

## Appeals & Charges

**Item 173-02: CDR Appendix B** Deferred From Orlando Fall 2016

Moved that:

CDR APPENDIX B is amended to read as follows:

### APPENDIX B ACBL DISCIPLINARY SANCTION GUIDELINES

The list below represents the recommended discipline and mandatory masterpoint penalties which are imposed by a committee after rendering a decision which finds a member guilty of a conduct or ethical violation. The first column entitled "OFFENSE" sets forth the offense by Code of Disciplinary Regulations ("CDR") Section. **This column is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all possible infractions.** The second column entitled "RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINE" is a guide for discipline to be imposed and is not mandatory. **For good cause, expressed, in writing, at the time a sanction is imposed, a greater or lesser sanction may be imposed.** ~~nor intended to be an exhaustive list of all possible infractions.~~ **(See PART C below.)** The third column entitled "MANDATORY MASTERPOINT PENALTIES" represents a range of masterpoints which ~~must~~ **may, be deducted in accordance with the offense for which the member is found guilty.**

A committee may find that there has been a violation of the CDR for which there is no sanction guideline cited in this Appendix. In such cases, the committee is free to impose on a guilty defendant whatever punishment it deems is appropriate from options described in CDR Section 4. ~~However, a disciplinary committee, which imposes a sanction which is outside the range recommended by these guidelines, must explain why it chose the sanction imposed.~~

Part A of these guidelines is intended to apply to the typical case involving a single incident and a defendant who has no previous disciplinary record. If this is not the case, the committee must consider Part B of these guidelines before deciding on an appropriate discipline.

PART A: CONDUCT

OFFENSE	RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINE	MANDATORY MASTERPOINT PENALTIES
C1 Poor personal hygiene or dress (CDR 3.7)	Reprimand and or up to 30 days Probation	None
C2 Rudeness in conversation, gesture, or general behavior (CDR 3.7)	Reprimand and or up to 30 days Probation and or up to 30 days Suspension.	None
C3 Publicly belittle partner or opponent on bid or play (CDR 3.7)	Reprimand and or up to 30 days Probation and or up to 30 days Suspension	None
C4 Influence or attempt to influence an entrant to withdraw from an event to improve one's likelihood of winning more masterpoints (CDR 3.7 and 3.12)	Reprimand and or up to 90 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension	<del>40</del> <b>Up to</b> 50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
C5 Harass or intimidate another player (CDR 3.7 and 3.11)	Reprimand and or up to 120 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension	None
C6 Harass or intimidate a tournament director, tournament official or an ACBL official (CDR 3.7 and 3.11)	180 days Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	None
C7 Deliberately fail to follow instructions given by a tournament director or official, including leaving a session without permission of the tournament director or game director, egregious slow play or noncompliance with conditions of contest (CDR 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7)	90 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension	None
C8 Fail to notify an appropriate official in a timely manner of a score that one knows is incorrect (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	180 days Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	<del>0</del> <b>Up to</b> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.

C9	Inappropriate comments (including but not limited to obscene comments) made publicly at an ACBL sanctioned event or activity (CDR 3.7)	Reprimand and or up to 120 days Probation and or up to 90 days suspension	None
C10	Publicly accuse another player of unethical bridge behavior (CDR 3.4 and 3.7)	180 days Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	None
C11	Threat of abusive or violent contact with another person (CDR 3.7)	1 year Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	None
C12	Abusive or violent contact with another person (CDR 3.7)	3 years Probation and or up to 2 years Suspension	None
C13	Knowingly submit false information or deliberately distort facts to an ACBL official or committee when neither E6 nor E7 applies. (CDR 3.13)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension	None
C14	Failure of Complainant to appear at hearing without cause (CDR 3.14)	90 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension	None
C15	Appeal a decision from a disciplinary body with no reasonable basis (CDR 3.15)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension	None
C16	Initiate disciplinary action against another player with no reasonable basis (CDR 3.15)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension	None
C17	Initiate and maintain legal action against the ACBL, including a District or Unit, or an ACBL official or employee acting in his or her official capacity, without first exhausting administrative remedies (CDR 3.10)	1 year Suspension up to indefinite suspension pending reimbursement to ACBL of costs to ACBL to defend if the suit was unsuccessful pursuant to CDR Section 4.3.4	None

C18	Misappropriate ACBL, Unit or District Funds (CDR 3.18)	Indefinite suspension up to expulsion. The body imposing an indefinite suspension will determine when, after return of the funds, the indefinite suspension will be lifted	None
C19	Being present in the playing area of an ACBL sanctioned event while serving a term of suspension (CDR 3.2 and 3.5)	Extension of the suspension to twice the original term to Expulsion * #	None

PART B: ETHICS

	OFFENSE	RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINE	MANDATORY MASTERPOINT PENALTIES
E1	Deliberately ask for or give information about a board in play after both parties have played it (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	Reprimanded and or up to 60 Days Probation.	<del>0</del> <b>Up to</b> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E2	Give information about a board in play to a player who has not yet played the board (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	30 days Suspension to 1 year Suspension* #	<del>0</del> <b>Up to</b> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding with no intent. 10-50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint
E3	Unsportsmanlike, frivolous or frequent psyching (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	60 days Probation and or up to 30 days Suspension	<del>0</del> <b>Up to</b> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E4	Play a convention, system, or treatment knowing it is illegal (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	90 days probation and or up to 60 days Suspension*	<del>40</del> <b>Up to</b> 50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E5	Purposefully fail to disclose partnership agreements with intent to deceive (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	1 year probation and or up to 1 year Suspension.*	<del>40</del> <b>Up to</b> 50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E6	Bid or play with the specific intent to achieve a poor result on that hand (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	90 days Probation to 90 days Suspension*	<del>0</del> <b>Up to</b> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.

E7	Intentionally: a. change a score, b. submit a false result of a hand, round or match, c. change or submit any information that could result in awarding incorrect masterpoints or d. enter an event for which you are not eligible (CDR 3.1, 3.7 and CDR 3.13)	1 to 3 year Probation and or up to 2 years Suspension*  or and or up to	<del>40</del> <b>Up to</b> 50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E8	Accidentally gain access to information and then act on it (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	1 year Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension *	<del>0</del> <b>Up to</b> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E9	Hesitate with an intent to deceive; use intonations and mannerisms that may deceive opponents or help partner (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	1 year Probation and or up 1 year Suspension *	<del>0</del> <b>Up to</b> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E10	Deliberately try to see from where an opponent plays his cards (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	90 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension *	<del>0</del> <b>Up to</b> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E11	Actively and deliberately try to see an opponent's cards (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension *	<del>40</del> <b>Up to</b> 50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E12	Actively seek advance information about a board in play (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	2 years Suspension to Expulsion * #	<del>25</del> <b>Up to</b> 100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E13	Prearrange a deal or part thereof including one card (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	2 years Suspension to Expulsion * #	<del>25</del> <b>Up to</b> 100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E14	Intentionally gain access to hand records for an event prior to the event and enter and play in the event and or give the hand records or copies to another person prior to that person entering and playing in the event. (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	Expulsion *	100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.

E15	Prearranged partnership collusion by means of signaling to exchange information (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	Expulsion *	100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E16	Playing an ACBL sanctioned event while serving a term of suspension (CDR 3.2 and 3.5)	Extension of the suspension to twice the original term to Expulsion * #	10 Up to 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E17	Knowingly partnering or playing on a team with a person who is presently serving a suspension from ACBL or who is presently expelled from ACBL (CDR 3.2, 3.7 and 3.19)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension	<del>40</del> <b>Up to</b> -25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E18	Cheating and similar ethical violations not specifically cited by other sections of this Appendix (CDR 3.20)	90 days Suspension up to Expulsion * #	<del>0</del> <b>Up to</b> 100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E19	Attempt to influence a decision of a disciplinary body outside of the hearing process(es) CDR 3.21.	Reprimand and or up to 2 years Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension.	<del>0</del> <b>Up to</b> 100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E20	Discussion of the content of the hearing, other than the committee decision, outside the hearing room by a disciplinary body member with any party (whether a party to the hearing or not). The Committee Decision includes the finding of Guilty/Not Guilty and the Penalty Imposed. CDR 3.22.	Reprimand and or up to 2 years Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	

\* If a committee imposes a suspension, then it should also disqualify the pair or team from the event. This will mean the pair or team will lose its place in the event, any masterpoints earned in the event and any other benefits it may have earned from playing in the event. Should this disqualification take place after the correction period for the event has expired, other pairs and teams do not move up – the place formerly held by the disqualified contestant (pair or team) remains vacant.

# If a committee imposes a suspension it is encouraged to also impose an appropriate term of probation following the term of suspension.

## Part B

## PART C

There are three major primary reasons why the suggested guidelines in Part A PARTS A and B might not be appropriate in a specific case. First, the single violation might be either so slight or severe as to make the suggested sanction inappropriate. Second, the defendant might be convicted for several violations (such as a pattern of behavior). Third, the defendant might have a previous record. A disciplinary body may, for good cause, expressed in writing at the time a sanction is imposed, deviate upwards or downwards from the presumptive discipline set forth in PART B.

1. When the defendant's single violation is either extremely slight or severe, the committee should apply its sound, unemotional judgment. For example, either the experience or mental intentions of the defendant might be a consideration. Please explain on the Hearing Report Form why the violation was considered atypical.
2. When the recommended sanction guidelines would not have the usual impact upon a guilty defendant, a committee may tailor the length of the discipline in order that the discipline will have the desired impact.
3. When the defendant is convicted of several violations, such as a pattern of behavior, the committee should impose a sanction as if each violation was a separate offense. The Committee should note the separate violations and/or explain the pattern.
4. When the defendant has a prior record, the sanction imposed for the previous offense is not particularly important. The number of prior convictions is important. The reason is that the defendant was already sanctioned for the specific prior violation(s). The committee should pay close attention to how the prior conviction(s) reflects on the defendant's ability to behave according to ACBL standards and explain on the Hearing Report Form the reasons for its decision relative to the offense or offenses for which the committee has to consider another sanction.

### Examples

- ~~1. A person convicted of accidentally gaining access to information and acting on it has one conviction for bad hygiene for which he or she received 30 days' probation. Here the committee would probably disregard the prior conviction in making a decision to issue a sanctions.~~
- ~~2. A person convicted of accidentally gaining access to information and acting on it has received 30 days' probation for bad hygiene, 30 days' probation for rude behavior, and 30 days suspension for a threat of violent behavior. In this case, the record indicates~~

~~that their person has a history of violating ACBL regulations and the committee should increase the discipline above the maximum for the offense for which the player was convicted.~~

Deferred to Fall 2017 in San Diego, CA  
Deferral carried unanimously

### **Item 173-03: Amendment to Recorder Regulations**

Moved that:

Appendix C to the ACBL Handbook, Recorder Regulations, be amended as set forth on the attached Exhibit 1.

## **AUDIT**

### **Item 173-04: Ratification of Audit Firm**

Moved that:

The Firm Watkins Uiberall Certified Public Accountants are approved as the audit firm of the ACBL for the 2018 through year performing the 2017 audit.

Effective January 1, 2017

## **BRIDGE**

### **Item 173-08: Zone 2 National Bridge Organizations** Reconsideration Item From Summer 2017 Bog Meeting

Moved that:

Board of Directors reconsider item 172-07: Zone 2 National Bridge Organizations.

Chapter VII International Bridge Section 1 A. Zone 2 NBO's of the codification is amended as follows:

#### **CHAPTER VII – INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE**

#### **A. ZONE 2 National Bridge Organizations (NBOs)**

##### **Section 1 - Zone 2 International Regulations**

- 1.1 The authority for selecting and subsidizing bridge players who represent the United States, Canada and Mexico in international bridge competition rests solely with the



NBOs: United States Bridge Federation (USBF), Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) and Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF), respectively.

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## Section 2 – NBO Events (NO CHANGE)

## Section 3 – WBF

### 3.1 WBF Dues

The United States Bridge Federation (USBF), Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) and Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF), and not the ACBL are responsible for the payment of any membership dues to the WBF. In order to ease the transition of the payment of WBF dues to the NBOs, the ACBL will make additional contributions to the NBOs to support international bridge:

	<u>USBF</u>	<u>CBF</u>	<u>MBF</u>
2018	100,000	16,000	250
2019	80,000	14,000	200
2020	60,000	12,000	150
2021 and thereafter	40,000	10,000	100

3.2 The current section 3.2 is deleted in its entirety.

### **Item 173-09: Masterpoint Structure**

Moved that:

The ACBL Board of Directors address the masterpoint structure for points with teams and pairs prior to two years from today.

### **Item 173-10: Online Individual Tournament**

Chapter VIII – North American Bridge Championships, Section 2 be amended as follows:

2.7 ~~4(4)~~ An NABC Online individual tournament (format to be determined) be added to the schedule for each.7.1 of the three North American Bridge Championships;

2.7.1 Contract with Bridge Base Online to host the event.

Effective January 1, 2018

### **Item 173-11: Adjustments to the Spring NABC Schedule**

Moved that:

The following changes be made to the Spring NABC schedule:

- The Lebhar IMP Pairs will move from the first Friday and Saturday to the first Sunday and Monday, and,
- A new NABC Open Pairs event will be played the first Friday and Saturday. Conditions of contest for this event will be the same as for other four-session open pair events. An event name is to be determined.

Effective: immediately

### **Item 173-12: Stratification**

Moved that:

The Master Point Awards - Sectional/Regional Tournament Events  
C. REGIONAL REGULATIONS - UNRESTRICTED EVENTS  
2. REGIONAL FLIGHTED EVENTS be amended as follows:

Regional Flighted events have three or more flights. Three-flight events may be run with up to two strats in each flight. The third flight can always have three strats.

Effective January 1, 2018

### **Item 173-13: Unit Championships**

Moved that:

CHAPTER III – ADMINISTRATION, A. UNITS, Section 4 – Unit Games and Tournaments,  
4.2 Games be amended as followed:

4.2.8 All clubs within a Unit that have an expectation of an adequate number of tables, and that are operating in conformance with ACBL regulations, and who have not proven consistently unreliable regarding submitting of report forms and monies due for such games, must be allowed to participate when a Unit Championship, Unit-wide, District-wide, or ACBL-wide event is scheduled on a ~~session~~ day for which the club is sanctioned. For Unit Championships, Unit Charity Championships and District Charity Championships, a club may participate if it holds a sanction for the day without regard to the session sanctioned. If a club holds multiple session sanctions, it is limited to one Unit Championship per day. ACBL-wide events may be limited to designated sessions.

Effective January 1, 2018

**Item 173-14: Depth of Awards in Non-Club Games**

MASTERPOINT BOOK, pages 10 and 11, Section A, Depth of Overall Awards be amended as follows:

**DEPTH OF OVERALL AWARDS**

~~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~~

~~The depth of overall awards shall be 25% of the number of competitors in the field or until the masterpoint award reduces to 1.00, whichever is less.~~

~~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**

<u>Tables</u>	<u>Places</u>
3	2
4	3
5-6	4
7-9	5
10 +	6

~~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 all awards.~~

**2. DEPTH OF AWARDS – TEAM EVENTS**

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

~~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 all awards.~~

### 3. DEPTH OF AWARDS– INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

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

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%~~10% of the number of players in the field, up to a maximum of ~~35%~~ 25% of the number of players in the field.

Effective March 8, 2018 or at a subsequent date when IT can handle it

#### **Item 173-15: ACBL Tournament Survey**

Moved that:

#### CHAPTER XIII - GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

#### G. TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS, FINANCE and TOURNAMENT ASSISTANTS

#### Section 2 – Finance

2.4 Sponsor fees will be reviewed on an annual basis as a part of the ACBL budget.

Be amended as follows:

2.4.1 All ACBL sanctioned tournaments shall be required to pay a fee to cover the costs of a post-tournament attendee satisfaction survey:

- Regionals and Regionals at Sea: \$75
- Sectionals, STaCs, and Sectionals at Sea: \$25

All attendees will receive a survey summary. This fee will be included in the Tournament Financial Report.

Effective As soon as possible, but not before January 1, 2018

#### **Item 173-16: Drop Ins**

Moved that:

Teams who play and lose in the quarterfinals, Friday, of the Spingold K.O. are allowed to drop into the Roth Swiss intact. Neither additions nor substitutions are permitted. A fifth or sixth player may drop off, as long as four original team members are continuing. Any such team wishing to drop into the semi-final stage of the Roth Swiss must notify the director taking the Spingold results no later

than fifteen minutes after the results of their match is known and must obtain acknowledgement from that director that their entry has been noted.

No carryover will be given to each team entering in this way. (Dropping In). Players who drop in will receive the Masterpoints won in both events with the Roth award being calculated at 5/7th of the six session masterpoint award. These teams will not displace any teams who would qualify in the event without drop ins. They will be in addition to these teams. Teams entering the Roth in this fashion will play each other the first match when all four drop in. With three teams entering two will play each other determined by draw and if two drop in they play each other in the first match.

Any future NABC events with extended team games that have the quarterfinal of that event on the first day of a three day team event will allow drop ins.

Effective date:

### **Item 173-17: Electronic Device Police at Regionals/Sectionals**

Moved that:

Chapter VIII North American Bridge Championships E. Operations Sec. 1.81 be amended as follows:

#### 1.8 Electronic Devices

- 1.8.1 The electronic device policy at ~~NABCs~~ all ACBL sanctioned tournaments allows players to bring electronic devices into the playing area. Except for health-related equipment and/or by permission of the Director-in-Charge of the tournament, all such devices must be inoperable and turned off.

Effective January 1, 2018

### **Item 173-18: Soloway Knockout**

Moved that:

A seven-day KO event named in honor of Paul Soloway be created and included in the schedule for the Fall NABC beginning on the first Friday of the tournament. The event would start with a two-day qualifying Swiss, followed by a thirty-two team Knockout which would continue until the two-team final on the second Thursday.

Effective January 1, 2019

## **Item 173-19: Soloway Conditions of Contest**

Moved that:

An event be created with the following conditions of contest to be placed in the Fall NABC schedule beginning 2019:

### **SOLOWAY KO TEAMS Special Conditions of Contest**

The General Conditions of Contest (CoC) for Knockout (KO) Teams will apply to the KO portion of this event and the General Conditions of Contest (CoC) for Swiss Teams will apply to the Swiss-qualifying portion of the event, subject to the following special CoC. The CoC for the Soloway KO Teams consist of these Special CoC, Appendices B, C, D, E, F, G and S that are most recently revised prior to the date of this event.

These CoC may not be changed during the course of this event. The DIC will resolve any issue not specifically covered by these CoC.

#### **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

1. This event is open to teams of four, five or six players, each of whom is a paid-up ACBL Member. Each team must select a captain, playing or non-playing, who will be responsible for all official representations to the TD or committee. The completed entry must include the names and player numbers of all participants, and a notation as to who is captain.

2. The DIC will resolve any request for changes to the submitted entry.

#### **PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. For any given overall award, a player must play at least 50% of each match of a KO and 50% of the total boards played by the team. No player may play any match after it has become mathematically impossible for him to play at least 50% of the boards (excluding play-off boards) played by his team OR failed to play in at least half of each match. The team captain may submit an application for exemption from the requirements of this paragraph to the DIC but must do so (other than for emergencies) prior to entering the team.

2. A team member granted an exemption must still play at least 40% of the boards, excluding play-off boards, for as long as the team survives to qualify for overall masterpoint awards and other privileges. No contestant may play any match after it has become mathematically impossible to play at least 40% of the boards, excluding play-off boards, played by the team.

3. An ineligible player is disqualified. If the disqualification occurs prior to the conclusion of the registration period, the team is not disqualified as long as it contains four or more eligible players. If a player is disqualified after the beginning of play, the team is disqualified. Any team reduced to fewer than three original members due to disqualification of ineligible members is disqualified. When a player's team is disqualified after the correction period for the event expires, the disqualified team's position remains vacant. If the deficiency is discovered prior to a match starting, the result of the preceding match is changed; or, if discovered during a match, that match may be forfeit. The result of no other match is altered.

4. Each member of the team must play at least 50% of the total number of matches in the Swiss-qualifying AND at least 50% of the number of matches played in Day 2 of the Swiss-qualifying.

## SWISS QUALIFYING

1. The 2-day qualifying portion of the event shall consist of 16 7-board matches using the NABC VP scale. The 1<sup>st</sup> round shall be by random draw with the remaining matches made according to team rank as with the general conditions of Swiss.
2. No playbacks will be allowed during the Swiss phase of this event.
3. The top 32 teams based upon VP totals after the 16 Swiss qualifying rounds will be allowed to continue to the KO portion of this event. Should there be a tie for 32<sup>nd</sup> place, the tie will be broken as per ACBL regulations.

## THE BRACKET

1. Bracket seeding will be based on a combination of the team's finish in the Swiss qualifying and the average seeding points of all members of the team. A maximum of 50 seeding points will be credited to any one player. The formula for seeding is as shown below:
  - a) The teams will be ranked from highest to lowest Seeding Points. In case of a tie, the players on the tied teams will be credited with their full seeding point totals. Continuing ties will be broken by lot. Seeding points are awarded per Appendix B.

$$\text{Placement Points} = ((32 - \text{Rank in Swiss}) * .75) + ((32 - \text{Seeding Point Rank}) * .25)$$

2. The teams will be ordered by the formula above. In cases of ties, the tie-breaker will be the rank of the team's finish in the Swiss qualifier.

## CONVENTIONS

Bidding and carding methods permitted, restricted or not permitted in these events are per Appendix F. Pairs playing Super Chart methods in the KO portion must furnish a description of their methods to the DIC of the event the day prior to putting these methods in play. The DIC must notify the opponents (by indication on the bracket sheet) that these write-ups are available.

## SCORING AND PLAY

1. The KO portion of this event is a single-elimination KO, with any fraction of an IMP constituting a win.
2. Each match will be 60 boards broken into four 15-board segments. The time allowed for each 15-board segment is two hours when played without screens, two hours and twenty minutes when played with screens. Screens will be used beginning with the round of 32, if possible.
4. Should any match end in a tie, an 8-board play-off will be played. Should the first play-off end in a tie, continuing four-board play-offs will be played until the tie is resolved.

## SEEDING

1. There shall be no seeding rights in a play-off.
2. In KOs, higher ranked teams will decide to exercise their seeding rights in the first and fourth quarters or the second and third.

3. In any segment, the non-seeded team sits down first and the seeded team second.
4. Replays of pairs are permitted throughout.

#### SUBSTITUTES

Substitutes will be permitted at the discretion of the DIC. No more than two substitutes at a time will be permitted on a team. See Appendix D.

#### REPLACEMENTS

A team reduced to three members for cause will be permitted a replacement at the discretion of the DIC. In no case is a team permitted to replace more than one player.

#### MASTERPOINTS

The awards for this event will be equivalent to those for the Spingold and Vanderbilt.

Effective January 1, 2019

### **Item 173-20: Revised ACBL Convention Charts**

Moved that:

1. The ACBL Convention Charts, including the Basic Chart, Basic+ Chart, Open Chart and Open+ Chart, attached to this motion be, and hereby are, approved;
2. The current General Conventions Chart, ACBL Mid-Chart, ACBL Superchart and ACBL Limited Conventions contained in Appendix 6-B of the Codification be, and hereby are, retired and replaced with the ACBL Convention Charts, including the Basic Chart, Basic+ Chart, Open Chart and Open+ Chart; and
3. References in the Codification (and any other ACBL rules and regulations) to the General Conventions Chart, ACBL Mid-Chart, ACBL Superchart and ACBL Limited Conventions shall be revised to refer to the Basic Chart, Basic+ Chart, Open Chart and Open+ Chart.

Effective March 7, 2018

### **Item 173-21: Convention Cards**

Moved that:

CHAPTER XII – SYSTEMS & CONVENTIONS, SECTION C, SUBSECTION 1.1 be revised as follows:

~~1.1 Each player is required to have a Convention Card legibly filled out and on the table throughout the session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.~~



In an event without screens, each pair is required to have a Convention Card legibly filled out and on the table throughout the session and include the names of each member of the partnership. When behind screens, both members of the partnership must have a completed convention card. If present, both cards of a partnership must be identical.

Effective January 1, 2018

## **Item 173-22: Delete inconsistencies/redundancies in the codification dealing with event structure**

Moved that:

Delete Chapter IX, Section C, 4.4, 4.7.4, 5.1, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6  
Rename Section 5 to “Unrestricted Events at Sectionals”

~~4.4 — Any sectional or regional tournament KO team event with fewer than eight tables shall be conducted as a Round Robin event of at least three sessions. The sponsoring organization has the option of increasing the number of sessions.~~

~~4.7.4 — At the option of the sponsor, if fewer sessions are required than were originally scheduled, finals of Knockout matches may be played at a time agreed upon by all parties. The entire match must be finished prior to the conclusion of the tournament. When this option is exercised, the two teams may enter any new event.~~

### **Section 5 – Unrestricted Events at Sectionals**

~~5.1 — 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 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.~~

5.2 Flighted, Stratified and Stratiflighted events count all tables in all flights/strata to determine the number of tables in the unrestricted event (the A Flight or Stratum). Two or more concurrent unrestricted events share equally the available restricted tables as above but not each others 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.

5.3 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, it is not deemed to be totally concurrent with a two session vertical event.

~~5.4 — For those four session Regional events other than KOs where another unrestricted event of the same type starts on the same day, the Masterpoint awards computed by our formula shall be increased by 40%.~~

~~5.5 Regional events at NABCs will be treated as though they are being held at a regional tournament.~~

~~5.6 Master Events, when there are no open events of the same type, will receive the higher masterpoint award based on:~~

- ~~a. The number of tables in the event with the appropriate “M” factor, or~~
- ~~b. The number of tables based on this event getting credit for other tables as per paragraphs (5.1-5.4) above, with an “M” factor of 1.~~

Effective January 1, 2018

### **Item 173-23: Regional at Seas Masterpoint Awards**

Moved that:

The following be added to the codification: CHAPTER IX – REGIONALS SECTION A – Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning

Section 6.6 Masterpoints awarded at Regionals at Seas will be at 80% of the award generated by the appropriate formula for the event.

Effective January 1, 2018 but subject to existing contracts

### **Item 173-24: Reinstatement of pre-2010 LM Requirements for Lapsed Members**

Moved that:

- a. The introductory paragraph to Appendix 1-A, Masterpoint Ranks of Chapter 1, Membership, of the *ACBL Codification*, be changed:

#### **Appendix 1-A Masterpoint Ranks**

##### **MEMBERS WHO JOINED PRIOR TO JAN.1, 2010**

These rules apply to you if you joined the ACBL prior to January 1, 2010 and maintained continuous membership after that date, or if you allowed your membership to lapse and have paid the lapsed fee—see Appendix 1-C of this Chapter.

- b. Appendix 1-C be added to Chapter 1, Membership, of the *ACBL Codification*. This new appendix shall read:

#### **Appendix 1-C Lapsed Member Life Master Requirements**

Any member who originally joined ACBL prior to December 31, 2009 and whose membership has lapsed, may have the Life Master rank requirements existing for members who joined prior to January 1, 2010 applied to them upon payment of a one-time fee of \$50 to ACBL. This policy shall apply until the end of 2018 for current members who have

already re-joined/been re-instated and within 6 months of reinstatement for all who are reinstated after December 31, 2018.

Effective December 1, 2017

**Item 173-25: Adjustment to Special Conditions of Contest for Mixed Teams**

Moved that:

The Special Conditions of Contest for the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams, the NABC Mixed Swiss Teams and the 10K Mixed Swiss Teams be amended as follows:

**Freeman BAM:**

~~The event is open to teams of four, five or six paid-up ACBL Members. No more than three of the players may be male, and no more than three may be female. The teams will play at all times as mixed pairs: one male and one female.~~

The event is open to teams of four, five or six players, each of whom is a paid-up ACBL Member. The teams will play at all times as mixed pairs: one male and one female.

**NABC Swiss:**

~~The event is open to teams of four, five or six paid-up ACBL Members. No more than three of the players may be male, and no more than three may be female. The teams will play at all times as mixed pairs: one male and one female.~~

The event is open to teams of four, five or six players, each of whom is a paid-up ACBL Member. The teams will play at all times as mixed pairs: one male and one female.

**10K Mixed Swiss:**

~~The 10K Mixed Swiss Teams is open to teams of four, five or six players each of whom is a paid ACBL Member and has no more than 10,000 recorded masterpoints (MPs) as of the ACBL computer run of the month preceding the event. No more than three of the players may be male, and no more than three may be female. The teams will play at all times as mixed pairs: one male and one female.~~

The event is open to teams of four, five or six players, each of whom is a paid-up ACBL Member and has no more than 10,000 recorded Masterpoints (MPs) as of the ACBL computer run of the month preceding the event. The teams will play at all times as mixed pairs: one male and one female.

Effective immediately

**Item 173-26: Centralize references to masterpoint calculations to the MPBook within the codification**

Moved that:

Delete Chapter V, Section B, Code 2.6  
Delete Chapter V, Section C, Code 1.2  
Delete Chapter VI, Section D, Code 3.7, 4.1.6, 4.3.2  
Delete Chapter IX, Section C, Code 4.7.3  
of the ACBL Codification.

~~2.6 The masterpoint rating for all of these special games will be 70% of Sectional Black points, maintaining the current cap of 6.00 masterpoints.~~

~~1.2 The masterpoint rating for all games will be 70% sectional-rated black.~~

~~3.7 Point awards in the membership game are based on sectional rating. Only ACBL may issue the awards. Open games receive full sectional rating, invitational/restricted games receive 80% of sectional rating, and newcomer games receive 50% of sectional rating.~~

~~4.1.6 These events award sectional-rated black points, with session and overall awards at each site based on the number of tables in play at that site. Open games earn full sectional rating. Invitational/restricted games earn 80% of sectional rating, and newcomer games earn 50%. If the club chooses, these events may be stratified.~~

~~4.3.2 The pair game pays 81.8% of sectional-rated black, and the team game pays sectional Swiss rating with 5% gold. (A player can win a maximum of .25 gold.)~~

~~4.7.3 Regional Knockouts of three sessions in length may be scheduled. The overall masterpoints will be reduced by a factor of 30%. When there are at least four scheduled sessions, attendance may dictate less than four sessions in some cases, such as a Flight A with only eight teams entering. The intent of this regulation is to not allow 32 teams to be divided into four groups of eight in order to finish in three sessions.~~

Effective: Immediately

**Item 173-27: Change references to 199er Regionals**

Moved that:

Chapter IX Regional Tournaments, C. Events/Schedule, Section 1 - General be amended as follows:

1.2 At least one two-session event must be scheduled for ~~199er~~ masterpoint restricted regional tournaments which are three days or longer in duration. All championship events may be single session for ~~199er~~ masterpoint restricted regional tournaments which are two days in duration.

Effective immediately

### **Item 173-28: NAP & GNT Qualifying Using RAC Format**

Moved that:

Qualification for the NAP and the GNT be conducted using the Regional at Clubs (RAC) format

Effective January 1, 2020

### **Item 173-29: NABC Tournament Chairman**

#### CHAPTER VIII - NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. ACBL / HOST ORGANIZATION

B. Section 1 - Host Organization be amended as follows:

- 1.1.1 The District Organization will select a Tournament Chairman three years prior to the NABC. The chairman may not be a member of the ACBL Board of Directors.

Effective January 1, 2018

### **Item 173-30: Limited and Invitational Games at STaC**

Moved that:

The STaC General Conditions of Contest and Guidelines for Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaC) be amended as follows:

#### **SPONSORING UNIT**

3. A sponsor may schedule morning, afternoon and/or evening sessions. For the purpose of determining in which session a club should participate, use the standard club session designations. The local sponsor must designate the sessions to be scheduled. As an example: Morning games would be those starting prior to 12:00 local time, afternoon games start after 12:00 and prior to 18:00 local time, and evening games start at 18:00 local time and later. Unless they start within [one] hour of each other, morning and afternoon games may not be combined as day games nor may afternoon and evening games be combined.

4. STaC sessions may be scheduled ~~at~~ by any participating club for any session ~~that~~ during which the that club has a regularly sanctioned game ~~at that club~~. Additional games sessions may be held scheduled at the option of the sanctioned club for any other time period (morning, afternoon or evening) that it desires. If no other club within 25 miles has a STaC scheduled for that session, the sanctioned club may schedule a separate game during that session or may start its regularly sanctioned game during that session. However, when a scheduling conflict exists, preference for that session shall be granted to the club that holds a regularly scheduled game (within a 25-mile radius) ~~at~~ during the time in question. The STaC sponsor has the final decision.

5. Each Sponsor must develop a schedule of games and Conditions of Contest. This schedule and the CoC will be posted on STaC's web site. Open and limited Stratified Pair and Swiss team events may be scheduled. All pair events are single-session events. Team games shall be standalone events at the site played.

6. All masterpoints awarded are silver and sectionally rated. ~~Overall awards are based on the total entry in each event except Swiss Team overall awards are based only on the entry at each individual site. While there is no combining results of team events across sites, the overall awards for Open Swiss Team overall awards events~~ do receive credit for limited event tables at the same site. ~~Open Pair events do not receive credit for other limited event tables at the same site, unless they are combined with other clubs in the main STaC.~~ Individual clubs determine their section awards for all Pair events based solely upon the entry at each individual site. The final overall awards for Pair events for each session of the STaC are determined by across the field matchpointing of all Pair events held during that session as part of the STaC.”

7. The use of hand records is ~~encouraged but not required~~ for all Pair events during the STaC. ~~For a STaC using hand records, games~~ Games at sites not using hand records will be entered as a side game for ranking and masterpoint awards (65% of sectional ranking).

Sections 4 and 5 under the heading “Participating Clubs” are deleted.

~~4. Invitational (not masterpoint limited) games will be scored and ranked as stand alone sectionally rated Championship event with 1 restriction (80% sectional rating). Invitational clubs will use the same limits as the open event and will be combined for overall ranking. Invitational games may not be declared as Open for the tournament.~~

~~5. Limited masterpoint games will be scored and ranked alone unless a like limited masterpoint game is held at one or more other STaC sites. In this case, these games will be scored together for overall rankings and masterpoint awards. Limited games may not be declared Open for the Tournament.~~

Effective date:

### **Item 173-31: 2018 Collegiate Bridge Bowl Conditions of Contests**

Moved that:

- (1) Item 162-10, section J is rescinded.
- (2) Approve attached Conditions of Contest for the *2018 Collegiate Bridge Bowl Teams* and *2018 Collegiate Bridge Bowl Individual* events.

Effective immediately

### **Item 173-32: Allowable cap for limited sectionals**

Moved that:

The following sections of the codification be amended to allow a 750 limited sectional as follows:

#### Chapter X – Sectionals

Section A, General Section 1. Sectional Tournament Allocations, Code 1.4 and 1.8

Section D, Operations Section 1. Staffing, Code 1.1.2 and 1.2

1.4 Limited/Junior Sectionals must be at least one day and no more than five days in duration. A Limited Sectional is defined as a sectional with a masterpoint limit of no more than ~~0-500~~ 750.

1.8 Sectionals may be Open, Senior, Limited by masterpoints (specifically, 0-100; 0- 200; 0-300; 0-~~500~~ 750) Junior, Youth, Progressive Style or STaC.

1.1.2 With management approval, a sponsoring organization may run a limited sectional with a maximum of ~~500~~ 750 masterpoints using directors who are not ACBL employees

1.2 Sectionals with an upper masterpoint limit of more than ~~300~~ 750 masterpoints must be run by a director of tournament director rank.

Effective January 1, 2018

### **Item 173-33: Masterpoint Multiplier at Regionals**

Moved that:

The MPBook, SECTIONAL/REGIONAL TOURNAMENT EVENTS, C. REGIONAL REGULATIONS - UNRESTRICTED EVENTS, be amended as follows:

#### 1. REGIONAL STRATIFLIGHTED EVENTS

A regional-rated Stratiflighted event has two flights with up to three strats in each flight. The bottom strat of the top flight must have an upper limit of at least 500 masterpoints higher than the upper limit of the bottom flight. Note: The upper flight(s) will receive the multiplier regardless as to whether the concurrent limited flight is of the same type of game (Swiss or pairs) or not.

#### 2. REGIONAL FLIGHTED EVENTS

Regional Flighted events have three or more flights. Three-flight events may be run with up to two strats in each flight. In a three-flight event, the following criteria for strat and flight limits apply.

Note: The upper flight(s) will receive the multiplier regardless as to whether the concurrent limited flight is of the same type of game (Swiss or pairs) or not.

Effective January 1, 2018

### **Item: 173-34: KO Experiments**

Moved that:

Beginning at the Chesapeake Regional on November 13, 2017 and ending on July 15, 2018 Management is permitted to adjust the Masterpoint awards paid in the top brackets of Knockout (KO) events, on an experimental basis, by manipulating the Bracket Size Adjustment Factors, changing the format of play, and such other approaches as seem reasonable and fair.

Districts wishing to participate in these experiments will need to do the following:

- A. Present a proposal for a way to improve the Masterpoint Awards for the top bracket of a Knock Out format for approval. Proposals must meet the following criteria:
  - i. They must be able to be scored using current ACBL technology.
  - ii. They must be in a KO format or reduce an initial field to a KO format.
  - iii. The KO must be part of a Regional event.
- B. Districts submitting proposals must agree to test the proposals from another District at one of their future Regional tournaments.
- C. Management will consider each proposal for viability and approve those that meet the criteria above and that Management believes to have the highest chance of success.

All tests will occur between November 13, 2017 and July 15, 2018. Staff will report back to the Board of Directors with an update at the Board meeting in Philadelphia in March of 2018 and again in Atlanta in July of 2018, if needed.

The first example of this type of experiment will have been conducted at the Chesapeake Regional on November 13 -18, 2017. District 6 has presented a proposal to run a 3 Session KO event with 18, 20, and 22 boards. It will also have an increase in Masterpoints for the top bracket. District 6 has also agreed to run a proposed KO from District 14 and it will be running in Chesapeake. The District 14 proposal includes a round-robin format that will create smaller brackets to allow a fourth session in the KO along with increased Masterpoints for the top one (or two) smaller brackets.

Management will expand these experiments to other Regionals as other Districts submit proposals.

*Sectional/Regional Tournament Events: Knockout Teams Formula* section of the Masterpoint book enumerate the factors that will be tested. These changes are only experimental and do not represent a permanent change to the Masterpoint Book of Codifications.

Effective immediately

## **BYLAWS**

### **Item 173-35: Term Limits**

Moved that:

The ACBL Bylaws be amended by the following addition:

Article V



ACBL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

...

5.3 Election

...

5.3.3 District Directors are limited to four consecutive three-year terms. If an alternate assumes the position of District Director and is in office for a period of six regular meetings or more, the alternate shall be deemed to have served a full three-year term. Terms served or started prior to January 1, 2019 shall not be counted towards the four consecutive three-year terms.

Effective August 1, 2018 (approximately, this must be approved twice by the Board of Directors and at the ACBL membership at its annual meeting, the next of which occurs at the Summer NABC in 2018.)

**Item 173-36: Executive Committee Composition**

Moved that:

The ACBL Bylaws be amended as follows:

Article VII

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

7.1 Executive Committee

...

7.1.2 The Executive Committee shall be composed of:

...

7.1.2.3 The ~~Treasurer~~ chairman of the Finance Committee, as a nonvoting member.

Effective date: August 1, 2018 (approximately, this must be approved twice by the Board of Directors and at the ACBL membership at its annual meeting, the next of which occurs at the Summer NABC in 2018.)

**Item 173-37: Amendment of ACBL Bylaws**

Moved that:

The revisions to the ACBL Bylaws as set forth on Attachment 1 to this motion be approved.

Effective date:

## FINANCE

### **Item 173-38: 2018 Operating and Capital Budget**

Moved that:

The 2018 operating budget and the 2018 capital budget are received.

Effective date:

### **Item 173-39: District Financials**

Moved that:

Chapter III, Section B – Districts, Section 1 – Rights and Responsibilities be amended as follows:

1.95 ACBL Districts will submit 12-month financial statements to the ACBL Chief Financial Officer annually by March 15<sup>th</sup>. The financial statements will conform to a standard reporting template as defined by a panel of District Treasurers.

Effective date: January 1, 2018

### **Item 173-40: WBF Funding**

Moved that:

Chapter VII International Events, A. Zone 2 NBOs, Section 4 Miscellaneous be amended as follows:

4.6 Management will propose tournament fee adjustments, institute new membership processes, or run special events or games during 2018 that will increase the amount of money raised for the USBF, CBF, and MBF by ACBL members by at least \$50,000 more than the amount collected through fund-raising efforts in 2017.

Effective December 1, 2017

## GOVERNANCE/BOARD OPERATIONS

**Item 173-41: Selection of WBF Reps (Reconsideration)** Reconsideration Item From Summer 2017 Bog Meeting

Moved that:

The responsibility for selection of WBF Representatives be assigned proportionally between ACBL, USBF, CBF and MBF based upon dues paid.

Effective date:

**Item 173-42: Paperless Board Meetings**

Chapter IV - BOARD PROCEDURES C. MEETINGS be amended as follows:

Section 2 - Conduct of Meetings, 2.2 Agenda, 2.2.1.2

2.2.1.2 Agenda motions will be transmitted electronically to each board member as soon as approved. ~~The full Agenda/Journal will be mailed to all members of the board within a week after the deadline for submission of motions.~~ Board members will receive the full Agenda/Journal electronically, within a week after the deadline for submission of motions.

Section 3 – Committees, 3.5

3.5 No motion which has been substantively changed from its presentation in the journal may be voted on by the board until board members ~~been presented with a written~~ have electronically received a copy of the revised and/or amended motion.

Effective January 1, 2019 with transition during 2018

**Item 173-43: NABC meeting schedule for Spring and Summer NABCs**

Moved that:

The Board of Directors start their meetings on the Tuesday of the first week of the Spring and Summer NABCs. Meetings would last for 3 days unless extra time is needed and meetings could then extend to Friday morning. In addition, we request that the Board of Governors convene their meeting on the first Saturday morning of the Spring and Summer NABCs. BOD members would receive five hotel nights (Monday through Friday), but per diem only for the days of the BOD and BOG meetings.

Effective January 1, 2018

**NABC REVIEW**

**Item 173-44: Corporate Sponsorships**

Moved that:

Chapter VIII North American Bridge Championships, A – ACBL/Host Organization Section 2 – Hospitality Funds be amended as follows and Section 3 added:

Restaurant information for the souvenir program will be provided by the local organization. ACBL will design, layout and print. ~~The local organization may sell ads either at cost or as a fund raising endeavor by charging an amount in excess of actual cost.~~

### **Section 3 – Corporate Sponsorships**

3.1 ACBL will manage all NABC corporate sponsorships contracts, including advertisement (online, printed, or otherwise), signage, and exhibitor space.

3.1.1 ACBL Management will publish the *NABC Corporate Sponsorship Guide* to detail the different levels of sponsorship available to all types of sponsors, from large corporations to small local business and individuals.

3.2 The host organization has a key role in helping identify local sponsor candidates. ACBL’s marketing department will collaborate closely with the host organization’s marketing liaison, to ensure all sponsorship opportunities are addressed.

3.3 The host organization will receive 50% of total net revenues related to sponsorships for their specific NABC.

Effective date: January 1, 2018

## **STRATEGIC**

### **Item 173-45: Temporary Membership**

Moved that:

1. Chapter 1, Section C – DUES AND LIFE MASTER SERVICE FEES of the Codification be revised as follows to add Section 4 and 5:

### **Section 4 – Temporary Membership**

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

### **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):

	<b>1-month</b>	<b>1-year</b>	<b>3-year</b>
Temporary	\$7.99		

Junior	\$5	
Regular	\$49	\$117
Household	\$82	\$216
Life Member	\$46	\$108
Patron (Individual)	\$275	\$750
Patron (Household)	\$375	\$1,050

2. Be noted that the following existing membership options are being retired:

- a. New Member: 1-year, 2-year and 3-year
- b. Regular: 2-year
- c. Household: 2-year
- d. Life Member: 2-year

3. Chapter 8, Section D – EVENTS / SCHEDULES is revised as follows to add item 2.7:

2.7 All participants in any NABC event are required to have a valid ACBL member number (even if inactive).

4. Chapter 9, Section B – FINANCE is revised to delete item 3.1 and add new items 3.1 and 3.2 as follows:

3.1 All participants in any ACBL-sanctioned regional tournament are required to have a valid ACBL member number (even if inactive).

3.2 Except for charity events or events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints, and except for active members of the American Bridge Association: For all regionals, the sponsoring organization will charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$4 per person per session for non-members and non-service paying LMs.

- a. For all regionals, the sponsoring organization will charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$4 per person per session for non-members and non-service fee paying LMs. For tournaments which are hosted in Canada the fee will be collected in Canadian dollars.
- b. It is suggested that the sale signage present this as a discount to members.
- c. The additional fee shall be remitted to the ACBL. Fees collected in Canadian dollars will have that amount converted to US dollars before being remitted.

5. Chapter 10, Section B – FINANCE is revised to delete item 1.3 and add new items 1.3 and 1.4 as follows:

1.3 All participants in any ACBL-sanctioned sectional tournament are required to have a valid ACBL member number (even if inactive).

1.4 Except for charity events or events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints, and except for active members of the American Bridge Association: For all sectionals, the sponsoring organization will charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$4 per person per session for non-members and non-service paying LMs.

- a. For all sectionals, the sponsoring organization will charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$4 per person per session for non-members and non-service fee paying LMs. For tournaments which are hosted in Canada the fee will be collected in Canadian dollars.
  - b. It is suggested that the sale signage present this as a discount to members.
  - c. The additional fee shall be remitted to the ACBL. Fees collected in Canadian dollars will have that amount converted to US dollars before being remitted.
6. Chapter 6, Section C – GENERAL CLUB GAME REGULATIONS, Section 1 is completely deleted, and replaced as below

### **Section 1 – Incentive Programs for Clubs**

#### 1.1 New Member Recruitment

1.1.1 Clubs can earn an upgraded club championship (sectional-rated black points) by recruiting 10 new members. The 10 new members need not be recruited within any specific time period.

1.1.1.1 A maximum of two upgraded club championship games per session may be held in one calendar year.

7. Chapter 1, Section G – EDUCATION of the Codification is revised as follows to add Section 4:

### **Section 4 – Teacher Directory**

- 4.1 ACBL Management will maintain a Teacher Directory in ACBL website, for supporting student recruitment.
- 4.2. In order to be listed in the directory, a teacher must:
  - 4.2.1 Be accredited by a teacher training accreditation program approved by ACBL Management
  - 4.2.2 Require all students to have a valid ACBL member number (even if inactive).

Effective: March 1, 2018