-club championships administered electronically.~~

~~4.4.8 The masterpoint awards for this event are the same as inter-club championship administered manually.~~

Item 182-31BR: Daylong Robot Tournaments

Motion 172-15 be amended as follows and Chapter 6 – Clubs, Section A, Club Sanctioned Games, Section 6 Daylong Robot Tournaments be amended to conform to 172-15

Item 172-15: Daylong Robot Tournaments

- A. Two sanctioned daylong online robot games may be held daily per approved online club: 1 IMP, 1 match point. Up to 18 hours are allowed for play. Each daylong game will play either 12 or 18 boards
- B. Masterpoint awards for one-session daylong robot games will be as follows:
 - 1) Section awards capped at current 15 table level.
 - 2) Overall awards for 100+ participants shall be:
 - a) 2.50 for 1st place with 18 boards in play or 1.50 for 1st place with 12 boards (40% reduction) with depth and subsequent award per formula.
 - b) Duplicate awards shall be awarded for each additional 100 participants.
 - c) Sanction fees to be ~~\$2.00~~ \$1.00 per table for 18 boards and ~~\$1.00~~ \$0.55 per table for 12 boards.

Section 6 – Daylong Robot Tournaments

- ~~6.1 — Up to 18 hours are allowed for play.~~
- ~~6.2 — Each daylong game will play a minimum of 18 boards.~~
- ~~6.3 — Masterpoint awards for one-session daylong games are as follows:~~
 - ~~6.3.1 — Sanction awards capped at current 15 table level.~~
 - ~~6.3.2 — Overall awards for 100+ participants shall be:~~
 - ~~6.3.2.1 — 2.50 for 1st place with depth and subsequent award per formula~~
 - ~~6.3.2.2 — Duplicate awards shall be awarded for each additional 100 participants~~
- ~~6.4 — Sanction fees to be \$2.00 per table.~~

Item 182-32BR: Regional Charity Games

Chapter IX – REGIONALS, REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING AND SANCTIONING, Section 1. Regional Tournament Scheduling be amended:

~~1.6 All single-session events, except Side Series Pairs on the first day of a full seven-day regional must be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these.~~

1.6 The minimum monetary contributions for fund, foundation or charity games held at a Regional is \$7.00 per table, per session.

1.7 All single-session events, except Side Series Pairs, or events restricted to Non-Life Masters, on the first day of a full seven-day regional must be Charity Games. The first session of these events must be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation,

the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these. Events held during a subsequent session on the first day of a seven-day Regional may be run for the benefit of one of the above listed funds or an approved charity selected by the sponsor.

1.7.1 Single session events of a six and one-half day, six-day or five-day Regional held during the first session must be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these. A subsequent single session event may be run for the benefit of one of the above listed funds or an approved charity selected by the sponsor.

1.7.8 A regional may run two-session gold point events on the first day of the tournament. In addition, a regional may schedule the first two sessions of a KO event on the first day of the tournament.

1.7.8.1 The first session of all two-session, gold point events on the first day of a full seven-day regional must be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these.

1.7.8.2 The second session of all two-session, gold point events on the first day of a full seven-day regional must be run for the benefit of one of the above listed funds or an approved charity selected by the sponsor.

1.8.9 In addition, a one-session event that is run for the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund, or the Canadian equivalent of these may be held during any day of a regional. ~~The minimum monetary contributions for the above-listed fund, foundation or charity games is \$7.00 per table, per session.~~

1.9 through 1.14 renumbered to be 1.10 – 1.15

Effective immediately for all tournaments where schedules have not already been approved.

Item 182-33BR: GNT Special Conditions of Contest

GNT Special Conditions of Contest - incentives qualifying team ACBL Grand National Teams Special Conditions of Contest would change as follows:

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2017-2018 ACBL SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST GENERAL

1) This is a team event in which each ACBL district will name a district champion in each category by means of a fair competition that is not necessarily the same from district to district. In districts in which there were at least 8 teams competing in a B or C flight in the district final, a second team in that flight will also be considered eligible to compete in the national final of their respective category.

2) A player may represent the district in only one flight at the national final. Eligible extra teams in the national final will not be subsidized in any way by the ACBL.

Item 182-34BR: Instant Matchpoint

Section D, Special Games at Clubs of the MPBOOK be modified to read:

ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game – Section tops include 1.00 gold masterpoints; remaining awards are 50% Black/50% Red masterpoints This shall include section tops for any flight/strata with a masterpoint limit of 750 or more.

Effective August 1, 2018

Item 182-35BR: Open Game Awards

Section A: Open Game Awards of the MPBOOK be modified to read:

For section awards, the lowest strata must have at least three pairs ~~in a Howell movement or five pairs in a Mitchell movement.~~

Effective immediately

Item 182-36BR: Simplify Handicap Game

Chapter VI – Club Sanctioned Games, B. Types of Club Masterpoint Games, Section 5 – Other Club Games 5.2 Handicap Games be modified as follows:

- 5.2.1 Clubs may establish handicaps by ~~averaging a player's previous performances in comparable club game sessions or by~~ considering the player's ACBL rank.

Also, moved that Chapter VI – Club Sanctioned Games, B. Types of Club Masterpoint Games, Section 6 – Miscellaneous Rules Relating to Club Masterpoint Games, be modified as follows:

- 6.2.1 The masterpoint awards for club handicap games ~~can be as currently given at the discretion of the club as follows: a) 100% awards for scratch winners for the class of game involved. b) 50% awards for handicap winners. c) Players receive the higher of the awards, but not both~~ will be calculated at 100% both with and without the handicap. Players will receive the higher of the two awards, but not both.

Effective January 1, 2019

Item 182-37BR: Section A: Depth of Awards of the Masterpoint

Section A: Depth of Awards of the Masterpoint Book be amended as follows:

For more than 10 tables, additional awards will be given if the calculated award is not less than ~~one (1.00)~~ one-half (0.50) masterpoint. The depth of the award is at least 10% of the number of pairs in the field, up to a maximum of 25% of the number of pairs in the field.

Also, that similar references for teams and individual games be amended to 0.50 as the minimum award.

Effective January 1, 2019

Item 182-38BR: Limited One-Day Sectionals

Chapter X – SECTIONALS, A. GENERAL, Section 1 – Sectional Tournament Allocations be amended as follows:

1.5 A Unit may not schedule more than ~~three~~ six one-day Limited Sectionals in any calendar year.

Effective immediately, for any new sanction applications.

Item 182-39BR: Masterpoint for Regular Club Games

the “Masterpoints for Regular Club Games” section of the Masterpoint Book be revised as follows:

Masterpoints for Regular Club Games

A sanctioned club game awards masterpoints to approximately 40% of the contestants in each session. Section awards for all games (open, invitational, restricted, and newcomer) are based on the number of pairs, teams, or individuals in each group.

The size or denomination of a masterpoint award is determined by a formula that takes into account the level of competition and the number of tables.

♠ CALCULATING THE AWARDS

Section awards for all games (open, invitational, restricted and newcomer) are based on the number of pairs, teams or individuals in each group. For example, an eight-table Mitchell movement is two groups of eight pairs. A five-table Howell movement is one group of ten pairs. In a Mitchell movement, a half table will be treated as though it were a full table. For example, seven and a half tables would be eight pairs in each group while a five and a half table Howell is eleven pairs in the comparison group. Depth of awards is 40% times the number of pairs in the comparison group, rounded to the nearest whole number with .5 rounded up. For overall awards, a half table is counted as a full table.

A. OPEN GAME AWARDS

Open games award .10 MP per table for first place in each group. The second place award is 70% of 1st, third is 50% of 1st, fourth is 35%, fifth is 1/5 and sixth is 1/6, etc. This applies to all open sections for pair, and individual games. The maximum section award is 1.50 masterpoints. Stratified pairs may be conducted with two or three strata. The lower strata may have any upper masterpoint limitations suitable for a club, with masterpoint awards calculated as if they were independent restricted games. For section awards, the lowest strata must have at least three pairs ~~in a Howell movement or five pairs in a Mitchell movement~~. For overall awards, the lowest strata must have five pairs, regardless of movement.

1. MARGIN FOR RANKING FINISHERS

Score adjustments, carryovers and raw scores will be rounded to two decimal places, with .01 constituting a margin of separation for ranking and masterpoints. Any margin between contestants will be sufficient separation for purposes of qualification.

2. SEEDING

Seeding means specifically seating strong pairs (or weak pairs) in a manner such that, relative to the movement, every contestant plays against a group of opponents of approximately the same strength. In a one-section event, both directions should be balanced. In a multi-section event, all fields should be balanced. In two-session events, the balance should be maintained for both sessions.

If there is an active effort to seat all strong pairs in one direction and the weak pairs in the other, the session must be classified as an invitational/restricted game. Further, if all strong pairs are seated in one section and all weak pairs in another, the strong section qualifies as open, and the other section becomes restricted/invitational.

Seeding is not mandatory for any regular masterpoint games. All seating may be random by luck of the draw or on a first-come, first-served basis. Regular masterpoint games generally are not seeded, but all events with club championship or higher rating should be seeded.

3. AWARDS FOR TIED POSITIONS

When two pairs tie for the same position, the appropriate individual masterpoint awards are determined by adding the masterpoints for that position and the next lower position; the members of each pair then receive half of that total. If three pairs tie for a position, the masterpoints for that position and the next two lower positions are added, and the members of each pair receive one-third of that total. In the unlikely event that four or more pairs tie for the same position, this mathematical procedure continues to the appropriate level to determine the masterpoint awards for the members of each pair.

When there is a two-way tie for the last position awarding masterpoints, the next lower award is calculated. This is added to the last place award, and the sum is divided between the two pairs.

4. NUMBER OF BOARDS

An open pair game must have a minimum of two and a half tables. A two table individual with a one winner movement or a two table team game (match awards only) is allowed. In any open club game, every contestant must be scheduled to play a minimum of 18 boards to receive full masterpoint awards.

Sanctioned clubs may hold shortened regular open games with a minimum number of boards played of 12 - 17. Masterpoints are awarded at 60% of the award for open games.

B. INVITATIONAL/RESTRICTED GAMES AWARDS

1. INVITATIONAL GAMES

An invitational game is one that limits or places restrictions (other than masterpoint holding) on who can participate in its events. Some common restrictions include:

- ♠ Members and guests of the organization that holds the sanction (such as country club or fraternal organization).
- ♠ Personnel (and their families and guests) of industries that are currently participating in commercial and industrial leagues
- ♠ Sections or directions segregated according to strong and weak pairs
- ♠ Strong players forbidden to play as partners
- ♠ Husbands and wives only
- ♠ Life Masters excluded or required to play with non-Life Masters
- ♠ Members of one sex only

Eligibility may be restricted for any reason except those that violate ACBL regulations.

Invitational games award .08 masterpoint per pair for first place in each group. Other placements are based on the same percentages as for Open clubs. The maximum section award is 1.20 masterpoints. The same awards are used for men's/women's, mixed, pro-am and senior games in both Open and Invitational clubs.

2. RESTRICTED GAMES

A restricted game is one that limits participation based upon the masterpoint holding of the participants. An upper limit is defined for the game and no player holding more than that value should be allowed to participate. In limited circumstances, a player holding more than the limit may be allowed to participate (such as to fill a half table), but the pair in question are ineligible to earn masterpoints.

Restricted games determine their first place awards using a scale value based upon the masterpoint limitation of the game, multiplied by the pairs in each group. Other placements are based on the same percentages as for Open clubs.

The scale values per masterpoint limitation are as follows:

<u>Upper Limit</u>	<u>Multiplier</u>
300 or more masterpoints but not Open	0.8
200 masterpoints	0.7
50 masterpoints	0.6
20 masterpoints	0.5
10 masterpoints	0.4
5 masterpoints	0.3

If a club elects to use limits between the defined values, the multiplier used is that for the lower limit value. So, a game with a 100 masterpoint limit would use the same 0.6 multiplier as a game with a 50 masterpoint limit.

C. NEWCOMER GAME AWARDS

A newcomer game is limited to players who hold fewer than 20 masterpoints, although a club can set a lower maximum, such as one masterpoint, if it so desires. A newcomer game is conducted to acquaint new players with duplicate bridge and to encourage participation by inexperienced players.

A newcomer pair game must consist of at least two and a half tables. However, there are masterpoint awards for two table newcomer games conducted as individuals or team games. Participants must be scheduled to play a minimum of six boards.

ACBL recognizes that some relatively skilled players, through failure to register their club masterpoints, retain masterpoint eligibility to participate in newcomer events inappropriate to their skill and/or experience. When the director or club management determines that the ability of a player is vastly superior to that of the other newcomer game participants, the club may refuse entry of that player in its newcomer events. In such a case, the director should advise the player, as diplomatically as possible, that he or she is too proficient to play in the newcomer game. The director should encourage the player instead to participate in the club's games with a higher masterpoint limitation or the open games.

1. PLAYERS WITH 20 OR MORE MASTERPOINTS

Subject to specified conditions, a club may allow one or two players who hold 20 or more masterpoints to play in a newcomer game. This would be the case when there is a single newcomer player available whose participation would eliminate a half table movement. For example, if there were 13 pairs plus one single, there would be a six and a half table game which, by adding a player, would become seven tables. In this instance, the club may allow one non-newcomer to play.

In addition, when there are an odd number of newcomer pairs entered, resulting in a half table movement, the club may allow two non-newcomer players to participate if each plays with a newcomer partner. If a Mitchell type movement is used, then the two newcomer/non-newcomer pairs must sit in opposite directions. These pairs are ineligible for masterpoint awards from the newcomer event. In no case may the two non-newcomer players play as partners.

2. LOSS OF RANKING

Pairs in which one partner is a non-newcomer will not receive masterpoints and will not be ranked. For example, if an ineligible pair earns sufficient matchpoints to have finished second, that pair is not ranked. Instead, the third place pair is ranked second and receives the second place masterpoint awards. In such a case, all lower ranked pairs move up one rank, accordingly.

3. MASTERPOINT AWARDS

Newcomer games award masterpoints per the masterpoint limitation as in a restricted game, or the values defined based upon the number of boards played. If the number of boards played is less than twelve, the masterpoint value is the same as in a game limited to 5 masterpoints (0.3 per pair in group).

D. OVERALL AWARDS FOR LARGE CLUB GAMES

Club games with more than one section may issue overall awards comparing all the sections. Club games with a single section exceeding fifteen tables may also issue overall awards. Awards may not exceed 4.00 for Open clubs, 3.20 for Invitational clubs and 3.00 for Newcomer clubs. Second place would be 75% of first, third 75% of second, etc. through a maximum of six places.

1. PAIR AWARDS – SECTION OR OVERALL

Pairs receive their section awards or their overall award, whichever is greater, but not both. For example, a pair whose section award was 0.50 and whose overall award was 0.65 would be credited with 0.65 masterpoints. Conversely, a pair with a section award of 0.90 and an overall award of only 0.75 would be credited with the 0.90 masterpoints.

2. ADJUSTMENTS TO SECTION AWARDS

For large games, the section masterpoint awards formula for lower placements is modified to provide a smooth transition from fifteen to sixty pairs. The following applies for 16 to 59 pairs:

1. Calculate the placing award using the scale for overall awards for 4 session events. Second is 75% of first; third is 75% of second; lower placements use the formula:

$$A_p = (A_1 * 4) / (p + 5)$$

where A_p is the masterpoint award for a place position, A_1 is the first in section award (1.50 by regulation) and p is the place position of the pair.

2. Calculate the placing award using the existing club scale for first place without the 1.50 regulation cap.
3. Compare the placing awards from #1 and #2 above and use the lower award.

So, as an example, the fourth place award in a twenty table game would be the lower of the values of #1 and #2. The formula in #1 gives a value of $(1.50 * 4) / (4 + 5) = 6 / 9 = 0.67$. The value under #2 would be $(0.35) * (20 * 0.1) = 0.70$. Accordingly, 0.67 would be the award given. In contrast, the fifth place award would use #2, where the value would be 0.40, in comparison to the 0.60 derived from #1.

D. OTHER CLUB GAMES

1. CRUISE CLUBS

Games held under special sanctions for sea and land cruises award masterpoints that are restricted based upon the number of boards played in the event. If the games are between 12-17 boards, the masterpoints are 50% of the award for a similarly sized Open club game. If 18 or more boards are played, then the award is 80% of an Open game. Cruise clubs are allowed to hold one club championship for every fourteen days they are at sea. The masterpoint awards from the championship use the same reductions based upon the boards in play.

2. ONLINE CLUBS

Sanctioned online games award masterpoints that have no pigmentation ("colorless"). The total number of masterpoints available to be awarded in an online club game is the same as in a comparably sized face-to-face game.

~~3. SERIES GAMES AT CLUBS~~

~~For series games at clubs, four or more game sessions are required. The masterpoint bonus to the winning player shall equal .02 times the number of tables in play for all games in which he or she participated. This bonus cannot exceed 1.5 masterpoints for an open game or 1.2 masterpoints for an invitational game. Second place earns 75% of the award for first and third place earns 75% of the second place award. Clubs may use their own methodology for determining winners.~~

~~A club may run a series game over any reasonable period except each club game may only be a part of one series. The club manager may specify a minimum number of game sessions played to be eligible. Clubs may wish to consider a proviso that eligibility requires participation with a minimum of two or more different partners.~~

3. FLIGHTED EVENTS AT CLUBS

Open clubs that run open events concurrent with masterpoint restricted events may add the table count from the restricted event to that of their open game for determining the masterpoint awards for the open event. If the Open event is stratified (field divided based upon masterpoint levels into additional comparison fields within the event), then this addition only applies to the awards for

the unrestricted Open field; lower restricted fields are based solely upon the table count within their field in the event. This addition may only be used by Open games; Invitational or Restricted games are not eligible.

Clubs that run Newcomer (under 20 masterpoint) events concurrent with their regularly sanctioned games may include the table count from the newcomer event to that of their regular game for determining the masterpoint awards for their game. This addition applies to all comparison fields in the regular game.

Special Club Games ~~and the General Formula~~

The ACBL authorizes clubs to offer a variety of special games which provide increased ~~masterpoints based upon the masterpoint formula used at tournaments. This formula (called the General Formula) calculates awards differently than the one used in regular club masterpoint games. For these club special games, the magnitude of the masterpoint award is a function of a number of factors:~~

- ~~♠ — The number of tables entered in the event.~~
- ~~♠ — The classification of the event.~~
- ~~♠ — The number of sessions in the event.~~
- ~~♠ — The masterpoint limitations of the event.~~
- ~~♠ — The type of event, such as individual, pairs, Swiss teams, board a match teams, etc.~~

The ACBL has divided the special games that clubs can hold into two groups, based upon the classification rating used as a variable in the General Formula assigned to those events.

Club Special Games Class I – Rating 150% of Standard Masterpoint Game:

- ♠ Club Championship Game
- ♠ Unit Championship Game
- ♠ Inter-Club Championship Game
- ♠ Special Fund Games (Junior Fund, Charity Fund, International Fund, Grass Roots Fund & Educational Foundation)

Club Special Games Class II – Rating 200% of Standard Masterpoint Game:

- ♠ Club Appreciation Game (Pairs & Team)
- ♠ Club Membership Game
- ♠ Upgraded Club Championship
- ♠ ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game
- ♠ North American Pairs
- ♠ Grand National Teams
- ♠ ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs
- ♠ ACBL-Wide Charity Game
- ♠ World Wide Bridge Contest
- ♠ ACBL-Wide International Fund Game
- ♠ ACBL-Wide International Fund Game – Canada
- ♠ GNT Fund Raiser Games
- ♠ NABC Promotional Games
- ♠ Progressive Sectional Qualifying Game
- ♠ Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) Game
- ♠ Unit/District Fund Game
- ♠ Unit Extended Team Game
- ♠ CNTC Master/Non Master Club Level & Canada Rookie/Master
- ♠ CWTC
- ♠ CNTC (Club and Unit Level)

- ♠ COPC Club Level
- ♠ CBF Simultaneous Pairs

A. NUMBER OF BOARDS

Clubs are allowed to hold either regular club championships (18+ boards played) or shortened club championships (12-17 boards played). The overall awards for shortened club championships are 60% of regular club championships. A shortened club championship (12-17 boards) overall award is capped at 3.60 masterpoints. Regular club championships (18+ boards) and Special Fund games Class I are capped at 6.00 masterpoints. For all other special club games (Class II), the minimum number of boards is 18 and the overall award is capped at 8.00. Specific events require a higher number of boards. That requirement is defined in the conditions of contest for those events. If a 2-session special game is held, the first place award receives an additional 50% increase.

~~♠ CALCULATING THE AWARDS — THE GENERAL FORMULA~~

$$\text{First Overall} = \text{B} * \text{R} * \text{S} * \text{M} * \text{P} * \text{T}$$

~~♠ B A factor based on the number of tables entered in the event.~~

~~For 60 or fewer tables, $B = (\text{Tables} + 10) / 60$. For 61+ tables, $B = \text{Log}10(\text{Tables}/4)$. B Values for up to 250 tables are displayed in Appendix A.~~

~~♠ R A factor based on the classification of the event.~~

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>R FACTOR</u>
CSG — Rating Seven	7.00
CSG — Rating Nine	9.00

~~♠ S A factor based on the number of sessions in the event. Six sessions is maximum.~~

<u># OF SESSIONS</u>	<u>S FACTOR</u>
1	1.00
2	1.50
3	2.00
4	2.50
5	3.00
6	3.50

~~♠ M A factor based on the masterpoint limitations in the event.~~

$$M = 0.30 + (\text{UL}/1000) \text{ if } \text{UL} < 100$$

$$M = 0.40 + (\text{UL} - 100)/4000 \text{ if } 100 \leq \text{UL} < 500$$

$$M = 0.50 + (\text{UL} - 500)/10,000 \text{ if } 500 \leq \text{UL} < 3000$$

$$M = 0.75 + (\text{UL} - 3000)/20,000 \text{ if } 3000 \leq \text{UL} < 8000$$

$$M = 1.00 \text{ if } \text{UL} \geq 8000$$

where UL is the upper masterpoint limit for the game or strat in question. Sample M Factor values are displayed in Appendix B.

~~◆ P-A factor based on non-masterpoint restrictions placed on the players in the event.~~

~~If an event has only one restriction, P = 0.80; if an event has more than one restriction, P = 0.70. Included are events which are based on age or gender.~~

~~◆ T-A factor based on the type of event.~~

TYPE OF EVENT	T FACTOR
Pairs	1.25
BAM Teams	1.10
Swiss Teams	1.00
Individual	0.75

In all events, the 1st place award, rounded to the nearest one hundredth of a masterpoint, is used to compute all subsequent awards. The following table describes how these awards are calculated for the events listed under the T variable.

Overall Position	One Session	Two Sessions	Three or More Sessions
2	75% x Previous Position Award	75% x Previous Position Award	
3	75% x Previous Position Award	75% x Previous Position Award	
4	75% x Previous Position Award	75% x Prev. Pos.	See formula below
5	75% x Previous Position Award	$\text{Award (P)} = \frac{(\text{First Place Award}) * (\# \text{ of Sessions})}{(\text{Overall Position} + 2 * (\# \text{ of Sessions}) - 3)}$	
6	75% x Previous Position Award		
7	75% x Previous Position Award		
8	75% x Previous Position Award		
9+	1st Place Award / Overall Position		

~~A. DEPTH OF OVERALL AWARDS (Deleted by motion effective 6/1/18)~~

~~The following are the absolute limits on the depth of all overall awards under the General Formula based upon the number of sessions for an event:~~

- ~~One Session 25 places~~
- ~~Two Sessions 40 places~~
- ~~Three Sessions 45 places~~
- ~~Four Sessions 50 places~~
- ~~Five Sessions 55 places Six or more Sessions 60 places~~

Note: For six session NABC+ pair games, all pairs that qualify for the final two sessions will receive the calculated overall awards (i.e., the absolute limit will not apply).

1. DEPTH OF AWARDS – PAIR EVENTS

For more than 10 tables, additional awards will be given if the calculated award is not less than one (1.00) masterpoint. The depth of the award is at least 10% of the number of pairs in the field, up to a maximum of 25% of the number of pairs in the field, subject to the absolute limit on overall awards.

2. DEPTH OF AWARDS – TEAM EVENTS

For more than 19 tables, additional awards will be given if the calculated award is not less than one (1.00) masterpoint. The depth of the award is at least 10% of the number of teams in the field, up to a maximum of 25% of the number of teams in the field, subject to the absolute limit on overall awards.

2. DEPTH OF AWARDS – INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

For more than 5 tables, additional awards will be given if the calculated award is not less than one (1.00) masterpoint. The depth of the award is at least 5% of the number of players in the field, up to a maximum of 35% of the number of players in the field, subject to the absolute limit on overall awards.

B. SESSION AWARDS FOR PAIR/INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

~~Except for regular club championship games (which use the section awards as if a regular club masterpoint game), the~~ Session first place awards for special club games equals 50% of the overall award. ~~calculated under the General Formula with an S value of 1.00.~~

$$\text{First Place} = (0.50) * B * R * M * P * T$$

The depth of session awards is 40% of the number of entrants in field (rounded to the nearest integer with halves rounded up). Awards for second and lower positions are based on the same percentages as for regular club masterpoint games; i.e. 70% for second, 50% for third, 35% for fourth, and lower awards as the first award divided by the place position.

Tables	Places
3	2
4	3
5-6	4
7-9	5
10 +	6

Tables	Places
3-4	1
5-6	2
7-8	3
9-12	4
13-18	5
19 +	6

<u>Tables</u>	<u>Places</u>
2	2
3	3
4	4
5 +	5

C. MATCH AWARDS IN SWISS/ROUND ROBIN TEAM EVENTS

In team events, the award for winning a match is determined based upon the number of boards played in the match and factors based upon the level of competition and classification of the event. The formula for these awards is:

$$\text{Match Award} = D * L * M * P$$

The two new factors (D & L) are defined as follows:

- ♠ D A factor based on the classification of the event.

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>D FACTOR</u>
Club Masterpoint	0.450
CSG — Rating Seven Class I	0.675
CSG — Rating Nine Class II	0.900

- ♠ L A factor based on the number of boards played in a match.
For fewer than 24 boards, $L = (\text{Number of Boards})/24$
For 24-47 boards, $L = 1.00$
For 48+ boards, $L = 1.50$

D. SPECIAL AWARDS IN CLUB EVENTS

For the following events at clubs, color masterpoints other than black are authorized as part of the awards.

- ♠ ACBL-wide International Fund Events – Awards 50% Black/50% Red masterpoints
- ♠ North American Pairs: Club Level - Awards 50% Black/50% Red masterpoints
- ♠ World Wide Bridge Contest - Awards 50% Black/50% Red masterpoints
- ♠ Grand National Teams: Club Level - Awards 50% Black/50% Red masterpoints
- ♠ Club Appreciation Game: Teams – Awards 5% Gold masterpoints, up to maximum of 0.25 masterpoints; remaining awards are black masterpoints
- ♠ ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game – Section tops include 1.00 gold masterpoints; remaining awards are 50% Black/50% Red masterpoints

Effective January 1, 2019

BYLAW COMMITTEE

Item 182-40: ACBL Bylaws

Philadelphia 2018 NABC (Second Reading)

The ACBL Bylaws be amended as set forth in the following attachment:

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/DraftBylawsasAmendedMar2018.pdf>

Effective July 30, 2018

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Item 182-45: ACBL Temporary Membership

Board of Governors

Chapter I, Paragraph C, Sections 4 and 5 of the Codification shall be amended to read as follows:

- 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 a maximum of three times.
- 4.2 Temporary members may only be referred by a teacher, club, or tournament. The referring teacher, club or tournament will receive a recruitment bonus of \$4 for each temporary membership, and an additional \$2 plus the current recruitment incentives for each member who joins for the year during their trial.
- 4.3 Temporary memberships are valid for ~~one~~ three months.
- 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. When the membership expires he/she will lose the \$7.99 credit toward renewal to a full year.

Effective March 1, 2018

Section 5 – Rates for Dues and Life Master Service Fees

- 5.1 Current rates for full membership dues and life master service fees—as determined by the ACBL Board of Directors—are (USD): 1-month 1-year 3-year. New members can now test-drive ACBL for three months before committing to a full-year membership plan (New members can purchase up to 4 temporary memberships). Also due to low demand, we are eliminating the 2-year membership. As of August 15, 2018, here is a list of ACBL membership plans available:

Temporary	\$7.99 3 Months	
Junior	\$5	
New Member 1st Yearly Membership	\$32.99	
Regular	\$49	\$117
Household	\$82	\$216
Life Member	\$46	\$108
Patron (Individual)	\$275	\$750
Patron (Household)	\$375	\$1,050

5.2 Welcome Membership Packets will be created and be available to order and customize on the ACBL website, a quick download version will be made available.

Effective immediate

Item 182-46: ACBL Tournament Directors

Board of Governors

Chapter II, Business Management, Section A, Finance, Section 3, Management Functions be amended as follows:

3.1.21 – Management shall ensure that all charges to tournament sponsors, including but not limited to directors’ fees, equipment charges, and supply fees, shall reflect the actual services and supplies provided to the sponsor and be used specifically for the benefit of the sponsor’s tournament.

Effective immediately

Estimated Costs/Savings: Unknown

Item 182-47FI: Fees and Changes

Chapter X – Sectionals, B. Finance, of the Codification be amended as follows:

**CHAPTER X - SECTIONALS
B. FINANCE**

Section 2 – Fees and Charges

2.1 Sectional tournaments are charged a surcharge in lieu of the transportation cost of the ~~highest ranking director~~ nearest director of highest rank, in addition to the usual table sanction fees and tournament director fees. This surcharge does not apply to progressive Sectionals, STaCs, Sectionals At Sea, or Sectionals held at the same site as a restricted Regional.

2.2 STaC sanction fees are calculated on a sliding scale dependent on the number of tables in the STaC.

2.3 The added fee per player, that is required to be collected at sectionals from non-members or non-service paying LMs, is waived for STaCs.

2.4 Sectionals At Sea have a unique schedule of fees and charges.

2.5 All of these fees are subject to annual review by the Board of Directors and are posted in the ACBL Handbook, Appendix G, Prices and Fees.

2.6 The sanction fee will be waived for sectional and regional tournament events which are designed to introduce new players to tournaments, and which do not charge entry fees.

~~2.7 The sanction fee for sectional tournaments limited to non-LM or to players with fewer than 500 masterpoints is \$1.00 less per table than for an open sectional.~~

2.7 No sanction fees will be charged for free fill-ins.

2.8 Management is authorized to waive any board-mandated sanction fee for cause. This authority may be used for a specific event(s) or an entire tournament.

Effective August 1, 2018

Item 182-48FI: Waive Codification Requirement for Hawaii

Chapter IV – Board Procedures, B. Expenses, Section 5 – Other Expense Reimbursement be waived for the Hawaii NABC.

5.1 Each first-term member of the Board of Directors will be invited to the meeting prior to joining the Board. In order to encourage new members to attend and become familiar with the workings of the board and provide a smooth transition, they will be compensated for transportation, hotel and per diem expenses in the same manner as serving board members, however, hotel reimbursement will be paid only through the night the board meetings conclude. Per diem will be paid for the days of travel to and from the meetings and during the days of the meetings.

Effective immediately

Item 182-49FI: Membership Growth Fund

Chapter V, Section B, Club and Charity Fund Games, Section 2 Special Games at Clubs of the Codification be amended by:

Inserting the following as:

2.5 The Membership Growth Fund is designated to be eligible for Special Games at Clubs with a minimum fee of \$1/player contributed to the fund. No limit is placed on the number of

Membership Growth Fund games which can be held during the eight months of the year which are not designated for specific Charities/Funds.

2.5.1 The funds collected from the Membership Growth Fund games shall be distributed as follows on a semi-annual basis during the months of February and August:

- All teachers and eligible clubs who have increased new member recruitment relative to the equivalent time period in the prior year, excluding temporary members, will receiving a check in the amount of 75% of the annual membership fee for each new member above the prior period recruitment level.
- All teachers and eligible clubs who have recruited new members, excluding temporary members, equal to the equivalent time period in the prior year will receive a check for their pro-rata share of base recruitment up to 20% of the annual membership fee.
- All remaining fund may be used by management for incentives to teachers and clubs for improving new member retention and integration into the clubs.
- Eligible Clubs are defined as those who have a new member retention rate in the last 16 – 27 months of at least 60%. Beginning Jan 1, 2020, this retention rate will requirement will rise by 1%/yr. until it reaches 65%.

2.5.2 No administrative costs will be deducted from the fund.

2.5.6 In the remaining eight months of the year, one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special game for any one of the Junior Fund, International Fund, Educational Foundation (this fund does not have a designated month,) Grass Roots Fund, or Charity Foundation.

2.6.7.

The analogous in Chapter 6 Section B 4 will be inserted.

Effective immediately

Item: 182-50FI: NABC Allowable Expense

CHAPTER VIII - NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS, C. FINANCES, Section 1-Host Organization be amended to read as follows:

1.1 The following services and materials will be provided by the ACBL:

1. Player Hospitality – The ACBL will host a welcome party on the first Friday of the NABC.
2. The ACBL will provide a snack for the players on the first Thursday and from Saturday to Saturday after the evening session.

3. The ACBL will provide a \$2 coupon to be used at the concessions for each player at the 10 and 3 games.
4. The local committee may choose a welcome gift for the players. The cost of the welcome gift is not to exceed \$5 inclusive of tax and shipping to Horn Lake and is submitted to the meeting planner for approval. The ACBL will order and pay for the welcome gifts.
5. The local committee may choose a section top prize for the players. The cost of the prize is not to exceed \$4 inclusive of tax and shipping and must be submitted to the ACBL meeting planner for approval. The ACBL will order and pay for the prizes
6. Printing, as approved by ACBL - to include the souvenir program book, restaurant guide, flyers and other promotional materials.
7. Intermediate/Novice Program - ACBL will arrange for and compensate all novice program speakers. ACBL will provide promotional material to clubs and to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints within the area of dominant influence of the tournament.
8. The local committee may choose a welcome gift for the Intermediate/Novice players. The cost of the welcome gift is not to exceed \$3 inclusive of tax and shipping to Horn Lake and is submitted to the meeting planner for approval. The ACBL will order and pay for the I/N welcome gifts.
9. Supplies - ACBL will provide registration cards, partnership cards, etc.
10. Vu-Graph - ACBL will produce and fund the vu-graph program for the major team event finals.
11. ACBL will either host a dinner prior to the tournament for key local volunteers or provide the local committee with \$5,000 to be used for a local volunteer dinner.
12. The ACBL will provide 350 \$10 coupons to be applied against entry fees for local volunteers.

The local committee is responsible for any other expenditures and is encouraged to raise additional funds through the NABC promotional games and event sponsorship.

Further, Appendix 8-C NABC Financial Plan be amended as follows:

Services and Materials provided by ACBL

1. Player Hospitality – The ACBL will host a welcome party on the first Friday of the NABC.
2. The ACBL will provide a snack for the players on the first Thursday and from Saturday to Saturday after the evening session.
3. The ACBL will provide a \$2 coupon to be used at the concessions for each player at the 10 and 3 games.
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5. The local committee may choose a section top prize for the players. The cost of the prize is not to exceed \$4 inclusive of tax and shipping and must be submitted to the meeting planner for approval. The ACBL will order and pay for the prizes
6. Printing, as approved by ACBL - to include the souvenir program, restaurant guide, flyers and other promotional materials.

7. Intermediate/Newcomer Program - ACBL will arrange for and compensate all novice program speakers. ACBL will provide promotional material to clubs and to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints within the area of dominant influence of the tournament.
8. The local committee may choose a welcome gift for the Intermediate/Newcomer players. The cost of the welcome gift is not to exceed \$3 inclusive of tax and shipping to Horn Lake and is submitted to the ACBL meeting planner for approval. The ACBL will order and pay for the Intermediate/Newcomer welcome gifts.
9. Supplies - ACBL will provide registration cards, partnership cards, etc.
10. Vu-Graph - ACBL will produce and fund the vu-graph program for the major team event finals.
11. ACBL will host a dinner prior to the tournament for key local volunteers or provide the local committee with \$5,000 to be used for a local volunteer dinner.
12. The ACBL will provide 350 \$10 coupons to be applied against entry fees for local volunteers.

The local committee is responsible for any other expenditures and is encouraged to raise additional funds through the NABC promotional games and event sponsorship.

Effective January 1, 2019

GOVERNANCE/BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Item 182-60GO: Executive Director Title

All references to CEO or Chief Executive Officer in the Codification be replaced by Executive Director

Effective immediately

Item: 182-61GO: Executive Director Candidates

Chapter II, Business Management, B. Employees and Consultants, Section 5. CEO Succession Plan is amended as follows:

5.5 Responsibilities of the Search Committee:

5.5.16 ~~Recommend a candidate for approval to the ACBL Board of Directors~~ Recommend at least two candidates to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may approve and select any or none of the candidates. In the event the Board selects none of the recommended candidates, the Search Committee will extend its search.

Effective immediately

Item: 182-62GO: Executive Director Contractual Arrangements

Chapter II, Business Management, B. Employees and Consultants, Section 5. CEO Succession Plan is amended as follows:

5.5 Responsibilities of the Search Committee:

5.5.18 Recommend terms of employment to the Board. ~~In-house counsel drafts the agreement with direction from the Search Committee Chair.~~ Subject to the Board's approval of those terms and with the assistance of independent legal counsel, the Search Committee will arrange for the preparation of any necessary employment agreements.

The final agreements shall be presented to the Board for its approval prior to signature.

Effective immediately

Item 182-63GO: Revise Conflict of Interest Policy

Chapter IV – Board Procedures, A. Administration, Section 8 – Conflict of Interest Policy be revised as follows:

8.2.1. No member of the Board of Directors of the League may participate in the selection, award or administration of a contract or other transaction in which he or his immediate family has a direct or indirect financial interest or with whom he is negotiating or has any arrangement concerning prospective employment. Such ~~unless the~~ contract or transaction ~~is~~ must be determined by the Audit Committee to be fair, reasonable and in the ACBL's best interests. "Immediate family" of any Board member means (1) his or her spouse or domestic partner, (2) his or her ancestors, brothers and sisters (whether whole or half-blood or by marriage), children (whether natural or adopted or by marriage), grandchildren, great-grandchildren, or (3) the spouse or domestic partner of his or her brothers, sisters, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Effective immediately

Item 182-64GO: Board cost savings

Chapter IV Board Procedures, B – Expenses of the codification referenced below be modified as follows:

<http://web2.acbl.org/codification/CHAPTER4B163.pdf>

2.3 Hotel

2.3.1 Board members will be reimbursed at the ACBL host hotel negotiated room rate incurred beginning with the night before their first officially scheduled meeting and continuing through the night the board meetings conclude. ~~.; however, if the board member~~

~~attends the Board of Governors meeting, the reimbursement will extend through the first Saturday night of the NABC.~~

2.4 Per Diem Meals

2.4.2 Per diem will be paid beginning with the day before the first officially scheduled meeting through the travel day after the board meetings conclude. ~~either the day of departure, or the Sunday of the Board of Governors meeting, whichever is earlier.~~

Effective July 31, 2018

Item 182-65GO: Masterpoint Committee

CHAPTER IV – ACBL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, D – COMMITTEES, Section 2 – Other ACBL Bodies be appended as follows:

5.11 Masterpoint Committee

- 5.11.1 The purpose of the Masterpoint Committee is to review the allocation of masterpoint awards and make policy-based recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Masterpoint Committee reviews the allocation of masterpoints and makes recommendations to ensure: a) overall consistency in masterpoint awards, b) an appropriate balance in awards between types of events, c) appropriate award levels among finishers within an event, and d) clarity of requirements and formulas for those organizations responsible for calculating masterpoints.
- 5.11.2 The Masterpoint Committee will consist of a minimum of seven members, three of whom are appointed at-large by the Chairman of the Board of Governors, two of whom are members of the board of directors and two of whom are ACBL employees. The three at-large appointees of the Chairman of the Board of Governors shall be neither ACBL employees nor members of the Board of Directors. The ACBL President and the Chairman of the Bridge Committee are ex-officio members of the Masterpoint Committee. If either or both of these ex-officio members prefer not to be on the Masterpoint Committee, then the ACBL President may appoint a replacement from among the board of directors. Any member of the board of directors may elect to become a member of the Masterpoint Committee by so notifying the ACBL President. Management shall annually appoint two members to the Masterpoint committee.
- 5.11.3 The term of office for the three at-large members shall be staggered three-year terms.
- 5.11.4 The chairman of the Masterpoint Committee shall be annually selected from among the committee members.
- 5.11.5 The Masterpoint Committee members will be appointed and confirmed at the Spring NABC. The term of office will begin on the day following the end of the Spring NABC and will expire on the day following the end of the appropriate subsequent Spring NABC.

- 5.11.6 If a member of the committee is unable to serve his entire term for any reason, the vacancy so created will be filled by the ACBL President at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, subject to board approval. The newly appointed member will serve the remainder of the unexpired term.
- 5.11.7 Members of the Masterpoint Committee who are not members of the ACBL Board of Directors or employees of the ACBL will receive one two-session entry per meeting to an NABC+ event or lower. It is good for one year from date of receipt. Only those in attendance for all required meetings will be compensated.
- 5.11.8 Any member of the Masterpoint Committee that has an unexcused absence as determined by the committee chairman for three consecutive meetings will be considered as resigned and the president will appoint someone to finish out the remaining term.
- 5.11.9 Recommendations of the committee that require incorporation into systems that compute masterpoints are due by April 15th so that they may be reviewed and voted on in the summer board meeting.
- 5.11.10 The initial work requested of the Masterpoint Committee is a report no longer than three pages summarizing in a non-technical way the status and major issues of the Masterpoint Committee. The ACBL President and Chair of the Bridge Committee may jointly agree to change all or any part of the initial work request.

NABC REVIEW COMMITTEE

Item 182-75: Fragrance Policy

Board of Governors

the ACBL implement an ACBL-wide fragrance free policy.

Effective immediate

Item 182-76NA: Women's BAM Teams

the Marsha May Sternberg Women's BAM Teams be removed from the Fall NABC schedule.

Effective January 1, 2019

Item 182-77NA: Baze Senior KO

the Baze Senior KO be removed from the Fall NABC Schedule starting in 2019.

Effective date: January 1, 2019