

## APPEALS & CHARGES

### *Item 102-02: Amendments to Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR)* **Deferred from the Reno, NV Spring 2010 NABC**

The CDR is amended as follows:

- 5.3.1 Disciplinary procedures at tournaments are intended to be expeditious. Matters heard by a TDC involving tournament discipline shall be heard and the hearing conducted at or immediately after the tournament in which the event(s) involving the discipline took place. Refer to Sections 5.3.2 through 5.3.14 for procedures specific to tournament disciplinary proceedings.
- 5.3.6 A person charged with a violation under CDR 3 shall be entitled to (See CDR 6.1 and 6.2 following):
  - (a) Receive written notice of date, time and place of hearing. Should a person admit to a charge, a hearing shall be held in order to determine and impose discipline.
- 5.3.11 A suspension or probation imposed by a TDC shall not exceed ninety (90) days nor may a probation additional to a suspension exceed ninety (90) days.

#### Appendix A

#### VI. POST-HEARING PROCEDURES

##### A. NOTIFICATION OF DISCIPLINE

When the disciplinary body imposes sanctions to be effective immediately, it is mandatory that such disciplinary body shall immediately notify the disciplined party in writing sanction, stating its effective date. The disciplined party or parties and the complainant should also be told of the right to appeal and request a stay of discipline pending the outcome of an appeal. The official Notice of Discipline and the official Notice of Appeal and Stay Rights will be sent by the ACBL Disciplinary Coordinator when hearing documents are received from the hearing committee chairman. The 30-day period during which an appeal may be filed will start from the date on which of the ACBL Disciplinary Coordinator's official notices are mailed.

##### B. REPORT TO ACBL

It is mandatory that the disciplinary body send a full typed report of the hearing (See Hearing Report Form at [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org)) and a copy of the written

decision, if any, sent to the disciplined party or parties to ACBL Headquarters at the same time. The report must be sent within 30 days from the conclusion of the presentation of evidence.

## BRIDGE

### ***Item 102-30: Preempt Pre-Alert Elimination*** **Deferred from the Reno, NV Spring 2010 NABC**

Eliminate the requirement to pre-alert short (5-card weak 2's and 6-card 3-level pre-empts) and undisciplined (less than Q high) pre-empts. Replace the pre-alert with an alert upon occurrence.

Note: Referred to the Competitions and Conventions Committee to be considered as part of upcoming modifications to the alert procedure.

Deferred to the Summer 2010 NABC

### ***Item 102-31: New Life Master Designation***

The designation Flight A (Flt A) be added to all Life Masters that win a two-session (or longer) unrestricted Open Pair or Team event at a Regional or NABC tournament. The Side Game Series and handicapped events would not count.

Effective January 1, 2011

## CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

### ***Item 102-45: 2011 Conditions of Contest***

The 2011 Conditions of Contest are approved.

### ***Item 102-46: Amendment to the General Convention Chart*** **Deferred from the Reno, NV Spring 2010 NABC**

The General Convention Chart is amended as follows:

COMPETITIVE

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7. DEFENSE TO:

- a) ....
- b) natural notrump opening bids and overcalls, except that direct calls other than double, two clubs and two diamonds must have at least one known suit.
- c).....

Deferred to the Summer 2010 NABC.

***Item 102-47: General Conditions of Contest***

The ACBL General Conditions of Contest for all events be amended as follows:

**PLAY**

- 1. ....
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- 10. Unless instructed otherwise by a tournament director, a member of each side must be present and seated before cards are removed from a board.

Effective date: As soon as can be implemented

***Item 102-48: Voting Members of Competitions & Conventions Committee***

The three appointees made by the Chairman of the Board of Governors to serve on the Competitions and Conventions Committee have voting rights on said committee.

Effective Immediately

***Item 102-49: Platinum Pairs***

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

***Item 102-50: Amendment to Club Conditions of Contest***

In order to be eligible for overall awards in a StaC, or any event that is scored across more than one club, the minimum number of boards played is set at 18.

Effective immediately

***Item 102-51: General Conditions of Contest Change***

The following changes be made to the Mini-Spingold Flight II (0-1500) Knockout Team-of-Four Special Conditions of Contest:

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

Effective immediately

***Item 102-52: NAP finals***

The North American Pairs Conditions of Contest, National Level Participation be amended as follows:

...final will be a four-session event, with between 52 and 78 pairs competing in a two-session playthrough ~~to qualify for a 28-pair~~ qualifying approximately 50% of the original entry to a two-session playthrough final with carryover as per ACBL formula.

Effective immediately

***Item 102-53: Two Session Swiss Team***

ACBL recommend the following conditions of contest for all two session Swiss Team events with four to nine tables in any particular flight or groupings of strata:

Each team entering shall play every other team in their group. The following chart is recommended:

Four Teams	Three Matches of 18 to <u>20</u> Boards
Five Teams	Four Matches of 13 to <u>15</u> Boards
Six Teams	Five Matches of 10 to <u>12</u> Boards
Seven Teams	Six Matches of 9 Boards
Eight Teams	Seven Matches of 7 to 8 Boards
Nine Teams	Eight Matches of 6 to 7 Boards

Effective as soon as can be implemented by Management.

***Item 102-54: GNT Conditions of Contest***

The following rules apply for all District Finals of the GNTs.

<u># of Teams</u>	<u>% of Max Award</u>	<u># of Overall Places</u>
1	No Award	None
2	50%	1
3 – 4	67%	1
5+	100% for 3+ sessions 67% for 2 sessions	As specified for the type of event. If any phase is a KO, the depth of awards is as specified for a KO event.

Effective date: January 1, 2011

**FINANCE & BUDGET**

***Item 102-55: Tournament Director Per Diem in Canada***

The per diem rate for ACBL Tournament Directors working in Canada will be determined by the Treasury Board of Canada's published travel rates for Canada and USA.

Currently the rate is \$67.20 per day.

Item 033-120 is rescinded.

Effective January 1, 2011

**GOVERNANCE**

***Item 102-65: Board of Governors Standing Policy***

The following motion is proposed for adoption as a standing policy of the Board of Governors:

Any motion passed by the Board of Governors and sent to the Board of Directors for consideration may be amended by the Chairman of the Board of Governors when both of the following conditions are met:

1. The motion as amended, in the opinion of the Chairman of the Board of Governors, continues to express the original intent of the Board of Governors.

and

2. The amended motion is deemed, in the opinion of the Chairman of the Board of Governors, to increase the probability of passage by the Board of Directors.

***Item 102-66: Hall of Fame Committee Operating Procedures***

Appendix I and Appendix II of the Hall of Fame Operating Procedures be modified as shown below.

The changes proposed are summarized here:

Under the old Appendix I, there was a list of NABC events, which were considered important. Under the new Appendix I, all NABC events that allow one to become a Grand Life Master will be on the performance chart.

Under the old Appendix II, there was a list of NABC events which were considered important and counted towards the five events needed to be an elector. Under the new Appendix II, all NABC events that allow one to become a Grand Life Master will count towards the five events needed to be an elector.

The following was added to the end of Appendix II:

Any member who has been suspended for six months or more for ethical violations will not be an elector.

***Item 102-67: Summaries of Oral Reports***

Summaries of Oral Reports Given By Committee Chairs Be Included in Board Meeting Minutes

Effective date: Immediately, starting with the New Orleans minutes

***Item 102-68: Board Expense Reimbursement***

Board Procedures (081-22 (082-24) is hereby amended as follows:  
Chapter IV, A.

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***1.3 Responsibilities***

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1.3.1.7 Board members present at an NABC on the first Sunday are required to attend the Board of Governors meeting.

Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy (081-20) (093-20) is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter IV, B.

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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~~the night before a board member's departure or through the first Saturday night of the NABC, whichever is earlier.

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#### 2.4 Per Diem-Meals

2.4.1 Reimbursement for meals will be paid on the basis of the applicable IRS meals-only per diem rate for travel within the 48 continental United States (including the District of Columbia) ("CONUS"). For travel outside CONUS meals-only per diem will be paid at the applicable IRS per diem meals-only rate for the highest cost CONUS city. ACBL Board of Directors will follow the same guidelines as those for ACBL employees including tournament directors.

2.4.2 The per diem rate at Board meetings is allocated 25% for breakfast, 25% for lunch, and 50% for dinner. Per diem will be paid beginning with the day before the first officially scheduled meeting through either the day of departure or the Sunday of the Board of Governors meeting, whichever is earlier. Full per diem will be paid for the days of travel to and from the meetings.

2.4.3 Board member per diem will not be affected by the presence or absence of concierge privileges.

2.4.4 Board member per diem will not be reduced for lunches provided by ACBL except when lunches are for the entire board and have been announced before a meeting.

~~2.4.5 On the day of the annual president's dinner, one half of the per diem will be deducted from each board member who attends the dinner.~~

~~2.4.6 Board members and their spouse/companion are welcome to attend the volunteers dinner at each NABC. Attendance is not required. One half of the per diem for that day will be deducted from each board member who attends the dinner. The balance will be paid for by the ACBL. Seating assignments will be encouraged.~~

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### **Section 3 - WBF Representatives**

Reimbursement of Expenses for WBF elected representatives will be from the ACBL General Fund. Following are the regulations governing this reimbursement.

3.1. Airfare - Actual ticket price reflecting the lowest direct service fare available for travel at reasonable times for the travel dates. In addition, reasonable actual expenses for transportation to and from airports at home and at the tournament location. There is no expense reimbursement for spouse/companion.

3.2. Per diem -~~Regular ACBL per diem for each day of reimbursed lodging plus two days.~~ Reimbursement for meals will be paid on the basis of the applicable IRS meals-only per diem rate for travel within the 48 continental United States (including the District of Columbia) ("CONUS"). For travel outside CONUS meals-only per diem will be paid at the applicable IRS per diem meals-only rate for the highest cost CONUS city. The ACBL ~~Board~~ Treasurer will consider paying a higher per diem to the WBF representatives if higher costs are involved due to location of the WBF meetings.

3.3 Hotel - Actual double occupancy room cost at the headquarters hotel beginning no sooner than one day prior to the opening ceremony and concluding no later than the night of the day when the last official meeting/function was held. Payment for hotel expenses will not exceed seven (7) nights. Exception of this rule may be allowed to secure a less expensive air ticket in order to achieve overall savings.

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5.2 Expenses for non-board members and board members traveling on ACBL business other than Board and WBF meetings will be reimbursed on the same basis as travel to Board meetings. No per diem will be paid but all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed. With the exception of guests of the President described in Section 1.4 above, there will be no reimbursement for expenses of guests.

Board of Directors Attendance at Board of Governors Meeting (082-22)

~~ACBL Board members (BoD) wishing reimbursement for the additional nights of hotel and per diem that are paid for attending the Board of Governors (BoG) meeting may not play in any bridge event that will or may preclude their attendance at any part of the BoG meeting.~~

~~An exception to the rule denying reimbursement to a Board Member of three additional hotel nights and per diem for the period between the end of the Board Meeting and the Board of Governors Meeting should he be entered in an event that conflicts with the BOG Meeting is hereby granted to those Board Members entered in the Fall 2009 Senior KOs PROVIDED that payments pursuant to this exception shall be made only to those Senior KO entrants who attend the BOG Meeting in its entirety.~~

Effective immediately

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### ***Item 102-110: Canadian Bridge Federation Simultaneous Pairs***

The ACBL Board of Directors sanction a one-session Canadian Bridge Federation Simultaneous Pairs. This would run annually beginning in 2011 with the ACBL determining masterpoints. In addition to overall Canada-Wide awards there would be overall awards in each of the six Canadian Zones.

Effective January 1, 2011

### ***Item 102-111: Senior Mixed Pairs***

The ACBL establish Senior Mixed Pairs at the Fall NABC.

Conditions: Two qualifying and two final sessions. Award for first 80 platinum points. Other awards follow four session pair event formula. This even would not qualify for Grand Life Master. This event would be held either Sunday and Monday or Wednesday and Thursday.

### ***Item 102-112: Oil Leakage Disaster Charity Day***

That the date of September 13 be designated Oil Leakage Disaster Charity Day throughout ACBL, and that all clubs are encouraged to run charity games on that date. The \$4.00 surcharge, as well as any extra clubs elect to remit, will go to the ACBL Charity Foundation earmarked for disaster relief caused by the oil leaking into the Gulf of Mexico from a well owned by British Petroleum.

Effective September 13, 2010

***Item 102-113: USBF Regional Termination***

That the USBF regional be terminated, rescinding regulation 001-52.

Effective immediately

***Item 102-114: Regionals at Sea - Sponsorship***

That only the ACBL itself may sponsor or conduct a Regional at Sea. Such a tournament shall not count against any district's allocation and must be cleared by the District Director from the district of the departure port. At least 50 percent of any profit must go to an established ACBL Fund(s) or 501(c)3 organization. The dates may not conflict with a sanctioned regional within 400 miles or a sanctioned sectional within 250 miles of the departure port. There may be no more than two Regionals at Sea per calendar year.

Effective January 2011

**TOURNAMENT**

***Item 102-130: Enforcement of Regulation 083-86 Territorial Restrictions of Upgraded Club Games***

Clubs not complying with this regulation will not receive sanction to hold Upgraded Fund Games as follows:

- For a period of two weeks, in case of first offense;
- For a period of three months, in case of second offense;
- Permanently, in case of third offense

***Item 102-131: Board NABC Committee***

A Board NABC Committee be formed, members to be appointed by the ACBL President.

No site will be considered by the Committee or by the Board of Directors unless the Meeting Planner recommendation has been received by this Committee, with full documentation, by the Journal closing date prior to the Board meeting at which the decision on that site will be made.

1. The NABC Committee will be responsible for, but not limited to:

- a. Evaluating and setting standards our players expect of an NABC including location, room rates, playing conditions, nearby restaurants and super markets, available parking, required space, and availability of willing local volunteers.
  - b. Reevaluating, on an ongoing basis, the current NABC site selection rotation schedule.
  - c. Defining policy on site selection depending on calendar seasons.
  - d. Developing policies on using multiple sites, multiple hotels, and use of convention centers.
  - e. Discussing revenue requirements with the Finance Committee cycle of 2 years – 3 years – in order to meet Budget requirements.
2. The NABC Committee will be responsible for present and future site contract reviews.
- a. Reviewing the terms of existing and upcoming NABC contracts.
  - b. Developing criteria for how far in advance we are willing to sign contracts, multiple year contracts, etc.
  - c. Submitting the committee's evaluations and recommendations to the Board for approval.

***Item 102-132: Videotaping***

Item 042-04 be amended as follows:

B. Recorder Regulations are amended as follows:

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**ADDITIONAL ACBL RECORDER DUTIES**

- a. Advise Unit and District recorders as necessary.
- b. Conduct seminars for recorders at NABCs as appropriate.
- c. Supervise the National Office of Recorder as necessary concerning files.
- d. Determine whether to videotape in conjunction with an investigation, ~~with the concurrence of the ACBL CEO.~~

***Item 102-133 Special Games at Clubs Adjustments Amendment***

Item 101-33 is amended as follows:

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

The masterpoint rating for all of these special games will be 70% of Sectional Rating maintaining the current cap of 6.00 masterpoints.

***Item 102-134: Slow Play Appendices for NABC<sup>+</sup> KO Events***

Moved that

Appendix E (VS) and Appendix E (S&W) be replaced with the following:

The tournament director is charged with the responsibility to ensure that each KO match segment finishes within the allotted time. While a time monitor may be employed, the lack of a monitor in no way limits the TD's authority to apply one or more of the remedies listed below. Discretion is expected, in that the TD may choose to ignore an occasional minor late finish.

The TD may remove one or more boards from a segment. According to Laws 12 and 86 the TD may award either no score (when neither team is more at fault than the other), an assigned score (when a result already exists at one table which the TD wishes to preserve), or, an artificial score in IMPs. Every effort should be made to remove boards before they can be played at either table but not having done so does not preclude removing one or more later.

In consultation with the Director in Charge of the tournament, the TD may require that a particular pair not play in a specified segment, not play against a specified pair, or, not play together as a pair. The foregoing is expected to be applied only due to egregious circumstances or to unduly repetitious offenders.

Players are expected to be aware, in a general sense, of time used and remaining in a segment in which they are playing regardless of whether a clock is in use or a time announcement has been made. An excuse of "no announcement" or "no clock immediately visible" will not be considered persuasive.

The foregoing is intended to make clear the intent that the TD is expected and empowered to take action as deemed necessary to ensure the timely finish of KO segments (and matches).

An appeal of an action taken by a TD with regard to time may be made to the Director in Charge of the tournament, and no further.

Effective Date: Immediately

***Item 102-135: Mixed BAM Teams Trophy***

The Mixed BAM Teams, currently played at the Summer NABC, be named the Richard Freeman Mixed Board-A-Match Teams. The Chicago Trophy, which is now awarded to the winners of the Mixed Teams, will be retired and replaced by a new trophy.

Effective immediately

***Item 102-136: 2012 NABC Start Times for Philadelphia***

10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.\* be approved as starting times for the Summer National to be held in Philadelphia in 2012.

***Item 102-137: 0-5000 Blue Ribbon Pairs Conditions***

The conditions of contest for the 0-5000 Blue Ribbon Pairs be amended to make it a midchart event.

Effective immediately

***Item 102-138: Inter Club Championship Games***

That Inter Club Championship Games (ICCG) award overall masterpoints at each club that holds them, in addition to the event overall awards.

***Item 102-139: Masterpoint Structure Committee***

The ACBL President shall appoint a committee to discuss the entire structure by which ACBL Masterpoints are awarded.

Effective July 20, 2010

***Item 102-140: Sectional Tournament Scheduling And Allocations***

**SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING AND ALLOCATIONS**

## A. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS

1. Sectionals are allocated to Units. There are no restrictions as to the number of Sectionals a Unit may conduct. A District has the right of approval for Sectionals conducted by its Units. A Unit must abide by the decision of the District as to how many Sectionals it may run.
2. Sectionals must be at least two days and no more than five days in duration, with the exception of Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs). STaCs must be at least two days and no more than seven days in duration. A unit may not attempt to circumvent this rule by scheduling back-to-back sanctions that run consecutively.
3. Sectionals may be Open, Senior, Limited by masterpoints (specifically, 0-100; 0-200; 0-300 or Non-LM), Junior, Youth, Progressive Style or STaC. Sectional senior, youth or junior tournaments may be combined with limited-by-masterpoint tournaments. In these instances the higher sanction fee will apply.
4. A Unit may join with another Unit(s) to run a Sectional or a STaC. A Unit may, with permission of the Unit and District(s), hold a Sectional in a contiguous Unit.
5. A Sectional may schedule up to four (4) sessions of championship rated events (no decrease in masterpoint awards) per day. Management may, with cause, disallow more than two (2) championship sessions per day.
6. The Las Vegas Unit 373 is grandfathered permission to run two, and only two, Sectionals per year which may be up to six and one-half days in length.
7. Sectionals at Sea are allocated only by the ACBL.
8. An open Sectional may be run concurrent with a restricted Regional, by age or masterpoints, with the permission of the Unit in which the Regional is being held.

## B. SCHEDULING OF SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. A Sectional may be scheduled and sanctioned at any time provided the tournament can be included in the tournament listings in the BULLETIN at least one month prior to the tournament and all rules and regulations regarding conflicts are met.
2. If a sanction is submitted less one year in advance, the Unit loses its claim to the dates.
3. All Sectionals have the same status and the same rules and regulations apply.

4. A sanction application to hold a Sectional will be acknowledged immediately upon receipt by the ACBL Tournament Department. The process is as follows: the Unit Tournament Coordinator will submit an online sanction application for to ACBL headquarters, which shall automatically be forwarded, without review, to the District Tournament Coordinator for approval. Upon District Tournament Coordinator approval, the application will be reviewed for sanctioning by the ACBL Tournament Department.
5. Approval of Sectional sanction applications will be made one year out, or immediately upon approval if received less than one year out.
6. Questions concerning scheduling and other conflicts for Sectionals will be resolved by the Unit(s) and the District Organization involved.
7. Districts and Units perceiving a conflict with other Units or Districts must notify Management or the Arbitration Board within 30 days of the tournament posting on the website.
8. When a unit perceives a conflict between its Sectional and a tournament in another District, the Unit Tournament Coordinator shall work through his District Tournament Coordinator to initiate the processes of conflict resolution in the same manner that Regional conflicts are resolved.

***Item 102-141: Regional Tournament Scheduling And Sanctioning***

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING AND SANCTIONING

A. GENERAL

1. Every District must appoint a Tournament Coordinator.
2. ACBL Regional tournaments will not be sanctioned to run concurrently with any portion of a North American Bridge Championship.
3. A restricted Regional, by age or masterpoints, may run an open Sectional tournament concurrently with the Regional with the permission of the Unit in which the Regional is being held. An open or individual Regional may not run a Sectional in conjunction with the Regional.
4. A North American Pairs District Final, a Grand National Teams District Final or the CNTC may be run concurrently with a Regional or Sectional. If they are run concurrently with a Sectional, the District must have permission from the sponsoring Unit. However, such events must also conform to the scheduling restrictions of their respective conditions of contest.

## B. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS

1. Regionals are allocated to ACBL Districts. A District may conduct its Regionals or allocate them to Units within the District. Additionally, the WBF, the CBF and the USBF may be awarded a Regional according to regulations occurring later in this document.
2. Regionals at Sea may only be scheduled by ACBL.\*\*  
*\*\*This will be discussed in detail and may come in the form of a separate motion.*
3. Each District is allocated four annual Regionals which may be open or senior. Each District is allowed to split one Regional. In addition, a District is allocated the following tournaments annually:
  - a. One Junior Regional
  - b. One Youth Regional.
  - c. One 0-199er Regional, or one 0-299er Regional, or one Non-Life Master Regional or one Non-Life Master Regional with an upper limit of 500 MPs.
4. Upon request and verification, a District with 9,000 to 12,000 ACBL members is allowed one additional Regional each year; a District with 12,000 to 15,000 members is allowed two additional Regionals each year; a District with 15,000 to 18,000 members will be awarded three additional Regionals each year, and a District with 18,000 or more is allowed four additional Regionals. Membership qualifications for such additional Regionals will be based on a calendar year's average of the four QUIP reports of 3/31, 6/30, 9/30, 12/31. For example, a District earning a qualification based on 2009 QUIP reports may schedule the additional Regional beginning 2011.
5. Any annual Regional held at, or near, the same site that reaches 3,000 tables for the tournament three out of four consecutive years will be awarded and this will not count against the District's base allocation. This tournament must remain in the same locality unless there are extraordinary circumstances verified by Management. Any additional Regional earned by consecutive table counts in excess of 3,000 will entitle the qualifying District to conduct the additional Regional in the year immediately following the qualification.
6. If a District fails to maintain the requirements for an additional Regional (either by a drop in total membership or by the failure of a 3000 table-plus tournament to maintain such size), the District will be entitled to keep its additional Regional(s) for two years. If, within the two-year period, the District again meets the requirements, the additional Regional (s) may continue to be scheduled without interruption.
7. In addition, the following Off Shore and Special Regionals are allocated:
  - a. Alaska – D19
  - e. Arizona Seniors – D17

- b. Bermuda – D2
- c. Hawaii – D20
- d. Mexico(2) – D16
- f. Cape Cod Seniors – D25
- g. New England Individual – D25

The following Regionals are not allocated to any specific District:

- h. Canadian Bridge Federation (one per year)
  - i. United States Bridge Federation (one per year)
  - j. World Bridge Federation, when a WBF championship is held in Zone 2 at the site where the championship is being held.
8. An annual Regional is awarded each year to the USBF for the purpose of supporting teams representing the United States in international competition, and to the CBF for the purpose of supporting teams representing Canada in international competition. Depending on the location (land or sea) the affected District and the USBF must agree on the specifics (e.g. date, schedule and fund-sharing). The normal conflict rules shall apply to the scheduling of the tournament.
  9. No District may be awarded more than nine Regionals in a calendar year under this allocation formula.
  10. The minimum/maximum number of days a Regional may be held is as follows:
    - a. Open or Senior Regional -- minimum of three days.
    - b. Youth Regional, Junior Regional and masterpoint limited Regionals – minimum of two days.
    - c. Individual Regional -- no more than two and one-half days. One session charity or fund game may be held in the afternoon of the first day
    - d. A Regional may not be more than six and a half (6.5) days in duration. 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, or the Canadian equivalent of these may be held the afternoon of the first day of a six and one-half day Regional. The current formulas will be used to determine the minimum monetary contributions for these games.
    - e. A Regional running concurrent with a World Bridge Championship as per 7j above, may be of a length equal to the WBF Championship.
  11. Only events scheduled for two or more sessions at Regionals may award gold points.
  12. A District may join with other Districts to co-sponsor a Regional or to hold a split Regional. If co-sponsored, but held at one site, the tournament will count against one District's allocation. If co-sponsored but held at two different sites the tournament will count against both District's allocations. A District may, with permission, hold a Regional in a contiguous District.
  13. Exclusive of Knockout Teams and Side Game Series events, a Regional may

schedule up to four gold point sessions per day. For purposes of this regulation overlapping schedules are deemed to be the same two sessions since participation in one of the events preclude entry into the other. For example 10:00 a.m./3:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m./7:30 p.m. Management may, with cause, disallow more than two gold point sessions per day.

14. A District may move a Regional from the calendar year in which it hosts an NABC to any of the three prior years or any of the three succeeding years providing the Regional meets with all requirements under "Scheduling of Regional Tournaments." This regulation extends to include Acts of God or hotels canceling contracts. Other unforeseen circumstances may be included as determined by the Arbitration Panel.
15. Whenever the ACBL Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee, is considering holding a special event at a Regional, or any other District function, that District's president and District Director must be notified, and such event(s) must not be scheduled without permission of the District through such notice from the District Director.
16. The Regional Tournament Allocation Plan will be reviewed at least every five years.

#### C. SCHEDULING OF REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. A sanction application to hold a Regional must be submitted to the ACBL Tournament Department three years in advance in order to protect the dates. If a sanction is not submitted at least three years in advance, the District may lose its claim to the dates.
2. A District that holds a Regional on the same dates and at the same sites/areas two out of three years will be placed on the traditional date list for Regionals. The list is available on the Coordinator's Bulletin Board. Easter week and other fluctuating holidays are noted as exceptions.
3. If a District has a traditional annual date but the site/area does not remain constant, it is no longer a traditional date.
4. Regionals in the schedule for a specific date and location that move their location more than 50 miles within one year from this date will be subject to the "New Tournament Rules" (in other words this move will be treated as a new tournament).
5. Tentative tournament schedules for the current year and following years will be posted on the ACBL website, and updated daily. An updated list noting additions and deletions will be posted every two weeks on the Coordinator's Bulletin Board.
6. A Regional appearing on the traditional date list which is not held for two years within a three year period will be removed from the list.

7. A Regional may be scheduled and sanctioned at any time provided the tournament can be included in the tournament listing in the *ACBL BULLETIN* at least two months prior to the tournament and all rules and regulations regarding conflicts are met.
8. A Regional scheduled and sanctioned more than a year in advance takes precedence over a Sectional regardless of when the Sectional was sanctioned.
9. All tournament sanction applications must be submitted electronically.
10. A sanction application to hold a Regional will be acknowledged immediately upon receipt by the ACBL Tournament Department. All applications received must be approved by the District Tournament Coordinator.
11. Approval for Regional sanction applications will be sent three years out or immediately upon approval if received less than three years out.

#### D. SPLIT SITE REGIONALS

A District may split one of its Regionals and hold it at two sites on the same dates

1. The same events will be played simultaneously at both sites and will be played throughout. Upon request, management may approve different starting times for the same session at the two sites for the same events.
2. Knockout Teams will be the only championship event to have first and second overall positions at both sites. There must be at least three teams for there to be an event, and if there are fewer than eight teams, there will be at least a three session round robin. If entry consists of five, six or seven teams, only the team finishing in first place will earn Blue Ribbon qualification. If fewer than five teams enter the event, none will earn Blue Ribbon qualification.
3. Masterpoints shall be awarded as follows: All awards shall be multiplied by .80. For all events other than KO, overall masterpoints for first and second (and ties for second) will be awarded based on the total attendance at both sites. Overall awards for other than first and second (and ties) will be made at both sites based on attendance at the respective sites (the depth of the awards shall be similarly based).
4. Identical hand records must be used at both sites, for all events with one overall winner unless Management authorizes the use of different hand records due to significant differences in starting times or other special circumstances.
5. At Split Regionals, Swiss Teams events will be separate and overall winners will be declared at both sites. Only first place overall winners at each site shall earn Ribbon qualification.

#### E. TOURNAMENT CONFLICTS

1. If the ACBL Tournament Department anticipates a possible conflict with a tournament already sanctioned or a Traditional Date tournament the Department should immediately notify the person applying for the sanction, the District Tournament Coordinator and the District Director.
2. If a District Tournament Coordinator believes that a tournament request is in conflict with one of its tournaments, he must first notify ACBL Tournament Division and endeavor to resolve the conflict with the District in question. The District Director(s) from the Districts involved in a possible conflict will be notified by Management of the possible conflict as soon as Management is aware of it.
3. An Arbitration Panel is established. All panel members will be District Directors or their designees.
  - a. The Panel will consist of five people, two from each zone without the conflict and one from the zone with the conflict. No one from the Districts involved may sit on the Panel.
  - b. If there is a conflict between two Districts or more in different zones, three people from the third zone and one from each of the two zones with a conflict will be on the Panel. Again, no one from the Districts involved may be on the Panel.
  - c. For the selection process, the zonal representatives will pick the members of the Panel from their zones as long as their zone is not involved. The ACBL President or Chairman of the Board will appoint the person from the “conflict” zone. Since the list of District Directors is updated each year, the list will be automatically current.
4. Timeliness.
  - a. For timely sanction applications, if the parties involved cannot resolve the conflict, both applications will be sanctioned with the following proviso: the timely application of a traditional tournament date will take precedence over the timely application of a non-traditional tournament date.
  - b. In cases where there are a timely and an untimely application: If the District with the timely application claims there is a conflict, the Arbitration Panel agrees there is a conflict and the conflict cannot be resolved, the untimely application will not be sanctioned.
  - c. For equally untimely sanction applications, both applications will be sanctioned. For the purpose of defining “equally untimely,” applications received that would be listed on consecutive bi-weekly updates will be so deemed.
  - d. The cases where there are non-equal untimely applications will be treated the same as timely/untimely with the earlier application being timely and the other untimely.

5. Determination.

The Arbitration Panel will make a determination that a conflict exists after a request from Management or a District holding, or applying for, a sanction. Decisions will be reached after consulting internal resources, demographics of tournament attendance (if available), usual tournament size, data from involved parties, etc. The decision of the Arbitration Panel will be FINAL.

***Item 102-142: Tournament Entry Conditions***

- 1) The purchase of entries at any ACBL sanctioned tournament shall not be contingent upon the purchase of any other good or service; with the exception of ACBL, CBF and/or USBF membership when such membership is a part of the conditions of contest for the event.
- 2) This regulation shall apply to all events sectionally rated or higher.

Effective immediately

***Item 102-143: Tournament Entry Sales***

- 1) At all ACBL sanctioned tournaments, entries must be made available for purchase on a per event basis for pair, Swiss, BAM and individual events. For KO events, entries must be made available on a per-match basis.
- 2) This regulation shall apply to all events sectionally rated or higher.

Effective immediately