

APPEALS & CHARGES

Item 132-01: CDR Unit Sponsored Club Games

1. The following shall be added to the Definition Section of the Code of Disciplinary regulations:

“Unit Sponsored Club

A club which has any one or more of the following features: (a) a board which is the same as the unit board or which is appointed by the unit; or (b) a co-mingling of funds with those of the unit; or (c) a placement of funds in a unit owned account; or (d) the appointment of a club manager or director by the Unit.”

2. Section 2.1.1(c) of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations is amended to read as follows:

[2.2.1 A unit has jurisdiction over...]

“(c) Managers and/or staff of unit sponsored clubs located in a unit’s geographical area.”

3. Section 2.1.6 of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations is amended to read as follows:

“2.1.6 None of the disciplinary bodies noted in CDR 2.2 has jurisdiction over the club’s manager or staff based on actions taken in pursuit of their club activities unless the action is brought by the ACBL or a unit in relation to its unit sponsored club.”

4. Section 2.2.1 of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations is amended to read as follows:

“2.2.1 Units have the only original jurisdiction, except:

(a) In hearing appeals of a barring from a sanctioned game at a club which is not sponsored by a Unit.

(b) When otherwise explicated in the CDR.”

5. The following sentence shall be added as the first paragraph of Section G of the ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations:

“This Paragraph G shall not be applicable to Unit sponsored clubs, as defined in the definition section of the CDR. Discipline in Unit sponsored clubs shall be subject to CDR sections pertaining to Unit sanctioned and/or sponsored events.

Item 132-02: CDR Appendix B

The Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) be amended by adding a new section CDR Appendix B, Part B - E5 as follows, and the subsequent sections be renumbered appropriately:

Purposefully, regularly and repeatedly making unusual bids in an effort to prevent a partner from declaring hands.	1 year probation and/or up to 1 year suspension	10-50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
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Effective January 1, 2014

BYLAWS & COMPLIANCE

Item 132-11: Bylaw Amendment Section 5.3.3

5.3.3 A District Director shall not serve more than four full or partial terms, effective January 1, 2014. During the initial implementation of such restriction, sitting board members who will have reached that limit prior to January 1, 2014 shall be allowed to serve one additional term starting January 1, 2014 or later. All other sitting board members shall be restricted to the four term limit.

Effective January 1, 2014

BRIDGE

Item 132-20: Reclassifying the Machlin Women's Swiss and the Wagar Women's KOs

Chapter I, Section B, Paragraph 1.6.1 of the Codification is amended to read:

1.6 *Grand Life Master Qualification:

1.6.1 Win a North American Bridge Championship with no upper masterpoint restriction (excluding the Super Senior Pairs, the Wagar Women's KO won after 2013 and the Machlin Women's

Swiss Teams won after 2013) or an Open Team Trials or its equivalent or Women's Team Trials or its equivalent or any of the following WBF events: Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Rosenblum Cup, McConnell Cup, Open Pairs, Women's Pairs, Olympiad, Women's Team Olympiad, WBF Mixed Pairs, WBF Senior Pairs, WBF World Swiss Teams, WBF World Mixed Teams or WBF Senior Teams

Effective January 1, 2014

Item 132-21: 0-10,000 National Events

The following 0 – 10,000 National events be added to the schedule:

1. A 0 - 10,000 Swiss, to be held on the second Saturday and Sunday of the Fall NABC (the second and third days of the Reisinger and North American Swiss events). This will be a 4-session event with 2 qualifying and 2 final rounds with qualification determined by the same guidelines as other NABC four-session Swiss events.
2. A 0 – 10,000 KO, to be held starting on Monday (the same day the Vanderbilt starts). The conditions of contest will be consistent with the other NABC KOS, subject to approval by the Conditions of Contest Committee.

Note: The event will be either a 5 - 6 day event (64 board matches) or a 2 ½ to 3-day event (32 board matches), based on further discussion of this issue in Atlanta.

For these events, the following conditions will apply:

- The events will award 10% platinum points, subject to a 10 point maximum, for overall awards only. The Masterpoint Committee will take whatever action is necessary to change our existing regulations.
- Masterpoint awards will be determined by the Masterpoint Committee. Our recommendation is that these awards be determined on a basis consistent with the awards already approved for the Spring 0 – 10,000 Swiss.
- The winners of this event will not qualify for Grand Life Master status.
- These events will be reviewed following a two-year trial period.

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DI 132-B1: NABC Appeals Committees – Discussion Item

Should the board gather evidence and opinions from championship players and real-world participants over the past three years in the player-run and player-based appeals committee at NA Championship events? Do the practices and views of other bridge organizations, as well as the WBF, matter? Should cost be a factor? Can there be conflicts of interest of plaintiffs and defendants over the past three years regarding the player-run and player-based appeals committees for NABC championship events?

A board motion to do away with such committees was made seven years ago, and it failed 13-12. The Board of Governors took up the cause, and the motion went to District boards in an attempt to use a rare but bylaws-guaranteed route to change or create league policy. Some board members at the time believed it was less than a smooth operation.

The committee controversy continues, its most recent fuel the Vanderbilt ruling in St. Louis.

For the record, in that 13-12 vote seven years ago, 10 of the voters are on today's board.

From the Chicago minutes, Summer 2006:

Item 062-90: NABC Appeals

ACBL Tournament Directors shall hear and rule upon all appeals filed at North American Bridge Championships. All NABC appeals shall be heard by Tournament Director Panels in a manner similar to regional appeal hearings (Ref: 983-02, 992-02). All conduct and Ethics matters shall be referred to and heard by the NABC Tournament Committee or to its assignees.

Motion failed. Aye: 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Item 132-30: 2014 Conditions of Contest

2014 Conditions of Contest are approved.

Effective immediately.

Item 132-31: District NAP Finals – Online Conditions of Contest

Each District may choose to host their North American Pairs (NAP) District Finals through an ACBL approved online host according to the provisions of Appendix VII of the NAP Conditions of Contest listed below.

Appendix VII

Conditions of Contest For District NAP Finals Hosted Online

UI. General Conditions

- 1) This event will be conducted at a variety of playing sites, and hosted online by an ACBL approved host. (See Section IV.)
- 2) Regarding any of the below, the decision of the Director in Charge (DiC) will be final. The DiC is empowered to remedy any omissions in these Conditions of Contest.
- 3) Unless specifically noted below, the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, the ACBL Convention Charts, the ACBL Alert Chart, the Conditions of Contest for the 2013/2014 NAP, General Conditions of Contest for pairs events and ACBL Zero Tolerance Policy shall govern this event.
- 4) The DiC must be an ACBL Director, hold the rank of Tournament Director or higher, and shall have the authority to assign his own staff.
- 5) The Tournament Organizer will provide a format for the event which includes contingencies for any number of pairs in each flight.
- 6) If feasible and except in #10, below: Contestants in each flight will play the same deals as others within their flight.
- 7) Each Contestant shall have access to these conditions of contest, and the event's format (#5 above). Failure to have reviewed these conditions, or lack of
- 8) proficiency with computers or the software used by the online host does not excuse any irregularity, or violation of these conditions.
- 9) Each Pair must pre-register by one week prior to the announced date of the contest. Late entrants may be accepted for the convenience of the movement and only at the discretion of the DiC. At the time of pre-registration, Pairs are required to submit funds for participation and the following information for each pair member:
 - a) Name
 - b) ACBL Number
 - c) User ID for online host
 - d) Site of participation
 - e) Any special needs addressed by these Conditions of Contest.

- 10) In the event a Contestant is handicapped, where he is unable to use a computer, and in all cases where a Contestant does not have the requisite computer skills, said Contestants may bring an Operator to relay calls, plays and explanations thereof. Communication between the Contestant and his Operator is to be conducted in writing. Any notes from a Contestant/Operator interaction may be used to settle disputes. The Operator must be named in preregistration, and is subject to the approval of the DiC.
- 11) Should a technical difficulty arise, which delays play for one or more tables, play in all unaffected tables shall continue, and 15 minutes will be allotted to resolve the issue before play is suspended. If play is suspended for longer than 15 minutes, the decision of the DiC about the continuation of the event shall be final.

UII. Security

- 1) Each Contestant must preregister to participate at a particular site, and no Contestant may participate from a physical location other than a site designated by the Tournament Organizer, and approved by the DiC. The DiC shall be informed, no later than 2 Days after the close of registration, of each designated site.
- 2) The Tournament Organizer will designate at least one Monitor for each playing site. The DiC shall be informed, no later than 2 Days after the close of registration, of the proposed Monitor for each site, and their contact information. The proposed Monitor is subject to approval by the DiC.
- 3) Monitors shall ensure the enforcement of these conditions of contest, and will be primarily responsible for the enforcement of any security related issues at their designated location.
- 4) Monitors need not be Directors, and may not rule on any irregularity occurring during play, nor penalize a Contestant for any violation of these conditions. Monitors must immediately inform the DiC of any irregularity or violation of which they become aware in any manner.
- 5) Contestants are not permitted to be in possession of any electronic communication devices while they are competing. VIOLATION OF THIS CONDITION WILL RESULT IN A MANDATORY PENALTY OF 1 FULL BOARD, AND A SECOND VIOLATION WILL RESULT IN THE PAIR'S DISQUALIFICATION.
- 6) Chatter at each physical location shall be kept to a minimum. No discussion of hands is permitted at any given location until all bridge play at that location has concluded.
- 7) Contestants must connect to the internet through a designated on site router.

- 8) Contestants may only run the following applications during the play period:
 - a. Online Host Software or
 - b. An internet browser for the purpose of accessing the Online Host and/or (in the A Flights only) for the purpose of accessing the ACBL's defense database.
- 9) Monitors shall ensure that Contestants cannot view the Computer Screens of other Contestants within their own flight.
- 10) Monitors shall ensure that Contestants, competing at the same site as their partner, are seated in positions which obscure their view of one another.
- 11) Contestants must not relay, through chat visible to partner or at the monitoring site, any extraneous information.

U III. The Play

- 1) Contestants are required to post a complete convention card, in ACBL format, inclusive of any supplemental notes.
- 2) The ACBL Mid-Chart applies to Flight 'A'. Pairs playing methods requiring a written defense must pre-alert their opponents, and post a written description of the method(s) along with their convention card. Contestants opposing a pair playing such methods are permitted to access the ACBL's defense database and keep said defenses open in their internet browser.
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- 3) The ACBL General Convention Chart applies to Flights B & C.
- 4) The Director must be summoned electronically for any irregularity which occurs during play. Once the Director has been summoned, all play and bidding shall cease until the Director authorizes its continuation.
- 5) Contestants are required to alert and explain their own calls (not their partner's). When one makes an alertable call, the bidder must give a full explanation of the agreement to his opponents (and only his opponents). Stating the common or popular name of the convention is not sufficient.
- 6) Any Contestant may request, but only at his turn to call or play, information concerning an opponent's methods. Such inquiries may be asked of either or both opponents, but must be asked in a private chat. Replies to these inquiries must be given in a private chat.
- 7) Violations of conditions, which make available to one's partner extraneous information by a remark, a question, a reply to a question, an unexpected alert, failure to alert, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement or mannerism (Security

9-11 & The Play 5 & 6), shall be rectified under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, and are subject to procedural penalties. The Monitors and Contestants must report any such violations to the DiC.

- 8) Any deviation in tempo does convey extraneous information, and is subject to rectification under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Any Contestant experiencing technical difficulties which may be construed as conveying extraneous information should immediately inform the Monitor or Director.
- 9) Claims, concessions, agreement thereto and contention or cancellation thereof will be rectified under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.
- 10) Unintended calls or plays will be rectified under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. If a Contestant makes an unintended call or play he should summon the Director immediately. As in live play, undoes are permitted only upon instruction of the Director.

IV. Requirements for ACBL approved Online Host

- 1) Online hosts must be accessible to all of the events participants.
- 2) The host must have the ability to run three separate flights.
- 3) The host must have the capability to run distinct random deals for each session.
- 4) The host must ensure the conditions of each deal are consistent with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge (Laws 1, 2, 4-6)
- 5) The host shall ensure that each participant may chat with either or both of his opponents, and with all of the contestants at his table, but not privately with partner.
- 6) All deals, auctions, play and chat shall be recorded and available for review, in real time, by the director.
- 7) If feasible, the auction should appear for each contestant three bids at a time.
- 8) The host must have the capability of running a pairs movement, where each board is played simultaneously at each table.

Effective immediately for inclusion in the 2013-2014 NAP Conditions of Contest.

Item 132-32: Conditions of Contest for Screens in GNTs and Spingold/Vanderbilt

Unless constrained by currently existing contractual obligations:

Screens shall be used in the GNTs starting in the round of 8 in the Championship Flight and Flight A and in the round of 4 in Flights B and C.

Screens shall be used in the Spingold/Vanderbilt starting in the round of 16.

Screens shall be used in the 0-5000 Mini-Spingold starting in the round of 8; and in the 0-1500 Mini-Spingold starting in the round of 4.

If, due to currently existing space commitments at an already scheduled NABC, Management believes that they will be unable to comply with these regulations, Management will notify the BOD and request a waiver of these provisions.

Effective immediately

Item 132-33: USBF Victory Points

The Conditions of Contest for all NABC+ and NABC Swiss Team events be modified to require the use of the 20 point USBF Victory Point scale. These scales have the following features: the scales are given to two decimal places; subject to a cap, each imp margin translates to a specific VP award; each additional imp in the winner's margin is worth less than the previous one.

Effective January 1, 2014

Item 132-34: Conditions of Contest Score Corrections

The ACBL Conditions of Contest shall be amended as follows:

PAIR EVENTS
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

CORRECTION AND APPEAL PERIODS

1. The score correction period for player errors expires at the completion of play of the session following the one in which the error occurred or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier.
2. For director errors the correction period expires twenty-four hours after the completion of the event or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier. The Tournament Director-in-Charge in

consultation with the ACBL Senior Director of Bridge, however, may in unusual circumstances elect to make a correction of a director error at a later time.

3. For qualifying events the score correction period for both player and director errors expires one hour before the ~~announced starting time of the first final session~~ first session following qualification. The carryover score for qualifiers may be corrected up until the end of the first session following qualification.
4. The appeal period of or for a Director's ruling expires one half hour after the completion of a session or at the starting time of the next session, whichever is earlier.

SWISS TEAMS GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

CORRECTION AND APPEAL PERIODS

PLAYER ERRORS:

No increase in score need be granted unless the Director's attention is called to the error prior to the announced starting time of the next match or thirty minutes after the completion of the match whichever is earlier.

SCORER ERRORS:

Decrease in score due to players' errors and mis-reporting the agreed result of a match:

Expires one hour prior to the announced starting time for play on the next day of the same event, twenty-four hours after completion of the event, or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier. The Tournament Director-in-Charge, however, may in unusual circumstances elect to make a correction of a director error at a later time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Tournament Director-in-Charge may decline to amend the overall rankings if the team could have known at the time that one or more pairings were made based on an incorrect cumulative total. In any case, all matches played prior to correction of an error stand as played.

The appeal period for or of a director's ruling expires thirty minutes after the completion of the match or at the start of play in the next match, whichever is earlier. When an appeal will not be heard prior to the playing of one or more matches, each of the teams will be credited, for pairing purposes, with a score reflecting a favorable ruling. A match ends for a pair when all boards scheduled for play are completed and they leave the table or meet with their teammates.

BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

CORRECTION AND APPEAL PERIODS

1. The score correction period for player errors expires at the completion of play of the session following the one in which the error occurred or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier.
2. For director errors the correction period expires twenty-four hours after the completion of the event or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier. The Tournament Director-in-Charge in consultation with the ACBL Senior Director of Bridge, however, may in unusual circumstances elect to make a correction of a director error at a later time.
3. For qualifying events the score correction period for both player and director errors expires one hour before the ~~announced starting time of the first final session~~ first session following qualification. The carryover score for qualifiers may be corrected up until the end of the first session following qualification.
4. The appeal period of or for a Director's ruling expires one half hour after the completion of a session or at the starting time of the next session, whichever is earlier.

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GOVERNANCE

Item 132-80: Board Operations Documents

The following Board Operation Documents are accepted (reviewed).

- Board Member Protocol (Exhibit E)
- Skills Assessment (Exhibit F)
- Board of Director's Job Description (Exhibit G)
- Board Member Standards of Conduct (Exhibit H)
- Welcoming Pamphlet for New Members of the Board of Directors (Exhibit I)

Item 132-81: Hall of Fame Operating Procedures

The Hall of Fame Operating Procedures be amended as follows:

TIMELINE

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JANUARY

Between January 1st and January 7th, the Election Package Subcommittee reviews revisions made by nominees, verifies their accuracy, and decides what new material is worthy of inclusion in the biographies. Once the subcommittee review has been concluded, ACBL staff prepares the election packages. The HoFC Chair receives a copy of the election package and approves the distribution of the election materials. ACBL staff distributes the election packages on or about January 10th and specifies the return date deadline, which should be approximately 4 weeks after the distribution date. There will not be a grace period, and no exceptions will be made for any ballot returned after the return date deadline.

FEBRUARY

The election period runs from the election package distribution date to the day when the Director of Elections begins tabulation of the ballots which shall be ~~approximately 10 days~~ immediately after the deadline specified in the election package.

Ballots will be processed and counted as determined by the ACBL Director of Elections.

Effective January 1, 2014

DI 132-G1: Dual Residency Discussion Item

Many of our members, especially those in the northern climates, are snowbirds and have dual residences. ACBL refunds 11% of dues to the home Units of our members. The renewal date for each member is determined by the date he originally joined ACBL and the rebate to the unit is based on the address of the member at the time of his renewal date. This works to the great disadvantage of the northern areas whose members are snowbirds and whose members happen to be spending the winter in warmer climates.

There is also another consequence of this method of establishing residency. To quote our former ACBL Board Member and President Harriette Buckman, "When members change their addresses for purposes of getting the Bulletin at their winter homes, (and why would there be any other reason?) most of them don't follow the bouncing ball and state it's Bulletin only, not membership. As a result some members wind up voting in two different units. That is true here in Sarasota. Our voting for unit board membership is done in January. If I were still in Chicago where voting is done in the fall, I would have two votes to cast - clearly not what anyone wants."

Harriette also says, "If my dues cycle hits during the winter, the 11% due to my unit will go to my 'visiting' unit instead of my 'home' unit. Since most people have spent most of their bridge life in their home unit, this is an unintended consequence."

Our staff at Horn Lake has made a sincere effort to monitor requests from members for seasonal address changes and to personally call those members and explain their options

to them. This does not seem to have appreciably changed the fact that most snow birds do not understand the consequences of their changing their address during the year.

We have established a date certain for residency for the GNT and NAP. Would it not be possible to also establish the date of July 1 as the official residency date for our members? This date is more apt to insure that members are in their true home units.

This idea is put forth as a topic for discussion only. It may be possible that there are not enough people affected by this situation to make it worthwhile to have an official residency date. However, we should bear in mind that in reality the snowbirds do in fact live in their homes in the frozen north. That is why they are called “snowbirds” rather than “residents” of the southern climes.

Item 132-82: Chapter VI Club Sanctioned Games

Chapter VI Club Sanctioned Games shall read as follows:

CHAPTER VI – CLUB SANCTIONED GAMES

A. ACBL SANCTIONS FOR CLUB MASTERPOINT GAMES

Section 1 – ACBL Club Masterpoint Game Sanction Eligibility

- 1.1 An ACBL club sanction grants the right to an entity to conduct bridge games at regularly scheduled times and locations and award masterpoints at those games in accordance with specific ACBL rules and regulations.
- 1.2 Every club running ACBL-sanctioned games must have a designated club manager who is the official representative to ACBL.
- 1.3 It is the responsibility of the club to comply with all local, state and federal laws. Clubs are not authorized to use the ACBL name or logo or other ACBL identification except in connection with the issuance of masterpoints.
- 1.4 Games must be conducted in accordance with both the letter and the spirit of ACBL regulations as well as the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge. The success or failure of games conducted by a club is the responsibility of the club manager. The club manager is free to operate the club as he or she sees fit, as long as the operation of ACBL sanctioned games falls within the limits prescribed by ACBL.

Section 2 – Obtaining And Maintaining a Sanction

- 2.1 An application for an ACBL club game sanction, whether new or renewal, will not be accepted until the club manager signs the following arbitration agreement:

2.1.1 Should any dispute, of whatever kind or nature, arise between ACBL and the undersigned club, it is agreed that such dispute shall be resolved by binding arbitration pursuant to the rules of The American Arbitration Association or such other method of binding arbitration as may be agreed upon mutually by the parties.

2.2 Waiting Period

2.2.1 When ACBL receives an application for a new club game sanction (or reinstatement of a lapsed sanction), there is a 30-day probationary period before the sanction is issued. During this period, copies of the application are sent to an official of the unit in which the club is located and, on request, to the district director for their assessment.

2.2.2 The ACBL will waive the 30-day probationary period if the unit or the district director agrees in writing to the waiver.

2.3 Allowable Objections to a Sanction

2.3.1 A unit or district director may object to a masterpoint game sanction being granted on the grounds that:

- (a) the proposed quarters are not suitable, or
- (2) the applicant's record as an ACBL member indicates previous failures in meeting ACBL standards.

2.3.2 ACBL may refuse to grant a new sanction because of the club manager's history of failure to adhere to ACBL regulations. If ACBL rejects an application because of an objection from the unit or district director, the applicant may appeal the rejection to the ACBL Board of Directors. The applicant must make the appeal within 30 days of the date he or she received notice that the application was rejected.

2.4 Duration of a Sanction

2.4.1 A sanction is valid until the end of the calendar year for which it was issued.

2.4.2 ACBL will not renew a sanction if the club fails to observe regulations, including those that concern reporting and paying for special events sanctioned by the club.

2.4.3 If for some reason, such as remodeling playing quarters or location loss, a club must close a game for an extended period of time, ACBL will place the sanction on an inactive status. ACBL will not renew the sanction for

the following year unless the club has a location and a specific date when games will resume.

2.5 Cancellation of a Sanction

- 2.5.1 ACBL management has the right to cancel or suspend a club game sanction for cause upon thirty days notice to the club manager. Any one of the following shall constitute “cause” for cancellation or suspension:
- (a) operation of a club out of compliance with ACBL regulations
 - (b) unsuitable club venue
 - (c) discriminatory practices as set forth in the ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations.
- 2.5.2 A suspension is for a fixed period of time whereupon the sanction shall automatically renew. If a cancellation is for a fixed period of time, the club manager may apply for renewal. Cancellations may be permanent without the possibility of renewal.
- 2.5.3 ACBL management may immediately suspend or cancel a club game sanction if the “cause” for cancellation is such that continuation of the sanction will result in substantial and immediate violation of ACBL Regulations; or increase the likelihood of lawsuit against the ACBL; or result in violation of state or Federal law.
- 2.5.4 The thirty day notice of suspension or cancellation shall provide the club manager with the option of providing ACBL management with reasons in writing why the suspension or cancellation should not take place, whereupon ACBL management, in its own discretion, may leave the suspension or cancellation in place, amend the suspension or cancellation or withdraw the suspension or cancellation.
- 2.5.5 The club may file a written appeal of a suspension or cancellation with the Appeals and Charges Committee of ACBL Board of Directors within thirty days of the effective date of the cancellation, provided however, that the suspension or cancellation will remain in effect until the appeal before the Appeals and Charges Committee has been decided. In order to be considered, such written appeal must include reasons why the cancellation is inconsistent with the terms of this Section D.

Section 3 – Cost of a Sanction

3.1 New Club Games

- 3.1.1 ACBL considers a club game new if it has not been sanctioned previously at the specific location for which it is applying, if it failed to renew its

sanction by January 31, if it is on inactive status, or if it has not conducted regularly scheduled duplicate games during the preceding calendar year. However, if a club moves to a new location in the same area and retains its club number, ACBL does not consider it new. Should a new club game sanction be denied, a specific reason will be given.

3.2 Annual fee

3.2.1 The annual sanction fee per sanctioned game shall be \$11.50

3.2.2 When a club files its annual sanction application, it must include the fee for each regularly scheduled game session. This fee is paid once a year. Games that operate for a short time during the year (for example, during summer months) are subject to this fee, just as if sessions were held throughout the year.

3.3. Table Fees

3.3.1 The fee per sanctioned game session shall be \$1.25.

3.3.2 Regular game table (18+ boards) fees are \$.74 and short game (12-17 boards) table fees are \$.46 per table.

3.3.3 A club must pay a fee for each sanctioned game session held plus a fee for each table in play. ACBL charges only one game session fee if different levels of games are held simultaneously.

3.3.4 Clubs will be charged an additional \$2 per game fee if they either mail a hard copy of the monthly masterpoint and financial reports or submit reports using an outdated version of ACBLscore. Small clubs can request an exemption from these additional fees. New clubs requesting sanctions will be required to report electronically using ACBLscore.

3.3.5 Table and session sanction fees are waived for any game that a club schedules to recruit new members and for which it charges no entry fee.

Section 4 – Sanctioned Game Provisions

4.1 Scheduling Masterpoint Games

4.1.1 A club may conduct one or more regularly scheduled games under one sanction at varying sites.

4.1.2 The club must list all regularly scheduled games that will award masterpoints and all addresses where these games will be held on the sanction application.

- 4.1.3 Once the sanction is granted, only those game sessions listed on the application may award masterpoints.
 - 4.1.4 If a schedule change is contemplated or proposed, two weeks notice must be given to ACBL before the change may be made.
 - 4.1.5 No notice is necessary if a club's regularly scheduled session falls on the evening (6:00 p.m. or later) of December 31 (New Year's Eve). The club may schedule two sessions of play that night - one to begin before midnight and the other after.
- 4.2 Adding games
- 4.2.1 A club may add or change game sessions on a sanction any time during the year, provided that it notifies the ACBL Club and Member Services Department and pays a fee for each game session changed.
- 4.3 Cancelling Sessions
- 4.3.1 ACBL regulations permit the canceling of a specific session without penalty. The club manager or director must note the canceled game session on the Monthly Report Form. No fees are refunded for canceled game sessions.
- 4.4 Non exclusivity of Sanction
- 4.4.1 ACBL sanctions are not exclusive. ACBL encourages open competition among clubs and will sanction two or more club games simultaneously in the same community but usually not at the same location. When two or more club games occupy the same quarters (as happens when a group of sanction holders cooperate to maintain a city bridge center,) they may not operate simultaneously unless their games are of a different class.
 - 4.4.2 Units may not compete with existing club sessions. A unit may sponsor a club session or sessions when no existing club session(s) is in operation in a given area. Exception: Units operating a club-type session prior to a new session receiving sanction may continue to do so.
- 4.5 Clubs in Good Standing
- 4.5.1 Clubs that operate in full compliance with ACBL regulations remain in good standing. On application, ACBL will renew their game sanctions for the following year. However, ACBL will not renew sanctions for clubs that have unresolved problems with monthly or special game reports until

the problems are resolved. ACBL is not obligated to renew sanctions for clubs with significant violations of ACBL rules and regulations.

Section 5 – Sanctioned Club Game Requirements

5.1 Manager

5.1.1 Every ACBL sanctioned masterpoint club game must designate an active ACBL member in good standing with all service fees and dues paid as its manager. The club manager is accountable to ACBL for the enforcement of ACBL rules and regulations in all sanctioned games the club conducts. The club manager must supervise the following activities:

- (a) Preparation and filing of the Monthly Financial and Masterpoint Report(s) The signature of the club manager must be on the form when it is filed.
- (b) Correspondence with ACBL on club game matters
- (c) Application for sanction renewals and reporting any change of club managers or session changes on a form provided by ACBL.

5.2 Late Charge for Overdue Club Monthly Reports and Rating Point Reports

5.2.1 Club Managers who do not submit timely club reports will be charged \$.25/day after the 10th of the month up to a maximum of \$5.00 for the first month. These clubs will be notified that such reports must be submitted along with any late charges within thirty (30) days. If a report and late charges are not received within the thirty (30) days, an additional \$25.00 charge will be assessed and the club will be suspended until the report and monies due, including the late charges, are received at Headquarters.

Section 6 – Miscellaneous Club Regulations

6.1 Legal Defense of Clubs in Civil Actions

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

6.2 Relationship of clubs, Units and ACBL

6.2.1 The primary concern of the ACBL is the welfare of its members as it relates to the game of bridge. Thus, regulations have been established by ACBL to protect the interests of its members. However, these regulations are only in force during ACBL sanctioned masterpoint games. Only

ACBL can assess discipline against a club for a violation of ACBL regulations.

CHAPTER VI – CLUB SANCTIONED GAMES

B – Types of Club Masterpoint Games

Section 1 – Open Games

- 1.1 An open game is open to all ACBL members. Prohibiting or allowing non-members of ACBL to play does not affect open game status.
- 1.2 In an open game a club may stipulate that each participant hold a minimum number of masterpoints but cannot stipulate a maximum. For example, an open game could specify that all players must have no fewer than 20 masterpoints but could not refuse entry to a Life Master.
- 1.3 Club managers may regulate conventions in games conducted at their clubs. A complete list of conventions that may be used for club play is shown on the ACBL General Convention Chart/Midchart/SuperChart
- 1.4 A club that charges a membership fee may conduct an open game, but the game must be open to all ACBL members, whether or not they are members of the club. However, the club may allow its own members to play at a reduced fee. The entry fee for a non-member may be as much as 50% more than a member's entry fee. However, if the member entry fee is less than \$1.00, a surcharge of \$.50 for non-members is permissible.
- 1.5 An open pair game must have a minimum of two-and-one-half tables. A two-table individual with a one-winner movement or a two-table team game (match awards only) is allowed. In any open club game every contestant must be scheduled to play a minimum of 18 boards to receive full masterpoint awards.
- 1.6 Sanctioned clubs may hold shortened regular open games with a minimum number of boards played of 12-17. Masterpoints are awarded at 60% of the award for open games. Sanction fees are reduced for games of 12-17 boards.

Section 2 – Invitational/Restricted Game

- 2.1 An invitational game is one that limits or places restrictions on who can participate in its events. Participation commonly is limited to:
 - a) Members and guests of the organization that holds the sanction (such as country club or fraternal organization).

- b) Personnel (and their families and guests) of industries that are currently participating in commercial and industrial leagues
 - c) Players who hold fewer than a stipulated number of masterpoints (when the maximum permitted is fewer than 20, the game is defined as a newcomer game)
 - d) Sections or directions segregated according to strong and weak pairs
 - e) Strong players forbidden to play as partners
 - f) Life Masters excluded or required to play with non-Life Masters
 - g) Members of one sex only
- 2.2 Eligibility may be restricted for any reason except those that violate ACBL bylaws.
- 2.3 An invitational/restricted game may have no fewer than two-and-one-half tables (except in the case of a two-table individual with a one-winner movement or a team game), and every contestant must be scheduled to play a minimum of ~~18~~ 12 boards.

Section 3 – Newcomer Games

- 3.1 A newcomer game is limited to players who hold fewer than 20 masterpoints, although a club can set a lower maximum, such as 1 masterpoint, if it so desires.
- 3.2 A newcomer game is conducted to acquaint new players with duplicate bridge and to encourage participation by inexperienced players.
- 3.3 A newcomer game must consist of at least two and one-half tables. However, there are masterpoint awards for two-table newcomer games conducted as individuals or team games.
- 3.4 Participants must be scheduled to play a minimum of 6 boards.
- 3.5 Any club with a sanctioned game may conduct a newcomer game session. The game session may be run any time. The club must list the newcomer game session on the sanction application and the monthly report. When the newcomer game is run concurrently with another sanctioned game, only the table fees are due ACBL.
- 3.6 When the director or club management determines that the ability of a player is vastly superior to that of the other newcomer game participants, the club may refuse entry of that player in its newcomer events. In such a case, the director should advise the player, as diplomatically as possible, that he or she is too proficient to play in the newcomer game. The director should encourage the player instead to participate in the club's games with a higher masterpoint limitation or the open games.
- 3.7 Players with 20 or More Masterpoints

- 3.7.1 Subject to specified conditions, a club may allow one or two players who hold 20 or more masterpoints to play in a newcomer game. This would be the case when there is a single newcomer player available whose participation would eliminate a half-table movement. For example, if there were 13 pairs plus one single, there would be a 6½ - table game which, by adding a player, would become seven tables. In this instance, the club may allow one non-newcomer to play.
- 3.7.2 When there is an odd number of newcomer pairs entered, resulting in a half-table movement, the club may allow two non-newcomer players to participate if each plays with a newcomer partner and if a Mitchell-type movement is used; that is, the two newcomer/non-newcomer pairs sit in opposite directions. These pairs are ineligible for masterpoint awards from the newcomer event. In no case may the two non-newcomer players play as partners.
- 3.7.3 A partnership, including one with a fill-in player (non-newcomer), may use only the conventions the club allows for that game.
- 3.8 Pairs in which one partner is a non-newcomer will not receive masterpoints and will not be ranked. For example, if an ineligible pair earns sufficient matchpoints to have finished second, that pair is not ranked. Instead, the third-place pair is ranked second and receives the second place masterpoint awards. In such a case, all lower-ranked pairs move up one rank, accordingly.
- 3.9 Ineligible pairs count in table totals. For example, ACBL considers as a three-table game one that consists of four pairs of newcomers and two other pairs, each of which is made up of one newcomer and one non-newcomer, even though the two mixed (non-newcomer and newcomer) pairs are ineligible for masterpoint awards.
- 3.10 At the discretion of club management, three-member pairs may participate in newcomer games. The club will apportion earned masterpoints among the three players in a ratio that approximates the number of boards each played.

Section 4 – Special Fund Games

- 4.1 Clubs are allowed to hold games to benefit special funds. These games are charged an extra per table fee to be remitted to ACBL (except for games to benefit a local charity.)
- 4.2 The month of January is reserved for Grass Roots Fund Games, 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 eight months of the year, one

game per month per sanctioned session may be a special [fund](#) game for the benefit of the Grass Roots Fund, 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.

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

4.4 Charity Games

4.4.1 Beneficiaries

4.4.1.1 The first charity club championship held each year must name an Official ACBL Beneficiary, i.e., the ACBL Charity Foundation or the CBF Charitable Fund (for games held in Canada) as its principal beneficiary. Under exceptional circumstances and on written application to the ACBL, the ACBL may permit a club to hold its first charity game of the year for a local beneficiary and its next game for an official ACBL beneficiary. Of the proceeds from the first and every other odd-numbered subsequent charity game, a minimum amount per player (currently \$1) must be contributed to the ACBL Charity Foundation or the CBF Charitable Fund (for games held in Canada.)

4.4.1.2 A club that has selected a secondary beneficiary may make whatever contribution it chooses out of the surplus proceeds from the charity session. Some local charities provide playing space and publicity in exchange for a portion of the proceeds.

4.4.1.3 The second charity club championship may be conducted on behalf of a local charity, if the Internal Revenue Service approves the charity as tax-exempt. Note: the ACBL Educational Foundation qualifies as a local or secondary beneficiary. A minimum amount per player must go to the beneficiary.

4.4.2 Two Session Charity Games

4.4.2.1 Clubs may use their charity fund sessions to conduct one two-session charity fund championship. The same ACBL regulations that pertain to a two-session club championship apply to a two-session charity fund championship. This includes the right to schedule the charity event at a time and place that differs from that of the regular game.

4.4.2.2 Both sessions give 70% sectional-rated black points. The entire contribution must be made to an official ACBL beneficiary. See C. below. A club may charge any table fee that it chooses.

4.4.2.3 A club may divide the proceeds from a two-session event equally between an official ACBL beneficiary and local beneficiaries. If the sessions are unequal in size, the official ACBL beneficiary receives a minimum amount per player from the larger session and the local beneficiary a minimum amount per player from the smaller session.

4.4.3 Any club that, in any calendar year, runs one or more allowed special local charity games that are sanctioned for extra masterpoints must make available for public inspection an accounting of all funds raised in such games no later than February 28th of the following calendar year.

4.4.4 A club conducting invitational games may hold allocated charity championships as open events in which all ACBL members are allowed to participate, rather than conduct them as invitational events. The club must adequately advertise the fact that the game will be open. The rules for awards for an open charity championship held by an invitational club are the same as those for an open club.

4.4.5 Reporting Charity Fund Games

4.4.5.1 Clubs must report on the monthly financial report games conducted for local beneficiaries, listing the name of the beneficiary and the net amount contributed. In this case, however, they should send the contribution directly to the charity.

4.5 Educational Foundation Games

4.5.1 During any months, excluding January, February, April and September, one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special fund game for the Educational Foundation.

4.6 Grass Roots Fund Games

4.6.1 The month of January is designated as "Grass Roots Fund Month." Clubs may hold special games under the same rules and regulations applicable to the other special fund months (currently benefitting the Junior and International Funds and the ACBL Charity Foundation.)

4.6.2 Funds raised shall be returned annually no later than March 31 to the individual District in which those funds were raised, and shall be used by

the District to help fund Grass Roots Events. Grass Roots Events are defined as the Grand National Teams and the North American Pairs.

- 4.6.3 The ACBL shall not charge the Districts any fee for the cost of collecting and disbursing these funds.
- 4.6.4 The Grass Roots Fund shall be considered an additional, eligible beneficiary from regionally rated games at sectionals along with the Junior and International Funds and the ACBL Charity and Educational Foundations.

Section 5 – Other Club Games

5.1 Introductory Games

- 5.1.1 A club may conduct ACBL introductory games without first obtaining sanctions, but the games must have ACBL approval. The director usually issues club masterpoint receipts. Each game must have at least three tables, and each player must be scheduled to play a minimum of 6 boards.

5.2 Handicap Games

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

5.3 Stratified Pairs

- 5.3.1 A stratified pair game is one that produces more than one set of winners. All pairs are ranked in the top strat; the pairs in the top strat are eliminated in determining the ranks in Strat B; both A and B pairs are eliminated in determining the ranks in Strat C. It is possible for Strat B and C pairs to place in the higher strat, but Strat A pairs are eligible for A awards only; and Strat B pairs are eligible for A and B awards only. The strat in which a pair plays is determined by the player who has the most masterpoints or by the average masterpoints of the players.
- 5.3.2 Stratified pair games may be conducted with two or three strats. The lowest strat may have any upper masterpoint limitation suitable for the club. The lowest strat must have at least five pairs for overall awards to be issued and at least three pairs in a comparison group for section awards to be issued. There should be approximately the same number of pairs sitting N/S and E/W in each strat, so that the section awards will be equal.
- 5.3.3 The game is first scored on the total number of tables in play, and masterpoints are computed from the Open/Invitational point award chart.

Awards for the second strat include tables in the remainder of the game (all but the top strat) and are computed from the appropriate point award chart.

- 5.3.4 In a Newcomer strat (0 to 20 masterpoints), only tables in this strat receive masterpoints, from the newcomer award chart.
- 5.3.5 If a player places in more than one strat, the player receives the higher of the two awards, not both.

5.4 Home Style

- 5.4.1 Home-style bridge may be used in club games only. It may be used in club championships and charity club championships but not for ACBL-wide events, district-wide events, or any other special events. Clubs must apply to the ACBL to conduct home- style bridge games that issue masterpoints.

5.5 College Program

- 5.5.1 Sanction application will be provided to any student or faculty member who is interested in operating a sanctioned bridge game on any campus within ACBL jurisdiction.
- 5.5.2 Games are to be open to students, faculty members, and their spouses only.
- 5.5.3 No matter how many times a year a game is scheduled, an annual fee for each game session must accompany the application. The sanction year runs from January 1 through December 31.
- 5.5.4 The college game is not required to operate on a regular schedule. The day of the week may be changed if the change does not interfere with the schedule of an existing open club on the campus.
- 5.5.5 The game will be allotted one session with club championship rating for every 12 regular sessions played.
- 5.5.6 The college game is rated as an invitational game.
- 5.5.7 Each game must submit a Monthly Report of all game activity that occurred during the preceding month..
- 5.5.8 A fee for each game plus a fee for each table must be sent with the report form.

- 5.5.9 A faculty adviser must co-sign the sanction application and must agree to serve as the official ACBL contact.
- 5.6 Easybridge!
 - 5.6.1 Easybridge! is a program and series of books designed to develop newcomer game(s) in clubs
- 5.7. High School Program
 - 5.7.1 A high school program similar to that offered to a college is available.
 - 5.7.2 The minimum number of boards played for a 0-5MP game conducted in schools is six for middle-schools through college. The masterpoint award will be .03 per table.
 - 5.7.3 There re no sanction or table fees associated with these games.
- 5.8 Pupil Games
 - 5.8.1 A bridge teacher may apply for a special sanction to conduct a pupil game. The sanction will be free of charge if: (1) the applicant is an ACBL member, (2) the game is restricted to bona fide students of the sanction holder, (3) the lessons run for a minimum of 45 minutes, and (4) at least six boards are to be played.
 - 5.8.2 A minimum of at least eight participating students is required. If there are only two tables, the game must be run as a team event, individual event, or Swiss pair game.
 - 5.8.3 The game may be sanctioned as a regularly scheduled session or periodically, subject to ACBL regulations. The sessions may be run at different times and places from the lessons.
 - 5.8.4 A monthly report form is not required for pupil games, and there are no session or table fees.
 - 5.8.5 The teacher who runs the game need not be an ACBL club director.
- 5.9 Bridge Plus
 - 5.9.1 These games provide a transition from ACBL beginning bridge classes to newcomer games conducted at ACBL-sanctioned games. They are operated by ACBL accredited teachers. Players are encouraged to ask the teachers for advice on bidding and playing the hands.

5.9.2 A sanction is required to conduct an ACBL Bridge Plus game. Bridge Plus sanctions are issued free of session fees if all of the following conditions are met:

- a) The applicant must be an ACBL accredited teacher or a club manager in conjunction with an ACBL accredited teacher, but only the teacher is authorized to run the game.
- b) Only bona fide students with fewer than 5 masterpoints may participate in the game.
- c) The game must consist of a minimum of six boards.
- d) The game must be sanctioned for weekly operation and should be run for no fewer than two hours and no more than two-and-one-half hours.
- e) Monthly Report must be sent to ACBL by the tenth of the month following the month in which the game was held.

5.9.3 If an accredited teacher is not able to meet all the above conditions, he or she may conduct a cost-free sanctioned pupil game.

5.9.4 The teacher who runs the game need not be a club director. The teacher/director resolves all irregularities.

5.9.5 At the teacher's discretion, beginning bridge players with whom he or she is acquainted or friends of the students may play in Bridge Plus games.

5.10 Cruise Ships

5.10.1 The ACBL sanctions duplicate games as part of the social program aboard cruise ships. The following sanction fees will be charged:

- \$200 - per ship for an entire year
- \$100 - cruises of from 8 to 30 days
- \$50 - cruises of from 4 to 7 days.

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

5.10.3 Cruise ships need not hold club masterpoint games at regularly scheduled intervals.

5.10.4 The technical operation of the games must follow the regulations set forth for most sanctioned club games, with the following exceptions:

- a) There are no table and session fees, and the director of the sanctioned cruise game does not have to submit a Monthly Financial Report form.
- b) Masterpoint awards are 50% of the award for an open club game.

- c) Directors also may hold Newcomer games if warranted.
- d) ACBL regulations require that these games have a club or higher rated director.
- e) There is no requirement that a specific number of boards be played during a session. Masterpoint awards for such events are the same as they are for a complete game.

5.10.5 As a supplement to the cruise games authorized, cruise championships may be scheduled in accordance with the following regulations:

- a) One cruise championship event may be held for every 14 days (or portion thereof) of a cruise
- b.) Masterpoint awards for cruise championships are 50% of an open game championship.

5.10.6 Players who earn masterpoints in a cruise game receive their points from ACBL.

5.10.7 Directors or managers on cruise ships need not pay the per table session fees, but must submit club masterpoint reports to ACBL at the end of the cruise.

5.11 Land Cruises

5.11.1 The sanction fees for land cruises are the same as they are for ship cruises. The only difference is that the “cruise” is held on land.

5.11.2 A \$30 fee will be changed to sanction Land cruises up to 3 days.

5.11.3 Land cruises that operate at a single site in an ACBL country for more than 14 days will be sanctioned as a club game and report as one.

5.11.4 All other land cruises held in an ACBL country that are open to all ACBL members will be able to award masterpoints at full open club value.

5.11.5 There is no charge for games held in non-ACBL countries.

5.11.6 Masterpoint awards for games held on land cruises will be 50% of an Open Club game.

5.12 Penal Institutions

5.12.1 ACBL will sanction games in penal institutions in North America. These games must be run by a club or higher rated director. ACBL may substantially reduce or eliminate charges to clubs in prisons or mental institutions.

- 5.12.2 ACBL will assist and encourage the teaching and playing of bridge in penal institutions in North America.
- 5.12.3 Any person who is incarcerated in a place of penal confinement may, upon application become a member of the ACBL.
- 5.12.4 In institutions which permit inmates to leave such institutions for limited periods of time, such an inmate may, with the sponsoring organization's approval, compete in sanctioned ACBL activities. Any award won by such inmate in a sanctioned activity within or without the place of penal confinement shall be treated as awards won by any other player in equivalent competition.
- 5.12.5 In the assistance and encouragement of bridge, Management may, upon application, sanction games within places of penal confinement and may supply cards, boards, instructional material and direction.

5.13 Foreign Clubs

- 5.13.1 Bridge club games, at locations outside of Bermuda, Canada, Mexico and the United States, may be sanctioned at the discretion of Management, subject to the following guidelines:
 - a) Where there is no indication of a local bridge organization or local bridge club game, sanctions may be freely issued.
 - b) Sanctions may be issued for "isolated" locations, such as military bases, consulates, etc.
- 5.13.2 Where there is a local bridge club in operation, efforts will be made to minimize competition or interference between such a club and an ACBL club. If all parties agree, joint sanctions will be encouraged. If a local club appears to have legitimate concerns that an ACBL club is unduly interfering, or would unduly interfere, with the operation of the local club, then any sanction granted to the ACBL club to run sanctioned games will be subject to restrictions that minimize such interference; e.g., play restricted to citizens of ACBL NCBOs with guest privileges no more than once a month.

Section 6 – Miscellaneous Rules Relating To Club Masterpoint Games

6.1 Two Table Team Games

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

- 6.1.2 Short matches are permissible and makeup of teams or partnerships may be changed for each match.
 - 6.1.3 The masterpoint awards would be .01 masterpoint per board played and there would be match awards only. There are no overall awards.
- 6.2 Club Handicapping; Master Point Awards
- 6.2.1 The masterpoint awards for club handicap games can be as currently given or at the discretion of the club as follows:
 - a). 100% awards for scratch winners for the class of game involved.
 - b) 50% awards for handicap winners.
 - c) Players receive the higher of the awards, but *not* both.
- 6.3 Masterpoint Races – Games at Clubs
- 6.3.1 All sanctioned games held at clubs, with the sole exception of STaCs, are to be counted in Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs masterpoint races at Unit, District and ACBL wide levels.
- 6.4 Addition of M Factor for Special Club Games
- 6.4.1 The formula for masterpoints for special games at clubs will have the appropriate “M” factor applied when there are masterpoint limitations in exactly the same manner as the “M” factor is applied to all games conducted at tournaments

CHAPTER VI – CLUB SANCTIONED GAMES

C. General Club Game Regulations

Section 1 – Incentive Programs for Clubs

- 1.1 New Member Recruitment
 - 1.1.1 Club officials can offer a reduced price one-year membership to new members. If an applicant is found to have been a member previously, the membership fee will be pro-rated at the current membership rate.
 - 1.1.2 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
 - 1.1.2.1 A maximum of two upgraded club championship games per

session may be held in one calendar year.

- 1.1.3 For every 25 new members recruited in a year, a \$100 gift certificate to Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies will be awarded.
- 1.1.4 For every 100 new members recruited (regardless of the number of years it takes to recruit them) a bonus check for \$500 will be given. In addition, for the first 100 new members recruited, the ACBL will send a certificate recognizing the recruited as an ACBL Star Recruiter. Only club officials submitting their Social Security number or Tax Identification Number with the application will be eligible for rebates and certificates.

1.2 Newcomer Game Incentives

- 1.2.1 Clubs holding newcomer games (an upper masterpoint limit of not more than 20) at the same time as an open, invitational or restricted game may include the newcomer game tables when computing awards for the open, masterpoint-restricted or invitational game.
- 1.2.2 If a club chooses to run a flighted game, tables in any restricted sections count toward club masterpoint awards for any unrestricted section in play at that club during that session, (subject to the usual restriction for a rating point game, that the maximum awarded shall be 1.50). If there are two or more unrestricted sections, they shall share the credit for any other tables equally.

1.3 Cooperative Advertising Program

- 1.3.1 ACBL will subsidize teachers, clubs and units who wish to use advertising to recruit students for bridge lessons or to promote the game. This subsidy will be 75% of the cost of the advertising program up to a maximum of \$1,000 per program.
- 1.3.2 Advertising must be for newcomer programs, beginner bridge lessons or ACBL membership. Eligible media are radio, television, newspapers, magazines, direct mail, outdoor, yellow pages, flyers, handbills and statement stuffers.

Section 2 – Game Director

- 2.1 Management is and shall be the sole arbiter of the right of any club level, or higher, director to conduct any ACBL sanctioned tournament or game.
- 2.2 ACBL management has the right to cancel a club director's accreditation for cause upon thirty days notice to the club director. Either of the following shall constitute "cause" for cancellation of accreditation:

- a) direction of a club game out of compliance with ACBL regulation
 - b) unsuitable club venue.
- 2.3 A cancellation of accreditation is for a fixed period of time whereupon the club director may apply for reinstatement of accreditation (a new examination may be required by ACBL management for reinstatement); or, a cancellation may be permanent without the possibility of reinstating accreditation.
- 2.4 The thirty day notice of cancellation of accreditation shall provide the club director with the option of providing ACBL management with reasons in writing why the cancellation should not take place, whereupon ACBL management, in its own discretion, may leave the cancellation of accreditation in place, amend the cancellation or withdraw the cancellation
- 2.5 The club director may file a written appeal of a cancellation of accreditation with the Appeals and Charges Committee of ACBL Board of Directors within thirty days of the effective date of the cancellation, provided however, that the cancellation will remain in effect until the appeal before the Appeals and Charges Committee has been decided. In order to be considered, such written appeal must include reasons why the cancellation is inconsistent with the terms of this Section C.
- 2.6 ACBL management may cancel a club game director's accreditation without notice if the "cause" for cancellation is such that continuation of the club director's club activities will result in substantial and immediate violation of ACBL Regulations; or increase the likelihood of lawsuit against the ACBL; or result in violation of state or Federal law.
- 2.7 Club Directors at Special Events
- 2.7.1 Non-playing directors are encouraged but not required for games having not more than one section of 17 tables or less for the following special events held at clubs or units: ACBL-wide International Fund Games, ACBL-wide Charity Games, Junior Fund Games, International Fund Games, Educational Foundation Fund Games, Senior Pairs, Worldwide Pairs, ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Games, Membership Games, NABC Promotional Games, GNT Fund Raisers, Club Appreciation Games, Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STAC) Games, the Canadian Olympiad, the COPC, the CNTC, the North American Open Pair Club and Unit Qualifying stages, the Grand National Team (GNT) Club and Unit Qualifying stages, Unit Championships, and Unit Charity Championships.
 - 2.7.2 Playing directors in STaC games and their partners are ineligible to receive overall STaC masterpoint (silver point) awards, but are eligible to receive section awards. At Sponsor option, the above restriction may be waived. Such waiver shall be noted on the sanction application submitted

to ACBL Headquarters.

Section 3 – Systems and Conventions

- 3.1 ACBL retains the right to approve or disapprove any bidding or defensive carding (lead or discard signal) convention for general use in ACBL-sanctioned tournament events. In exercising this right, ACBL has established convention charts that list conventions permitted in games having varying degrees of difficulty.
- 3.2 A club manager can bar or allow specific conventions and can bar certain conventions in novice games but allow them in open games. The types of events for which this applies are club masterpoint games, club championships, club charity events, ACBL-wide events, unit championships, unit charity events, district charity events, and the North American Pairs events.
- 3.3 The Alert procedure and the skip-bid announcement are procedures used in tournaments and are optional (and strongly encouraged) in club games.
- 3.4 When masterpoints are awarded for overall positions in several locations, such as unit-wide games, STaCs, etc., all conventions in the ACBL General Convention Chart must be allowed unless the conditions of contest specify otherwise. Use of the Alert procedure is mandatory, and the rules that govern skip-bid announcements are applicable.
- 3.5 Occasionally special games, such as the GNT event, may be held in clubs. In such a case the club manager must check the conditions of contest to be sure to conduct the game in conformity with rules.
- 3.6 ACBL recommends that clubs which are inclined to permit patrons to test new or little-known conventions or systems restrict such testing to one of several scheduled game sessions. If experience indicates that the majority of the club players welcome this policy, it can be extended easily to other sessions. In any case, players must have the approval of the director before using any convention not specifically authorized. ACBL recommends that each club post a list of approved conventions in a conspicuous place on its premises.

Section 4 – Club Discipline

- 4.1 Club management should deal promptly and fairly with all cases of improper conduct that occur during an ACBL-sanctioned masterpoint game in the club, including cases of unethical practices.
- 4.2 The club manager should either handle these situations personally or establish a standing committee to review all disciplinary problems.

- 4.3 Clubs holding non-sanctioned games may deal with problems arising in these games as they see fit.
- 4.4 The club manager can handle many behavior problems by discussing them with the offenders, by issuing a warning, or declaring a period of probation.
- 4.5 In extreme cases or cases of repeat offenses, the manager can bar an ACBL member from the club game for a stipulated period of time, or permanently.
- 4.6 No open club may bar an ACBL member or members as a class, based upon the player's race, creed, religion, political affiliation, sexual orientation, national origin, and physical handicap or on his proficiency at bridge.
- 4.7 Unless a non ACBL member is currently suspended or expelled from participation in ACBL sanctioned events, permission to play in an ACBL sanctioned event at that club is at the sole discretion of the club management and ACBL has no jurisdiction. Therefore, except for a barring alleged to be for the above discriminatory reasons, these regulations do not apply (i.e. the ACBL requirements and rights enumerated in this section do not extend to non ACBL members).
- 4.8 Except as detailed in the previous paragraph, a club may bar an ACBL member for whatever reason it deems proper and consistent with ACBL Rules and Regulations and the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge.
- 4.9 An obnoxious or incompatible partnership may be barred as a pair, but each may be permitted to play with other partners.
- 4.10 To bar an ACBL member, club management must notify the member in writing and send a copy of the notification to the ACBL Club Member Services Department. The notification must include the member's name and player number and the reason for the barring.
- 4.11 An open club can bar members from its regularly scheduled club masterpoint games, membership games, ACBL-wide games, club championships, charity and international fund club championships, and other special events specifically allocated to clubs as outlined above.
- 4.12 These regulations also apply to a club with an invitational sanction except that the club has the additional authority to refuse admittance to an invitational game to someone who does not meet the criteria upon which the invitational sanction is based (e.g. a member who has 500 masterpoints is denied admittance to an invitational game that is limited to members with less than 300 masterpoints).
- 4.13 If the member feels that his barring does not comply with these regulations prohibiting barring players as a class, religious or political affiliations, race, creed,

sexual orientation, national origin, physical disability or proficiency at bridge, he or she may appeal the barring to the unit disciplinary committee.

- 4.14 Appeals from the unit disciplinary committee may be filed in accordance with and under the authority of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations. Until the appeal is lodged and heard, the player remains barred unless reinstated by the club unless a stay is granted by the Unit Disciplinary Chairperson.
- 4.15 A club may extend the barring of an ACBL member from Grand National teams, North American Pair events, STaCs, qualifying sessions of a progressive sectional, unit or district competitions, and/or unit-wide or district-wide championships held at the club.
- 4.16 A member so barred may appeal the extension of the barring under the process described in the previous paragraph. In such cases, the written notice to the member barred must include the member's right to appeal the action to the Unit Disciplinary Committee in which the club is located within thirty days of the action taken by the club. Such written notice is required, otherwise the barring shall not be effective.
- 4.17 Units have jurisdiction in hearing appeals of a barring from a sanctioned game at a club.

Section 5 – Operation of Clubs

- 5.1 ACBL grants a club game sanction on the condition that the club conduct all game sessions in full compliance with ACBL regulations. To retain a sanction the club manager must observe both the letter and the spirit of ACBL regulations.
- 5.2 Cancellation of a Regular Game Session
 - 5.2.1 Clubs must hold regularly sanctioned game sessions as provided on its approved application. A club may not change a regularly sanctioned game session to a different day or time, even temporarily, without prior ACBL approval.
 - 5.2.2 A club may cancel a regularly scheduled game session because of:
 - a) Unusual weather such as a snowstorm, hurricane, or tornado alert
 - b) A conflict with a higher rated event (optional - not required, but only a regular club game may be held)
 - c) Holidays such as Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, and Christmas and other religious holidays
 - d) Not enough tables for a legal game
 - e) In the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Bermuda, all statutory holidays,

as well as local, provincial, national and religious holidays

5.2.3 There are no game or table fees for sessions canceled for an approved reason. The club must note the reason for a cancellation on the Monthly Report Form.

5.2.4 A club may not make up canceled games.

5.3 Club Records

5.3.1 The club must post recap sheets at the club and/or provide electronic access to the recap for each game no later than the next session of that game. Travelers, if used, must be available for player review through the next session of that game. The club must retain the game records for at least three months. For other than regular club games, the club must retain the game records for at least six months.

5.4 Non-ACBLScore Club Fees

5.4.1 Clubs not using ACBLScore to submit their monthly financial and masterpoint reports must pay an additional \$2.00 per game sanction fee.

CHAPTER VI – CLUB SANCTIONED GAMES

D. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Section 1 – Allocation of Club Championship Game Sessions

- 1.1 Every club that conducts its sanctioned games in full compliance with ACBL regulations is entitled to a number of annual club championship games. The number of such games depends on the number of regular games the club holds.
 - 1.1.2 The allocation of all special games will be based on sessions sanctioned rather than the number of sanctions held.
- 1.2 When a club conducts two or more levels of play at the same time (for example, open and newcomer games), it must conduct its club championships for all levels simultaneously.
- 1.3 When a club recruits ten new members, one additional club championship may be run as a 100% sectionally-rated game.
- 1.4 Weekly Clubs
 - 1.4.1 Each regularly scheduled weekly game is entitled to four club

championship sessions per year. These may be scheduled as four one-session club championships, two one-session championships and one two-session championship, or two two-session championships.

1.5 Non-Weekly Clubs

1.5.1 A regularly scheduled club game held at a frequency other than weekly is entitled to one session with club championship rating for each 12 meetings of its regular game. In all other respects, ACBL regulations for the use of the club championship sessions by non-weekly games are the same as they are for weekly games.

1.6 Member/Guest Club Championship

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

1.6.2 Member/Guest Club Championships may be scheduled at any time during the year.

1.6.3 Once each year a Club may hold a one session Member/Guest Club Championship at a time other than that of the regularly sanctioned session. When this is the case, written permission must be obtained from all other sanctioned clubs within a 25 mile radius scheduled to hold a game at the same time.

1.6.4 Clubs entitled to hold more than one Member/Guest Club Championship may only move one of the events to a session for which they are not sanctioned.

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

Section 2 – Scheduling Club Championships

2.1 When a sectional (excluding STaCs) or higher rated event is being conducted within 25 miles of a club game's playing site, the club is permitted to hold only its regularly scheduled club masterpoint games. This regulation does not apply to Limited/Restricted Sectionals.

2.2 Calendar Quarter Scheduling

2.2.1 A club must hold each of the four club championship sessions for one weekly game during a different calendar quarter of the year, except for an event it conducts in two sessions. A club may not carry over a club championship from one year to the next for the purpose of conducting a two-session event

2.3 Playing Site Changes

2.3.1 A club may change the playing site of a club championship session from that of its regular game to accommodate increased attendance or the serving of refreshments. To change the site the club must obtain prior written approval from the unit that has jurisdiction over the area in which the championship is to be held.

2.4 Playing Time Changes

2.4.1 Once a year a club may hold a one or two-session club championship at a time other than that of the game it represents. To do so, the club must obtain written permission from all other clubs holding sanctioned games within a 25-mile radius that hold games on that day of the week.

2.5 Number of Boards

2.5.1 Clubs are allowed to hold either regular club championship (18+ boards) or shortened club championships (12-17) boards played. The total number of club championships, including regular and shortened, will remain the same.

2.5.2 The overall awards for shortened club championships are 60% of regular club championships.

2.5.3 The online shortened club championship (12-17 boards) overall award is capped at 4.50 masterpoints.

2.6 Two Session Club Championships

2.6.1 Conducting a two-session club championship uses two of the four quarterly club championships allocated for the year, whether they are played in two consecutive sessions in different quarters (last session of the quarter and first session of the next quarter) or in one quarter (afternoon-evening play through). For example, a club game sanctioned for Saturday afternoon may operate a two-session club championship on two consecutive Saturday afternoons. When the consecutive days fall in the

same calendar quarter, the club must forgo a championship event in some other quarter.

- 2.6.2 Once a year a club may schedule a two-session event on a day other than that for which it is sanctioned. For example, a club sanctioned for a Wednesday session may conduct the two-session event on Saturday afternoon and evening.
 - 2.6.3 The club must obtain written approval from all other Saturday clubs within a 25-mile radius, even if the club is itself sanctioned for either Saturday afternoon or Saturday evening. The club must forgo a club championship event in another calendar quarter if it makes use of this option.
 - 2.6.4 If a club is sanctioned for Saturday afternoon and evening, it could hold a two-session club championship all in one day. One club championship session would be charged against each sanctioned game session.
- 2.7 Regular Game with Different Club Championship Time.
- 2.7.1 If a club holds its club championship on a day for which it is not sanctioned to hold its regular sessions, and it has the written permission of other clubs holding sessions at that time, it may still hold a club masterpoint game on its regular day. The club must note the occurrence of both games on the Monthly Report Form, attach all written permissions to it, and submit appropriate payment with the form.
- 2.8 Back to back Plan -In areas in which two or more clubs are sanctioned to hold games simultaneously, attendance at some clubs may drop if one of the clubs stages a club championship. To prevent this, the unit having jurisdiction may adopt and enforce a back-to-back plan, under which all clubs in the playing area holding games during the same session must schedule their club championships in direct competition with each other. Use of this plan is optional with the unit.

Section 3 – Membership Games

- 3.1 The number of one-session Membership Games a club is allotted is proportionate to the overall club activity. A club may hold one membership game per year for each regularly sanctioned session. (If a club runs one game a week, it may hold one Membership Game per year; if a club runs ten games a week, it may hold ten Membership Games per year.)
- 3.2 Only Life Members and paid-up ACBL members are eligible to play in membership games. Before the game begins, the director should make it clear to all participants that if an ineligible player enters, neither the player nor his or her partner will receive point awards.

- 3.3 The point awards for an open game are 100% sectional rated black points and the session designated for the game must be one for which the club is sanctioned.
- 3.4 Scheduling a Membership Game
- 3.4.1 A club may schedule a membership game any time during the year, as long as the date does not conflict with the dates of sectional (excluding STaCs) or higher-rated events or qualifying games for the NAP or the GNT that are being held within 25 miles of the club game's playing site. This regulation does not apply to Limited/Restricted Sectionals.
- 3.4.2 The session designated for the game must be one for which the club is sanctioned.
- 3.4.3 A club entitled to hold more than one membership game must schedule each one on a different session (for example, not two Friday nights).
- 3.4.5 A club may change the playing site of a membership game from that of its regular playing site to another location by obtaining prior written approval from the unit that has jurisdiction over the new site.
- 3.5 Type of Event
- 3.5.1 A membership game must be a one-session event. Usually it is an open pair contest. However, a club may conduct any type of standard event it deems appropriate for its players.
- 3.6 Membership Game Director
- 3.6.1 Only a club or higher rated director may conduct a membership game (a playing director is permitted, but not recommended for a game of 17 tables or less in one section). The membership game is operated exactly the same way as a club championship.
- 3.7 Point Awards
- 3.7.1 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.

Section 4 – Other Frequent Club Events

Events that are not specific club games are often held in clubs.

4.1 Grand National Teams

- 4.1.1 The Grand National Team event is divided into four flights: The district has the option of conducting any fair bridge competition it chooses to select a winning team for each flight, which is then entitled to play in the National Finals at the Summer NABC. Sometimes a GNT club round qualifying is scheduled, but participation by an individual club is optional.
- 4.1.2 A district may permit each club within its area to hold one sectional-rated event (for as many game sessions as the club has sanctioned) as a fundraiser for the Grand National Teams or the Canadian National Team Championship. Each district sets the amount its clubs remit to it, to a maximum of \$6.00 per table.

4.2 North American Pairs

- 4.2.1 The North American Pairs is divided into three flights. The club qualifying rounds for all NAP flights are held in June, July, and August. A club may conduct two qualifying events in each flight for every weekly game sanctioned during each of these months.
- 4.2.2 A game may be held as a stratified event. If there is a separate Non-LM qualifying game, it may be stratified as 0-20, 20-100, 100-500 (non-LM).
- 4.2.3 A club may move the site of its NAP qualifying game to accommodate increased attendance, but the club must hold the event at the same time as one of its regular sanctioned game sessions.
- 4.2.4 Clubs hosting NAP games must return the financial report and fees due by the 10th of the following month.
- 4.2.5 Each club must schedule its NAP game on one of its sanctioned sessions (exceptions can be approved by the unit) within the specified month for qualification.
- 4.2.6 ACBL recommends that games of 18 or more tables be divided into two or more sections.
- 4.2.7 Duplicated boards across all sections are desirable but not mandatory. A minimum of 21 boards must be played, and all games should be seeded. ACBL issues all masterpoints earned at NAP events.
- 4.2.8 A club level-qualifying event must be a one-session open pair event.
- 4.2.9 A club-stage event must have a club or higher-rated director. ACBL recommends a non-playing director, but games of one section with 17

tables or fewer may have a playing director.

- 4.2.10 In emergencies, substitutes may play up to 50% of the boards. Substitutes who play more than 50% of the boards acquire the rights of the original contestants. Masterpoint awards are 100% sectional rated, ½ red, ½ black.
- 4.2.11 An invitational club may participate and qualify players for the unit level competition. Masterpoint awards for invitational flights are all black and are equivalent to 80% of sectional rating.
- 4.2.12 With prior unit approval, an invitational club may open its games to all ACBL members, with players earning the same masterpoint awards as they would at open clubs.
- 4.2.13 Before approval is granted, however, the unit must be satisfied that the club will adequately advertise the fact that the game will be open. If a unit refuses permission for an open game, a club may appeal the unit's decision to the district organization.
- 4.2.14 Players may participate in club level NAP competitions outside their home districts. These players will receive any masterpoints earned and any qualifications earned are for the next level of play in their home district.
- 4.2.15 At a club level qualifying game, all eligible individuals who earn masterpoints or finish in the top half of the field, and any individuals who score 50% or better, earn qualification to play at the unit level.
- 4.2.16 For the unit level competition, both members of the pair must play in their home district. No player may enter more than one unit level competition per flight.
- 4.2.17 All participants at the unit level must be ACBL members in good standing and be current in payment of dues or Life Master service fees. Non-members may join ACBL at the time they register to play. To accommodate non-members and others who do not wish to play in the NAP event, a club may conduct a regular game at the same time as the qualifying event.

4.3 North American Bridge Championship Promotional Game

- 4.3.1 ACBL allocates to each district one week of sectional-rated NABC fundraising games in each of the three years prior to a North American Bridge Championship held within the district.
- 4.3.2 The district schedules a week for the event, and ACBL notifies all clubs within the district advising them that the events may be held during their regular meeting times.

- 4.3.3 Clubs may hold the same number of these sessions as their allocated number of membership games.
 - 4.3.4 A participating club must remit a sanction fee per table to ACBL with the report form.
 - 4.3.5 The District establishes the additional fees for this event, which are submitted directly to the District.
 - 4.3.6 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.
- 4.4 Sectional Tournaments Held at Clubs (STaCs)
- 4.4.1 Clubs may also participate in Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs) and the qualifying rounds of a Progressive Sectional when these are sponsored by the club's unit.
- 4.5 Club Appreciation Games
- 4.5.1 October has been designated as Club Appreciation Month. During this month, club managers may run one Club Appreciation Pair Game and one Club Appreciation Team Game in place of a regularly scheduled session.
 - 4.5.2 The pair game pays 100% of sectional rating (all black), and the team game pays sectional Swiss rating with 5% gold. (A player can win a maximum of .25 gold.)
- 4.6 State, Province, Country (SPC) Championships
- 4.6.1 This is an event in which each participating ACBL SPC may name a champion in each category by means of a fair competition that is not necessarily the same from SPC to SPC. The type of event and conditions of contest must be submitted to and approved by the ACBL Tournament Department.
 - 4.6.2 There will not be a national final. The event may be flighted.
 - 4.6.3 With ACBL Management approval, this event or any portion may be run through an on-line service. At SPC option, each flight may be played at three or fewer levels.

4.6.4 ACBL Rules and Regulations apply to all play in the event and supercede special SPC conditions in cases of conflict.

4.7 Inter-Club Championship Games

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

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

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

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

4.7.5 ACBL Management is authorized to sanction and conduct inter-club championships, which are administered online but played "live." ACBL may sanction and conduct the event or ACBL may hold the sanction and sublet the administration of the event.

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

4.7.7 In addition to a club's regular club championships, the club may participate in an additional four (4) inter-club championships administered online. A club may not use one or all of its regular quarterly club championships to participate in inter-club championships administered electronically.

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

4.8 Canadian Bridge Federation Simultaneous Pairs

4.8.1 There is a one-session Canadian Bridge Federation Simultaneous Pairs that runs annually and awards sectionally rated masterpoints. In addition to overall Canada-Wide awards there will be overall awards in each of the

six CBF Zones.

4.9 ACBL-wide Senior Pairs

4.9.1 The masterpoint rating for the ACBL-wide Senior Pairs is 80% Sectional rating and the sanction fee is \$4.00 per table.

4.10 WBF Simultaneous Pairs

4.10.1 The WWP Simultaneous Pairs may be held at clubs, Sectionals or Regionals.

4.10.2 In all cases, half /red, half /black points will be awarded or whatever is approved by the ACBL Board of Directors.

4.10.3 When this event is held as part of a 2 session event, the sponsoring organization pays the sanction fee for the WWP for those players entered in both the tournament event and the WWP. One sanction fee only is paid. The event is scored twice - once as the WWP and once as the tournament event. Participants entered in both are eligible only for the higher masterpoint award. Note: Points remain half /red, half black for the WWP either red/gold or silver as is appropriate for the tournament event.

4.10.4 When the WWP is held at a sectional or regional, it should have its own separate section except that the organization may offer this event, in addition, to those playing in a two session event one session of which is concurrent with the WWP

4.10.5 A one (1) session event may not be played as a WWP and a Tournament Event...i.e. - the event awards only WWP masterpoints. In a one session event a player is only eligible for masterpoints from one event.

4.11 Instant Matchpoint Game

4.11.1 Games meeting open standards will be considered in the open contest. (Note: ½ table games will be included.)

4.11.2 Minimum boards to be played by any pair in the open contest is 20.

4.11.3 Howell movements meeting open standards will award a Gold Point for first place.

Section 5 – Fees and Charges

- 5.1 Clubs are expected to submit game reports including applicable fees to ACBL along with their month end report for Special Event games held in that month. See Chapter VI.A. 5.2.1 for information about late charges. If Special Event games are sanctioned and then cancelled, failure to report the cancellation is subject to late charges and revocation of the sanction to run games

Effective immediately

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

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

RO = Rescind Obsolete

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

CHAPTER VI - CLUBS

A. CLUB SANCTIONED GAMES

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

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

Transfer of Club Sanctions (851-82) RO

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

Foreign Clubs (892-44) See B5.13

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

- A. Where there is no indication of a local bridge organization or local bridge club, sanctions may be freely issued.
- B. Sanctions may be issued for "isolated" locations, such as military bases, consulates, etc.
- C. Where there is a local bridge club in operation, efforts will be made to minimize competition or interference between such a club and an ACBL club. If all parties agree, joint sanctions will be encouraged. If a local club appears to have legitimate concerns that an ACBL club is unduly interfering, or would unduly

interfere, with the operation of the local club, then any sanction granted to the ACBL club will be subject to restrictions that minimize such interference; e.g., play restricted to citizens of ACBL NCBOs with guest privileges no more than once a month.

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

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

New Club Plan (933) RO

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

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

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

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

(See Appendix 1. *Revised Club Program*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

There are *no* overall awards.

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

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

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

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

Effective August 2, 1996.

Club Masterpoint Awards (962-68) RO

All clubs must submit club masterpoints directly to ACBL.

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

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

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

Clubs may have a single sanction number and varying sites.

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

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

Club Annual Table Count List (992-191) RO

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

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

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

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

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

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

Administrative Guidelines for ACBL Club Games and ACBL Club Director

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

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

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

A. ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations Chapter 4,

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

D. Cancellation of Sanction

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

operation of a club out of compliance with ACBL regulations

unsuitable club venue discriminatory practices as set forth in this Handbook

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. The thirty day notice of cancellation of accreditation shall provide the club director with the option of providing ACBL management with reasons in writing why the cancellation should not take place, whereupon ACBL management, in its own discretion,

may leave the cancellation of accreditation in place, amend the cancellation or withdraw the cancellation **See C 2.4**

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

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

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

Games at Clubs (101-132) See B 6.3

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

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

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

Effective immediately

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

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

RO = Rescind Obsolete

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

CHAPTER VI - CLUBS

B. FEES AND CHARGES

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

Effective January 1, 1993, Club Managers who do not submit timely club reports and rating point reports will be sent a notice that such reports must be submitted along with a \$5 late charge within thirty (30) days. If a report and late charge are not received within

the thirty (30) days, an additional \$25.00 charge will be assessed and the club will be suspended until the report and monies due, including the late charges, are received at Headquarters.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Start-Up Fees (942-46) RO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Special Games at Clubs report is approved.

Changes to current policy are:

April is designated as Charity month.

September is designated as International Fund month.

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

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

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

Chapter 6, B.3

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

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

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

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

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

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

RO = Rescind Obsolete

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

CHAPTER VI - CLUBS

C. DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D. Cancellation of Sanction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Effective immediately

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

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

RO = Rescind Obsolete

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CHAPTER VI - CLUBS

D. SPECIAL CLUB GAMES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Master Point awards are based on Club Championship Open Pairs rating for a Class 4 game with 3 Bonus Factors. (Note Bonus factor rescinded by 931-47)
Except as noted, all conditions for the operation of Member/Guest Club Championships follow the regulations set forth for any other Club Championship.

Membership Games at Clubs (901-75) RO

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

Club Series Games (923-22) RO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Super Club Championship (973-199) RO

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

1. Master/Non-Master or Member/Guest games
- * 2. GNT or CNTC club games

3. NAOP and COPC games
4. 4.49ers Pairs
5. ACBL Instant Matchpoint or World Wide Pairs Championship
6. International Fund or ACBL-Wide Charity game
- * 7. STaC games
8. Novice program including lessons
9. Recruited ACBL members as follows:
 - 3 - where unit membership is less than 200
 - 5 - where unit membership is 201 - 500
 - 10 - where unit membership is over 500
- * If unit or district does not schedule these events, the requirement for holding these games is met.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Instant Matchpoint Game (013-132) See D 4.11

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

III. NEWCOMER GAMES

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

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

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

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

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

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

other than weekly may hold one special "fund" game every fourth game. The masterpoint rating for all of these special games will be 70% of Sectional Rating maintaining the current cap of 6.00 masterpoints.

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

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

The ACBL hereby establishes a Grass Roots Fund. The month of December is designated as "Grass Roots Fund Month." Clubs may hold special games under the same rules and regulations applicable to the other special fund months (currently benefitting the Junior and International Funds and the ACBL Charity Foundation.) Funds raised shall be returned annually no later than March 31 to the individual District in which those funds were raised, and shall be used by the District to help fund Grass Roots Events. Grass Roots Events are defined as the Grand National Teams and the North American Pairs. The ACBL shall not charge the Districts any fee for the cost of collecting and disbursing these funds.

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

Effective immediately

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

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

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

CHAPTER VI - CLUBS

E. CONVENTIONS

Open Club Game With Restricted Conventions (802-31)

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

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

A club manager can bar or allow specific conventions and can bar certain conventions in novice games but allow them in open games. The types of events for which this applies

are club masterpoint games, club championships, club charity events, ACBL-wide events, unit championships, unit charity events, district charity events, and the North American Pairs events. The Alert procedure and the skip-bid announcement are procedures used in tournaments and are optional (and strongly encouraged) in club games. **See C 3.2 & C 3.3**

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

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

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

Effective immediately

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

Moved that:

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

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CHAPTER VI - CLUBS

F. DISCIPLINE

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

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

2.2

Of Disciplinary Bodies

2.2.1 Units have only original jurisdiction, except:

(a)

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

(b)

When otherwise explicitly stated in the CDR.

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

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

G. CLUB DISCIPLINE

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

The club manager can handle many behavior problems by discussing them with the offenders, by issuing a warning, or declaring a period of probation. In extreme cases or cases of repeat offenses, the manager can bar an ACBL member from the club game for a stipulated period of time, or permanently. No open club may bar an ACBL member or members as a class, based upon the player's race, creed, religion, political affiliation, sexual orientation, national origin, and physical handicap or on his proficiency at bridge. **See C 4.4, C4.5 & C 4.6**

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

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

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

The notification must include the member's name and player number and the reason for the barring. An open club can bar members from its regularly scheduled club masterpoint

games, membership games, ACBL-wide games, club championships, charity and international fund club championships, and other special events specifically allocated to clubs as outlined above. **See C 4.10**

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

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

A club may extend the barring of an ACBL member from Grand National teams, North American Pair events, STaCs, qualifying sessions of a progressive sectional, unit or district competitions, and/or unit-wide or district-wide championships held at the club. A member so barred may appeal the extension of the barring under the process described in the previous paragraph. In such cases, the written notice to the member barred must include the member's right to appeal the action to the Unit Disciplinary Committee in which the club is located within thirty days of the action taken by the club. Such written notice is required, otherwise the barring shall not be effective. **See C 4.15 & C 4.16**

Effective immediately

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

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

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CHAPTER VI - CLUBS

G. CRUISES / LAND CRUISES

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

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

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

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

Cruise Championships (941-83) See B 5.10.5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Effective immediately

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

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

CHAPTER VI
H. PENAL INSTITUTIONS

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

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

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

Club Fees (793-53) See B 5.12.2

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

Effective immediately

Item 132-91: Chapter VI – Clubs Rescinded Items

The following motions from the brown pages regarding Clubs are rescinded:

Chapter VI A – 721-62, 721-62A, 742-1, 742-53, 751-43, 773-21B, 781-21, 782-23, 782-24, 792-11, 793-11, 793-53, 842-11, 843-101, 851-75, 852-12, 852-13, 852-14, 853-11, 853-22, 862-96, 862-97, 862-37, 863-28, 901-102A, 921-23, 922-26, 923-21, 923-26, 931-47, 931-48, Exec Comm New Club Plan 933, Exec Comm Increase in Membership dues 933, 933-56, 933-57, 941-44, 941-45, 943-43, 951-37, 963-64 and 043-139.

Chapter VI B – 721-67, 762-33, 941-42, 983-95 and 983-173.

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Chapter VI D – 981-173, 983-194 and 103-133.

Chapter VI E – 801-45 and 802-31.

Chapter VI F – 781-2, 782-21, 782-33, 883-2, 913-2, 933-55, 972-13, 011-42, 021-101, 032-48 and 072-60.

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Chapter VI I – 083-32.

Effective Date: Immediately

Item 132-92: Competitive Bidding Policy

Chapter II – Business Management: A. Finance Section 2 – Competitive Bidding Policy be amended as follows:

Section 2 – Competitive Bidding Policy

- 2.1 A competitive bidding policy is designed for use when a project warrants the time expended by both the vendor and the purchaser. Typically, these are large dollar purchases. For the purposes of this policy, we will use a minimum amount of \$50,000 when implementing the competitive bidding policy. ~~In addition, for proposed expenditures of amounts more than \$50,000 and less than \$100,000, the bidding policy may be waived with the unanimous consent of the CEO, the President and the Treasurer or their designees.~~
- 2.2 When the ACBL is interested in purchasing a product or service and the cost of that product warrants a competitive bid, the following will be followed.
 - 2.2.1 Determine detailed specifications and criteria in the form of a written Request for Proposal (RFP) that will be established for the product or service.
 - 2.2.2 Ensure the market consists of an adequate number of sellers to warrant the procedure. ~~Three to eight~~ A minimum of three sellers is the acceptable number of suppliers to query. If there are not enough sellers in the market, the operating bidding policy will be in effect.
 - 2.2.3 Verify the validity of the seller's ability to supply the known quality and specifications of the desired product or service.
 - 2.2.4 Allow sufficient time for the seller to gather the necessary information to adequately respond to the request for proposal. Adequately define the due date for receiving responses.

- 2.2.5 If possible, require a sample of the product being purchased from each bidder for comparative purposes.
- 2.2.6 Request a written response when clarification is needed from a bidder on some element of the proposal.
- 2.2.7 Bids will be extensively reviewed and compared to specifications and to each other as to cost and quality. A cost/benefit analysis will be provided to the CEO/~~CFO~~ comparing the proposals by cost and by the important elements of the specifications. Important deficiencies of the proposal must be prominently mentioned. The report will make a recommendation to the CEO/~~CFO~~.
- 2.2.8 Give reasons for the selection that was made, as well as reasons why the other top bidders were not selected.
- 2.2.9 In those situations where sufficient expertise is not available within Management to properly evaluate the product or service, Management will seek out that expertise from other sources including members from ~~members of the Board of Directors, or from members of the ACBL members, and/or independent consultants. In those instances where the needed expertise cannot be found, Management will consider using an independent paid consultant.~~
- 2.2.10 Management at all times retains the right to refuse any and/or all bids.
- 2.3 ~~All~~ Exceptions to the ACBL competitive bidding policy, except those noted in 2.1, require prior approval by the ACBL Board or ACBL Executive Committee and subsequent notification to the Audit Committee. Appropriate exceptions include, but are not limited to:
 - 2.3.1 Expenditures of up to \$100,000;
 - 2.3.2 Renewals or extensions of existing agreements which increase the total purchase price to over \$50,000 when the seller or consultant's performance justifies such renewal or extension.
- 2.4 Excluded from the competitive bidding policy are:
 - 2.4.1 Purchases of utilities, such as water, sewage, etc., where competitive sources are not available.
 - 2.4.2 Purchases of proprietary maintenance contracts, i.e., where alternate authorized sources are not available.

- 2.4.3 Purchases of maintenance contracts where use of alternate sources is inconsistent with the best interest of the League.
- 2.4.4 Purchases involving major repairs, where bidding requirements are ~~waived~~ authorized by the CEO due to the urgency of repair.
- 2.4.5 Purchases involving a documented sole source of supply, either where Purchasing has exhausted the search for additional suppliers or where comparable products available from multiple sources are found not to meet the requirements of the League.

Effective immediately

Item 132-93: Retiree Medical Benefit Plan

Group IV Retiree Medical Benefit Plan is amended as follows:

Group IV Eligible Employees: ~~any Employee who (i) becomes and employee on or after September 11, 1996~~ any Employee who becomes an employee on or before December 31, 2013, and leaves employment with the employer, either: or (ii) leaves employment with the Employer on or after January 1, 2000, either (i) at or after attainment of age sixty-five (65) with not fewer than twenty (20) years of service, or (ii) as a result of early retirement at or after attainment of age fifty-five (55) with not fewer than twenty (20) years of service. An Employee shall become a Group IV Eligible Employee only upon both the satisfaction of either the standard set forth above and upon attaining age 65.

Effective January 1, 2014

Item 132-94: Transfer to Zip Code 92704 to Unit 515

The geographic area within zip code 92704 in the Santa Ana Unit 541 shall be transferred to the adjacent Balboa Unit 515.

Effective September 1, 2013

Item 132-95: Hall of Fame Election Procedures

1. The number of votes allowed for each elector, as described in Section 5B of the Hall of Fame Operating Procedures shall be amended as follows:
 - 2 votes for 4 - 5 candidates (unchanged)
 - 3 votes for 6 or 7 candidates (increased from 2)
 - 4 votes for 8 or 9 candidates (increased from 3)

5 votes for 10, 11, or 12 candidates (increased from 4)

2. The number of journalist electors, as described in Section C of Appendix II, shall be reduced from 10 journalists to 5 journalists.

Effective January 1, 2014

DI 132-G2: Hall of Fame Operating Procedures Discussion Item

Our current Hall of Fame Operating Procedures specify that all ACBL GLMs and players winning and placing five times in specified NABC and WBF events are included in the HoF electors list. The HOFC would like to consider combining these two categories into one category, where becoming a GLM would simply count as one win in determining a player's eligibility for being an elector rather than giving the player an automatic vote.

Rationale: The number of electors qualifying to vote based solely on being a Grand Life Master has increased from 105 in 2005 to 148 in 2013 and is expected to increase even more in the next few years. For the Vanderbilt and Spingold, the ACBL recognized the difference in skill level attributed to Masterpoints when it approved the new ACBL Masterpoint Log, giving the maximum seeding points to those with 20,000 Masterpoints rather than 10,000.

Being elected by peers is regarded as the primary criteria of who should be an elector. While having the GLM category is extremely useful for ACBL in promoting our game, a careful review GLMs who do not already have a vote based on performance suggests that many would not be considered as peers by the Hall of Fame nominees, the HOFC or the expert bridge community.

Action: If the BOD agrees to consider such a change, the HOFC will provide specific recommendations for consideration at the Fall Board meeting.

Item 132-96: Conditions of Contest Review

Chapter IXV, Section A. of the Codification shall be amended by repealing board motion Conditions of Contest Review (003-84).

Conditions of Contest Review (003-84)

Beginning with 2001 the review and approval of the Conditions of Contest shall be done at the Summer Meetings for the following calendar year.

Effective immediately

Item 132-97: ACBL Disciplinary Committee

Chapter 4, Section D of the ACBL Codification shall be amended by revising Section 5.3.2- 5.3.4 as follows:

5.3 ACBL Disciplinary Committee

- 5.3.2. The committee will consist of ~~nine~~ 12 members appointed by the president for three staggered terms.
- 5.3.4 The president, after consultation with the current chairman, appoints the ACBL Disciplinary Committee members. The president shall appoint four members per year. Appointments are subject to Board approval.

Effective 2014 Spring NABC

Item 132-98: ABA Point Conversion

The ACBL Codification, Chapter III, Section F is amended as follows:

CHAPTER III - ADMINISTRATION
F. AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Section 1 – Membership

1.1 Point Conversion

- 1.1.1 An ABA member who joins ACBL for the first time will receive 10% of his total ABA points as a credit in ACBL red points to a maximum of 200 points.
- 1.1.2 ~~For purposes of seeding, handicapping, eligibility to masterpoint limited events, etc., ABA points will be converted to ACBL points at the ratio of two ABA points to one ACBL point and added to the player's ACBL masterpoints.~~ **For purposes of determining ACBL eligibility points, a new ACBL Member will be awarded eligibility points at a ratio of three ABA points to one ACBL point. The first 1,000 ABA points will not be considered when determining the ratio described in subsection 1.1.2. Any current ACBL Member may appeal to the ACBL to revise his current number of ACBL eligibility points pursuant to this section.**
- 1.1.3 An ABA Life Master will be treated as an ACBL Life Master when it involves any of the items in 1.1.2 above.

Effective immediately

Item 132-99: Chapter VII – International Bridge

The Codification Chapter VII International Bridge shall read as follows:

CHAPTER VII – INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

A. ZONE 2 NBO's

Section 1 - Zone 2 International Regulations

- 1.1 The authority for selecting and subsidizing athletes who represent the United States in international bridge competition rests with the United States Bridge Federation (USBF).
- 1.2 The ACBL Board of Directors will act as the Zonal Conference for Zone 2, which consists of the following for International WBF Play:
 - a. United States Bridge Federation (USBF)
 - b. Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF)
 - c. Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF)
- 1.3 Bermuda Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 as ACBL has approved BBF's request to compete internationally as a member of WBF Zone 5 while maintaining ACBL affiliation as Unit 198 in District 2.
- 1.4 The Virgin Islands Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 as ACBL approved its request to become an NBO of the WBF as a member of Zone V while maintaining ACBL affiliation.
- 1.5 The authority to approve a player and NPC from Canada, Mexico and the US participating in World Bridge Federation or other international competition is delegated to the Canadian Bridge Federation, Mexican Bridge Federation and United States Bridge Federation respectively. The player may be approved only if the player meets all Zonal Conference requirements as well as Federation requirements.
- 1.6 Zone 2 requirements for nomination are as follows:
 - 1.6.1 A Zone 2 NBO may nominate a player for invitation to play in a WBF Championship only if he or she:
 - a. is a citizen or a resident (per the appropriate Federation's regulations) of the United States, Canada, or Mexico as appropriate,

- b. is a member in good standing of the United States Bridge Federation (USBF), Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) or Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF) as appropriate,
 - c. meets WBF criteria and/or conditions for nominations,
 - d. will not, at the time of the event or trials for the event be under suspension or expulsion from ACBL or any other NBO,
 - e. will not, at the time of the event or trials for the event be under ACBL or ABA probation where the period of such probation was more than 90 days,
 - f. has not been specifically excluded from playing in such event by an appropriate disciplinary body under ACBL or ABA jurisdiction,
- 1.7 No players shall be permitted to represent any NBO belonging to the ACBL, or Zone 2 of the WBF who has been expelled for cheating or resigned to avoid possible disciplinary action on charges of cheating, for at least ten years following readmission.
- 1.8 A summary of disciplinary action(s) previously made public is available upon request to NBO governing bodies.
- 1.9 The authority for selecting and subsidizing athletes who represent an ACBL country in international bridge competition rests with that country's NBO
- 1.10 When an on-site accreditation committee is needed, the ACBL WBF representatives will automatically assume this responsibility, with the most senior representative serving as chairman.

Section 2 – NBO Events

- 2.1 The Bermuda Bridge Federation, Canadian Bridge Federation, the Mexican Bridge Federation and the United States Bridge Federation may hold an annual ACBL-sanctioned, national championship in each of the following categories:
- a. Open team
 - b. Women's team
 - c. Senior team
 - d. Open pairs
 - e. Women's pairs
 - f. Junior team
- 2.1.1 The national finals shall be regionally rated (Regionally rated red and gold points unless otherwise indicated in the ACBL

Masterpoint Plan). Qualification events, if any, shall be sectionally rated (black points).

- 2.1.2 Sanction fees shall be as follows: (a) the then current Regional sanction fee for the national finals and (b) \$1 US/table/session for any stage of the championship conducted prior to the national final.
- 2.1.3 If the national finals of any of the championships listed above are not held concurrent with an ACBL Regional or Sectional tournament, each NBO may conduct ACBL-sanctioned sectionally rated black-point events concurrent with the national finals. The sanction fee for such an event(s) is \$1 US/table/session.
- 2.1.4 The Federation is responsible for applying for the sanction through and reporting the results to the ACBL Tournament Department.
- 2.1.5 The championship may be flighted by ACBL masterpoints.
- 2.2 Each National Contract Bridge Federation in WBF Zone 2 may conduct an ACBL-sanctioned event (Trials) to qualify a team or teams to represent the Federation's country at a World Bridge Federation or Olympic Championship in an appropriate category such as Open, Senior, Junior, or Men, etc.
 - 2.2.1 The sanction fee for any such event is \$2 US per entered team except that such fee is waived for Junior Trials.
 - 2.2.2 The masterpoint award is determined by the ACBL Board of Directors.
 - 2.2.3 Should a National Championship as provided in 2.1 above be used to determine the Federation's representative, fees set out above in 2.1.2 shall not apply. The fees and masterpoint award in accordance with section 2.2.1 (this section) will apply.
 - 2.2.4 The Federation is responsible for applying for the sanction through and reporting the results to the ACBL Tournament Department.
- 2.3 Upon request, ACBL will sanction one regional per year to the ACBL District of the USBF's and/or the CBF's choice.

Section 3 – WBF

- 3.1 WBF Dues

- 3.1.1 ACBL will remit to the WBF dues based upon ACBL's membership, which is the sum of all paid members and active unpaid Life Members, excluding members classified as juniors.
- 3.1.2 Management is authorized to comply with the WBF regulation that requires dues be paid on the basis of the current year membership or the year 2000 membership with the proviso that the year 2000 active membership is compared with the current year active membership and the WBF dues paid on the higher number.
- 3.2 WBF Events
 - 3.2.1 The ACBL Board of Directors supports a World Bridge Series Championship in North America in 2018.
 - 3.2.2 The ACBL Board of Directors authorizes a \$100,000 payment to support the running of the 2018 World Bridge Series Championship, if held in North America, provided no title sponsor(s) pays \$300,000 or more in support of the championship.
 - 3.2.3 Payments to be made as needed, but no sooner than January 1, 2018.

Section 4 - Miscellaneous

- 4.1 ACBL requests that each Zone 2 NBO establish an appropriate dress code for teams representing that NBO in international competition.
- 4.2 The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), acting as the WBF Zone 2 Authority, expresses its disapproval of all non-bridge related public statements and demonstrations by any Zone 2 federation representative participating in an international bridge competition.
- 4.3 The ACBL requests that the federations in the jurisdiction of Zone 2 adopt regulations disallowing such public statements and demonstrations.
- 4.4 The ACBL Board of Directors advises their WBF representatives that it opposes any bylaw changes that would reduce the decision-making power of Zone 2 within the WBF.
- 4.5. At the sole discretion of Management, dues to or donations for an ACBL NBO can be placed on the ACBL membership and renewal

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B. WBF REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1 – Policy Re WBF Representatives

- 1.1 Representatives of Zone 2 to the World Bridge Federation need not be members of the Board of Directors.
- 1.2 In the event of the incapacity, or inability to act, of any previously designated and accredited ACBL member of the WBF Executive Council, at any meeting of said Council, the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League (WBF Zone II) hereby appoints and accredits, as its proxy for such missing member or members, its senior member (in length of continuous service) present at such meeting to cast the vote or votes of such missing member or members in any fashion said proxy deems proper.
- 1.3 Should a WBF representative be unable to attend WBF meetings, the President of the ACBL will serve as alternate. In the event that the President is himself a WBF representative or cannot attend, he will designate another member of the ACBL Board of Directors as alternate.
- 1.4 A report shall be presented to the Board of Directors from the ACBL Representatives to the WBF prior to each meeting of the ACBL Board. This report should be e-mailed to the ACBL Board of Directors at least 15 days prior to any ACBL Board meetings, or it may be included in the Journal.

This report shall include but not be limited to the following information:

- a. Any actions by the WBF regarding World Bridge that have transpired since the last meeting of the ACBL Board.
- b. The agenda or any actions expected to come before the WBF prior to the next meeting of the ACBL Board.
- c. Financial information such as budgets, operating statements and balance sheets including explanations of unusual expenses.
- d. The assignments that ACBL representatives have in the WBF.
- e. Any compensation, reimbursement or benefits from the WBF to any ACBL Board of Directors member.

Section 2 – Election of WBF Representatives

- 2.1 When two or more positions for WBF representative exist, the election procedure is as follows:

- 2.1.1 Voters will vote for one position at a time. If the terms are different, the positions will be filled in order of term length starting with the longest or longer.
- 2.1.2 The voting will proceed as follows:
 - a. On the first ballot, each elector casts one vote. The candidate with the highest number of votes, if a majority, is elected.
 - b. If there is no nominee with a clear majority on the first ballot, the one nominee, if any, with the fewest number of votes is eliminated and another vote is taken. If there is no single nominee with the fewest number of votes, then no nominee is eliminated and another vote is taken.
 - c. Once the first position is filled, the process is repeated for the second and any subsequent position.

Section 3 - Reimbursement of Expenses

- 3.1 Reimbursement of Expenses for WBF elected representatives will be from the ACBL General Fund. Following are the regulations governing this reimbursement.
 - 3.1.1 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.
 - 3.1.2 Per diem - 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 Treasurer will consider paying a higher per diem to the WBF representatives if higher costs are involved due to location of the WBF meetings.
 - 3.1.3 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 to this rule may be allowed to secure a less expensive air ticket in order to achieve overall savings.
- 3.2 WBF representatives, whether ACBL Board members or not, are expected to attend all regular WBF meetings held during the seven (7) days for which their hotel is reimbursed per 3.1.3 above, starting with the first meeting, and any special meetings called by the WBF President during that time period. In addition,

WBF representatives are expected to attend WBF committee meetings of which they are members during that seven-day period. Failure to do so will result in a reduction in the amount of expense reimbursement allowed, unless there are extenuating circumstances, such as illnesses, as determined by the ACBL Treasurer.

- 3.3 No expenses will be paid by the ACBL to the ACBL's WBF representatives for attending the annual WBF Executive meeting.

Section 4 – WBF Special Meeting

- 4.1 The ACBL will host, when held in Zone 2 during an NABC, a WBF Management Committee or Officers Meeting. No more than one such meeting shall be hosted per year.
- 4.2 ACBL shall provide up to 50 room nights including one junior suite for up to five nights; light refreshments during the meeting; up to four lunches for ten people during the meetings; and appropriate meeting space for up to four days.

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C. INTERNATIONAL FUND

Section 1 – International Fund Games

- 1.1 The ACBL shall be solely responsible for establishing sanction fees for International Fund games sanctioned by the ACBL.
- 1.2 Three ACBL-wide International Fund Games will be held, one each in February, May and July.

Section 2 – International Fund Monies

- 2.1 All international fund monies collected from ACBL-sanctioned events conducted by ACBL in the United States for the specific purpose of subsidizing United States athletes in international bridge competition will be forwarded to and retained by ACBL.
- 2.2 Upon request of the USBF, the ACBL will disburse funds to the United States athletes.
- 2.3 All NABC+ event entry fees will include a \$1.50 surcharge per player per session for the International Fund.

- 2.4 International Fund monies collected at NABCs shall be apportioned to the appropriate International Fund in proportion equal to that country's percentage of ACBL membership.
- 2.5 International Funds collected in Canada and Mexico shall be sent to the respective NBOs to be disbursed at their discretion.
- 2.6 Money raised by and from ACBL-sanctioned events for the benefit of the International Fund shall be divided among and disbursed to members of all teams representing that Federation at the sole discretion of the Federation.

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D. WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Section 1 – Junior Fund Monies

- 1.1 As approved by the ACBL Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Bridge Federation, an all inclusive North American Junior Fund (the “Junior Fund”) is established.
- 1.2 All funds derived from Junior Fund games held in North America shall be held by the ACBL.
- 1.3 In accordance with the regulations established by the ACBL Board of Directors, the Junior Fund shall be used to finance junior programs and activities, promote the game of bridge to juniors and allocate funds to junior teams representing NBOs located in WBF Zone Two in Junior/Youth World Championship events (as defined by the WBF) including University World Championship events.
- 1.4 Management shall indicate income and expenses for junior/youth activities as separate line items in the budget and financial statements.
- 1.5 Funds derived from Junior Fund (JF) Games will be used only to fund activities and programs limited to junior (ages 21-25) and youth (younger than 21) players.

Section 2 – USBF and CBF

- 2.1 Should the United States Bridge Federation (USBF) and the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) wish to receive Junior Fund money to promote international junior/youth participation, they shall submit to ACBL Management, a minimum of 60 days prior to the start of the summer

NABC, a proposed budget for the following year. The budget should contain a detailed breakdown of reasonable costs, including coaching, for which they desire funding.

- 2.2 It will be the duty of ACBL Management to research and determine the feasibility of amounts determined to be reasonable expenses.
- 2.3 Management shall present its report and recommendations to the ACBL Board at its summer meeting for approval.
- 2.4 The Junior Fund shall financially support teams representing NBOs located in WBF Zone 2 for World Championship events only.
- 2.5 Funding will be made as equally as possible on a per team basis to all NBO teams.
- 2.6 When approval is granted by the Board, 75% of the approved funds shall be given to the USBF and CBF following the conclusion of the Spring NABC in the year when the Championship takes place.
- 2.7 The remaining 25% will be paid upon presentation of all receipts for approved expenses, if actually spent.

Section 3 – Junior Player Requirements - USBF

- 3.1 In order for the USBF to receive funds from ACBL for subsidy to juniors, any junior receiving such subsidy must meet the following minimum criteria:
 - 3.1.1 Any junior under the age of 19 receiving subsidy must be a high school graduate, have received a high school equivalency certificate or be a student attending school and making orderly progress toward graduation.
 - 3.1.2 All such juniors shall be held to the Code of Conduct developed by ACBL Management and League Counsel
 - 3.1.3 Teams receiving subsidies from the Junior Fund must ensure that all members of the team play sufficient boards to be eligible for medals won by the team unless there are physical, extenuating circumstances.

Section 4 – Disbursement of Junior Funds

- 4.1 The USBF will receive \$22,000 in 2013 from the Junior Fund to assist with recruitment and training to prepare for the 2014 World Youth Championships.

- 4.2 The CBF will receive \$10,000 in 2013 from the Junior Fund to assist with recruitment and training to prepare for the 2014 World Youth Championships.
- 4.3 The ACBL will pay 50% of up to \$30,000 of entry fees for Zone 2 ACBL members in good standing for their pro-rated portion of a par or team for the 2013 World Youth Congress to be held in Atlanta, GA in 2013.

Effective immediately

Item 132-100: Chapter VII International Bridge

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

RO = Rescind Obsolete

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

CHAPTER VII – INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

A. POLICY

Eligibility Requirements – Zone II, Number Two Team for the Bermuda Bowl (833-33)

RO

Moved, that subject to approval by Bermuda, Mexico and the Canadian Bridge Federation, an NABC member may play in the Tri- Country playoff for the Zone II, Number II Bermuda Bowl Team provided (1) he has not played for another NCBO in NABC or Zonal competition for two and a half years prior to the scheduled date of the event for which he is attempting to qualify; and, (2) is a citizen, or a bona fide resident for at least the last two consecutive years, of the country he is representing.

Should the “bona fide residency” of a participant be challenged, the respective bridge organization must present proof of residency to an NABC credentials committee.

An NABC member who has played in the Tri-Country playoff, or represented another NCBO in NABC or Zonal competition, may not play in the U.S. Team Trials until the third qualifying year after having last competed for another NCBO.

Fund Raising Games Prior to Hosting NABC Championships (841-34) RO

The regulation authorizing NAC hosting organizations to conduct Fund Raising Games (Item_832-61) is amended to include organizations hosting World Championships.

Virgin Islands Bridge Federation and C.A.A.C.B.F. (863-44) RO

The Virgin Islands Bridge Federation’s request to become an NCBO of the NABC as a member of Zone V while maintaining NABC affiliation is approved.

Increase in Number of Annual International Fund Games (882-24) RO

The number of International fund Games shall be increased from two to three.

Calculation of Shares of Income Due to International Fund and NABC Charity Foundation from the Tables in Play at International Fund/Charity Fund Day at NABC (913-62) Rescinded by 131-185

Upon reviewing historical data, it has been determined that on the average \$6.00 per table has been remitted to the respective funds in the past. In order to avoid making time consuming calculations in the future, \$6.00 for each table in play during International/Charity Fund sessions shall be paid to the respective funds. This calculation shall be used beginning with the 1991 Spring NABC,

Approval of Zone Two Teams for International Events (991-99) (992-99) Rescinded by 003-65

1. The ACBL Board of Directors will act as the Zonal Conference for Zone 2.
2. The authority to approve all players and NPCs from Bermuda, Canada, Mexico and the US participating in World Bridge Federation or other international competition is delegated to the recognized national bridge organizations of those countries. Those names shall be submitted to the sponsoring organization as long as those individuals meet all the requirements for the Zonal Conference.
3. Approval of conditions of contest for these events is also delegated to the recognized national bridge organizations of those countries as long as the conditions meet the requirements for the Zonal Conference.
4. When necessary, the ACBL Board of Directors will convene as the US NCBO, excluding District 1 and District 2 Directors.
5. For WBF events wherein the invitations are to the individual countries, the Zonal Conference shall have no authority or responsibility to approve the players, NPCs or conditions of contest as long as these individuals and conditions of contest meet Zonal Conference regulations.

WBF Membership Dues (002-55) RO

The ACBL will offer to remit to the WBF, effective January 1, 2002, annual membership dues of \$0.50 for each paid-up member, excluding juniors. In addition the ACBL will remain responsible for paying expense reimbursement to its five delegates (WBF representatives) attending meetings of the WBF Executive Council.

International Fund Money (032-70) RO

Money raised by and from events held by ACBL for the benefit of the United States International Fund must be divided among all teams representing the USA with the only exception being the Junior Teams, which are funded separately. Teams designated as one such as USA one must receive equal funding from the US International fund whether they are Open Teams, Women Teams or Senior Teams. Teams Designated as Two may receive less than the teams designated as one but again it must be equally distributed.

Zone 2 Regulations (033-65) RO

- A. The following items are rescinded: 751-54D, 903-55, 952-81, 991-99, 992-99, 022-116, 023-90.
- B. Zone 2 Regulations Chapter 7, A.3

1. The ACBL Board of Directors will act as the Zonal Conference for Zone 2.
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3. Zone 2 requirements for nomination are as follows:
 - a. When an on-site accreditation committee is needed in the future, the

ACBL WBF representatives shall automatically assume this responsibility, with the most senior representative serving as chairman.

b. An ACBL NBO may nominate a player for invitation to play in a WBF Championship only if he or she:

- I. is a citizen or a resident (per the appropriate Federation=s regulations) of the United States, Canada, or Mexico, as appropriate,
- II. is a member in good standing of the United States Bridge Federation (USBF), Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) or Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF) as appropriate,
- III. meets WBF criteria and/or conditions for nominations,
- IV. will not, at the time of the event, be under suspension from ACBL or any other NCBO or NBO,
- V. will not, at the time of the event be under ACBL or ABA probation where the period of such probation was more than 90 days,
- VI. has not been specifically excluded from playing in such event by an appropriate disciplinary body under ACBL or ABA jurisdiction,

Payment of WBF Dues (033-69) RO

The ACBL will pay WBF dues for active (has won masterpoints within the past two years) Unpaid Life Masters Life Members (except those in unit 777).

WBF Dues (051-40) RO

Beginning January 1, 2005, ACBL will remit to the WBF dues based upon ACBL's membership* excluding members classified as juniors.

*For all purposes, ACBL's membership is the sum of all paid members and active unpaid Life Members.

Uniforms for Teams Representing ACBL (051-41) See VII A 3.1.1

ACBL will request that each Zone 2 NBO establish an appropriate dress code for teams representing that NBO in international competition.

WBF Dues (052-41) See VII A 3.1.2

Management is authorized to comply with the WBF regulation that requires dues be paid on the basis of the current year membership or the year 2000 membership with the proviso that the year 2000 active membership is compared with the current year active membership and the WBF dues paid on the higher number.

Zonal Authority Action (081-65) (082-66) See VII A 4.2

The ACBL Board of Directors receives the information requested below:

- A. The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), acting as the WBF Zone 2 Authority, expresses its disapproval of all non-bridge related public statements and demonstrations by any Zone 2 federation representative participating in an international bridge competition.
- B. The ACBL requests that the federations in the jurisdiction of Zone 2 adopt regulations disallowing such public statements and demonstrations. **See VII A 4.3**

WBF Constitution (082-65) See VII A 4.4

The ACBL Board of Directors advises their WBF representatives that it opposes any bylaw changes that would reduce the decision-making power of Zone 2 within the WBF.

World Bridge Series Championship (112-110) See VII A 3.2

- A. The ACBL Board of Directors supports a World Bridge Series Championship in North America in 2018.
- B. The ACBL Board of Directors authorizes a \$100,000 payment to support the running of the 2018 World Bridge Series championship, if held in North America, provided no title sponsor(s) pays \$300,000 or more in support of the championship. Payments to be made as needed, but no sooner than January 1, 2018.

Effective immediately

Item 132-101: Chapter VII International Bridge

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

RO = Rescind Obsolete

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

CHAPTER VII - INTERNATIONAL MATTERS
B. WBF REPRESENTATIVES

Zone 2 Representatives to the World Bridge Federation (712-73) See VII B 1.1

Representatives of Zone 2 to the World Bridge Federation need not be members of the Board of Directors. Effective immediately

Proxy for ACBL Member(s) of WBF Council (833-35) See VII B 1.2

Moved, that in the event of the incapacity, or inability to act, of any previously designated and accredited ACBL member of the WBF Executive Council, at any meeting of said Council, the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League (WBF Zone II) hereby appoints and accredits, as its proxy for such missing member or members, its senior member (in length of continuous service) present at such meeting to cast the vote or votes of such missing member or members in any fashion said proxy deems proper.

Reimbursement of Expenses for WBF Representatives and ACBL Participants in International Events (923-62) (993-96) (093-20) **RO**

The following is a clarification of the current regulations governing the reimbursement of expenses for WBF Representatives and ACBL participants in international events:

A. Reimbursement of Expenses for WBF elected representatives will be from the ACBL General Fund. Following are the regulations governing this reimbursement. **See VII B 3.1**

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. **See VII B 3.1.1**

3.2. Per diem - Regular ACBL per diem for each day of reimbursed lodging plus two days. The ACBL Board will consider paying a higher per diem to the WBF representatives if higher costs are involved due to location of the WBF meetings. **See VII B 3.1.2**

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. **See VII B 3.1.3**

WBF representatives, whether ACBL Board members or not, are expected to attend all regular WBF meetings held during the seven (7) days for which their hotel is reimbursed per 3.3 above, starting with the first meeting, and any special meetings called by the WBF President during that time period. In addition, WBF representatives are expected to attend WBF committee meetings of which they are members during that seven-day period. Failure to do so will result in a reduction in the amount of expense reimbursement allowed, unless there are extenuating circumstances, such as illnesses, as determined by the ACBL Treasurer.

See VII B 3.2

Should a WBF representative be unable to attend WBF meetings, the President of the ACBL will serve as alternate. In the event that the President is himself a WBF representative or cannot attend, he will designate another member of the ACBL Board of Directors as alternate. **See VII B 1.3**

Election of WBF Representatives (962-121) (082-24) See VII B 2.1 & 2.2

When two or more positions for WBF representative exist, the election procedure is as follows:

1. Voters will vote for one position at a time. If the terms are different, the positions will be filled in order of term length starting with the longest or longer.
2. The voting will proceed as follows:
 - a. On the first ballot, each elector casts one vote. The candidate with the highest number of votes, if a majority, is elected.
 - b. If there is no nominee with a clear majority on the first ballot, the one nominee, if any, with the fewest number of votes is eliminated and another vote is taken. If there is no single nominee with the fewest number of votes, then no nominee is eliminated and another vote is taken.
3. Once the first position is filled, the process is repeated for the second and any subsequent position.

WBF Status Report (082-67) See VII B 1.4

A report shall be presented to the Board of Directors from the ACBL Representatives to the WBF prior to each meeting of the ACBL Board. This Report shall include but not be limited to the following information:

Any actions by the WBF regarding World Bridge that have transpired since the last meeting of the ACBL Board.

The agenda or any actions expected to come before the WBF prior to the next meeting of the ACBL Board.

Financial information such as budgets, operating statements and balance sheets including explanations of unusual expenses.

The assignments that ACBL representatives have in the WBF.

Any compensation, reimbursement or benefits from the WBF to any ACBL Board of Directors member.

This report should be e-mailed to the ACBL Board of Directors at least 15 days prior to any ACBL Board meetings, or it may be included in the Journal

WBF Representatives Reimbursement Policy and Hosting a WBF Special Meeting (103-68)

- A No expenses will be paid by the ACBL to the ACBL's WBF representatives for attending the annual WBF Executive meeting. **See VII B 3.3**

- B. The ACBL will host, when held in Zone 2 during an NABC, a WBF Management Committee or Officers Meeting. No more than one such meeting shall be hosted per year. **See VII B 4.1**
- C. ACBL shall provide up to 50 room nights including one junior suite for up to five nights; light refreshments during the meeting; up to four lunches for ten people during the meetings; and appropriate meeting space for up to four days. **See VII B 4.2**

Effective immediately

Item 132-102: Chapter VII – International Bridge

Chapter VII C – WBF Masterpoints as shown below is deleted from the body of the codification and instead will become a part of the codification as an appendix to Chapter VII. The figures shown below should be examined by Management and/or the Masterpoint Committee to determine their correctness before insertion as an appendix to Chapter VII of the Codification.

**CHAPTER VII - INTERNATIONAL MATTERS
C. WBF MASTERPOINTS**

Masterpoints for WBF Events (031-111) (092-35) (093-Executive)

Effective immediately, WBF masterpoints won at WBF Championship Events will be converted to ACBL masterpoints. <u>Pair Events</u>					
<u>WBF</u>		<u>Closest</u>	<u>Present</u>		<u>New</u>
<u>WBF Event</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>NABC Equivalent</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Award *</u>	<u>Award</u>
Open Pairs	800	Blue Ribbon/LM Pairs	190	190	190
Women's Pairs	600	Women's Pairs	100	143	100
Senior Pairs	600	Silver Ribbon Pairs	100	None	100
Mixed Pairs	200	Mixed Pairs	100	48	100
IMP Pairs	300	IMP Pairs	100	None	100
<u>Team Events</u>					
Olympiad Open Teams	1000	Spingold/Vanderbilt	250	238	250
Bermuda Bowl	800	Spingold/Vanderbilt	250	190	200
Rosenblum Cup	600	Spingold/Vanderbilt	250	143	150
Olympiad Women's Teams	700	Women's KO	140	166	140
Venice Cup (Women's)	800	Women's KO	140	190	140
McConnell Cup (Women's)	400	Women's KO	140	95	100
Senior Teams	450	Senior KO	140	None	100

Senior Bermuda Bowl	600	Senior KO	140	None	100
Master Mixed Teams	138	Master Mixed Teams	70	None	70

Effective as soon as can be accomplished

Item 132-103: Chapter VII International Bridge

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VII D are rescinded:

RO = Rescind Obsolete

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

CHAPTER VII - INTERNATIONAL MATTERS
D. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION

Withdrawal of an ACBL Player from an International Event Without Permission (751-54D) **Rescinded by 033-65**

Refusal to play, or withdrawal by a player(s) at the site of a WBF event without permission of a majority of the Representatives of the Board of Directors present at the site, and the Captain (if applicable) may be cause for expulsion from the ACBL. Effective immediately.

World Championship Women's Team (762-43) **RO**

The American Contract Bridge League shall participate in the WBF Zonal Championship known as the Venice Cup. Since the World Bridge Federation has already scheduled Women's Team of Four event beginning with the 1978 Venice Cup Match, no further action is necessary at this time. Effective immediately.

Commitment to World Bridge (981-153) **RO**

A. The Board of Directors of the ACBL reaffirms Zone 2's commitment to the advancement of bridge in our Zone and throughout the world.

Carried without dissent.

B. We further reaffirm our commitment to a continued involvement as an active WBF Zone.

Bermuda Bridge Federation WBF Zonal Affiliation (012-115) **RO**

A. Subject to the following, ACBL approves BBF=s request to compete internationally as a member of WBF=s Zone 5:

1. Approval by the WBF;
2. Approval by Zone 5;

An agreement among WBF, Zone 2 and Zone 5 as to the responsibility for payment of the Bermuda Bridge Federation (BBF) WBF dues.

For all other bridge competitive purposes, by virtue of being Unit 198 in District 2, Bermuda will continue to be a part of ACBL.

Eligibility for WBF Championships (022-116) (023-90) Rescinded by 033-65

An ACBL NBO is encouraged to nominate a player for invitation to play in all WBF Championships only if he or she is a citizen or a resident of the United States according to ACBL Management criteria or citizen or resident of Canada, or Mexico, as appropriate,
is a member of good standing of the USBF, CBF or Mexican Bridge Federation,
meets WBF criteria and/or conditions for nomination, ignoring participation in multinational events,
will not, at the time of the event, be under ACBL suspension,
will not, at the time of the event, be under ACBL probation where the period of such probation was more than 90 days,
has not been specifically excluded from playing in such an event by an appropriate disciplinary body under ACBL jurisdiction,
has not been refused nomination by the Board of Directors for reasons of personal hygiene, dress, deportment or ethics
has not played in events in more than one NBO, in which he or she was eligible for qualification to represent that NBO in the same WBF Championship (same event and year),
has submitted a signed and dated certification statement, provided by management of the applicable NBO concerning the use of illegal drugs and inappropriate behavior during the course of any event requiring nomination and approval by the applicable NBO credential committee

Zone II Regulations (042-65) (072-140)RO

Item 033-65: Zone II Regulations are amended as follows:

Part One: The following items are rescinded: 751-54D, 903-55, 952-81, 991-99, 992-99, 022-116, 023-90, 032-70, plus any other previous Zone 2 regulation except for 033-65.

Part Two: The following resolutions are rescinded: CNTC Fees (821-26), Sanction Fees for Canadian Team Championships (863-63), Canadian International Fund Games (912-23), Sanction Fees for Canadian Team Championships (863-63), Sanction Fees for the COPC, CNTC and CWTC (922-103), National Team Championships for Bermuda and Mexico (852-34), NCBO Open Pairs Championship (832-26) (862-11), CBF Requests (862-12), CBF Requests (862-12), Canadian International Fund Games (912-23), Sanction Fees for the COPC, CNTC and CWTC (922-103), Flight B of the CNTC (992-111), plus any other previously approved item relating to Federation events sanctioned by ACBL.

Part Three:

A. Zone 2 International Regulations **See VII A 1.1**

1. The ACBL Board of Directors will act as the Zonal Conference for Zone 2, which consists of the following for International WBF Play:
 - a. United States Bridge Federation (USBF)
 - b. Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF)
 - c. Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF) Chapter 7, D.3

2. Bermuda Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 by virtue of the following, ACBL approves BBF=s request to compete internationally as a member of WBF=s Zone 5 while maintaining ACBL affiliation as Unit 198 in District 2 is approved. **See VII A 1.2**
3. The Virgin Islands Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 per its request to become an NCBO of the WBF as a member of Zone V while maintaining ACBL affiliation is approved. **See VII A 1.3**
4. The authority to approve a player and NPC from Canada, Mexico and the US participating in World Bridge Federation or other international competition is delegated to the Canadian Bridge Federation, Mexican Bridge Federation and United States Bridge Federation respectively. The player may be approved only if the player meets all Zonal Conference requirements as well as Federation requirements. **See VII A 1.4**

5. Zone 2 requirements for nomination are as follows:

a.

When an on-site accreditation committee is needed in the future, the ACBL WBF representatives will automatically assume this responsibility, with the most senior representative serving as chairman. **See VII B 1.3**

b.

A Zone 2 NBO may nominate a player for invitation to play in a WBF Championship only if he or she: **See VII A 1.5**

- I. is a citizen or a resident (per the appropriate Federation's regulations) of the United States, Canada, or Mexico as appropriate,
- II. is a member in good standing of the United States Bridge Federation (USBF), Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) or Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF) as appropriate,
- III. meets WBF criteria and/or conditions for nominations,
- IV. will not, at the time of the event or trials for the event be under suspension or expulsion from ACBL or any other NCBO or NBO,
- V. will not, at the time of the event or trials for the event be under ACBL or ABA probation where the period of such probation was more than 90 days,

VI.

has not been specifically excluded from playing in such event by an appropriate disciplinary body under ACBL or ABA jurisdiction.

VII.

has not been expelled for cheating or who has not resigned to avoid possible disciplinary action on charges of cheating, for at least 10 years following readmission.

6. The authority for selecting and subsidizing athletes who represent an ACBL country in international bridge competition rests with that country's Federation. **See VII A 1.7**

B. International Fund Monies See VII C 2.1 through 2.6

1. All international fund monies collected from ACBL-sanctioned events conducted by ACBL in the United States for the specific purpose of subsidizing United States athletes in international bridge competition will be forwarded to and retained by ACBL. Upon request of the USBF, the ACBL will disburse funds to the United States athletes. International Fund monies collected at NABCs shall be apportioned to the appropriate International Fund in proportion equal to that country's percentage of ACBL membership. International Funds collected in Canada shall be sent to the CBF to be disbursed at its discretion.
2. Money raised by and from ACBL-sanctioned events for the benefit of the International Fund shall be divided among and disbursed to members of all teams representing that Federation at the sole discretion of the Federation.

A. Junior Monies RO

1. Junior Fund money collected at ACBL-sanctioned Junior Fund games shall be:
 - a. Submitted to ACBL from Junior Fund games conducted in the United States and to the Canadian Bridge Federation from Junior Fund games conducted in Canada.
 - b. Disbursed or used by ACBL Management at its sole discretion for the United States and by the CBF for Canada.
 - c. Submitted to ACBL from Junior Fund games conducted in Mexico or Bermuda.
 - d. Disbursed or used by ACBL Management at the direction of Mexico and Bermuda Federations respectively.
5. ACBL is responsible for determining how much, if any, of the Junior Fund monies may be used by the USBF for subsidy of its International Junior Team.
 - a. In order for USBF to receive funds from ACBL for subsidy to juniors, any junior receiving such subsidy must meet the following minimum criteria: **See VII D 3**
 - (1) Any junior under the age of 19 receiving subsidy must be a high school graduate, have received a high school equivalency certificate or be a student attending school and making orderly progress toward graduation.
 - (2) All such juniors shall be held to the Code of Conduct developed by ACBL Management and League Counsel.
 - c. Junior Fund monies collected by the ACBL in the United States determined by the ACBL to be for the purpose of subsidy or training of USBF junior athletes representing the United States in international

bridge competition will be dispersed or used by the ACBL for those purposes at ACBL Management's discretion. ACBL will make every effort to comply with the wishes of the United States Bridge Federation in which the funds were collected.**RO**

- d. Teams receiving subsidies from the Junior Fund must ensure that all members of the team play sufficient boards to be eligible for medals won by the team unless there are physical, extenuating circumstances.

See VII D 3.1.3

Part Four: See VII A 2.1 through 2.1.5

- A. 1. The Bermuda Bridge Federation, Canadian Bridge Federation, the Mexican Bridge Federation and the United States Bridge Federation may hold an annual ACBL-sanctioned, national championship in each of the following categories:
 - a. Open team
 - b. Women's team
 - c. Senior team
 - d. Open pairs
 - e. Women's pairs
 - f. Junior team
2. The national finals shall be regionally rated (Regionally rated red and gold points unless otherwise indicated in the ACBL Masterpoint Plan). Qualification events, if any, shall be sectionally rated (black points).
3. Sanction fees shall be as follows: (a) the then current Regional sanction fee for the national finals and (b) \$1 US/table/session for any stage of the championship conducted prior to the national final.
4. If the national finals of any of the championships listed in B. 1. above are not held concurrent with an ACBL Regional or Sectional tournament, each NBO may conduct ACBL-sanctioned sectionally rated black-point events concurrent with the national finals. The sanction fee for such an event(s) is \$1 US/table/session.
5. The Federation is responsible for applying for the sanction through and reporting the results to the ACBL Tournament Department.
6. The championship may be flighted by ACBL masterpoints.

See VII A 2.2 through A 2.2.4 G. Each National Contract Bridge Federation in WBF Zone 2 may conduct an ACBL-sanctioned event (Trials) to qualify a team or teams to represent the Federation's country at a World Bridge Federation or Olympic Championship in an appropriate category such as Open, Senior, Junior, Women or Men, etc.

1. The sanction fee for any such event is \$2 US per entered team except that such fee is waived for Junior Trials.
2. The masterpoint award is determined by the ACBL Board of Directors
3. Should a National Championship as provided in section A above be used to determine the Federation's representative, section A fees shall not apply. The fees and masterpoint award in accordance with section B (this section) will apply.

4. The Federation is responsible for applying for the sanction through and reporting the results to the ACBL Tournament Department.

See VII A 4.5 E. ACBL shall be solely responsible for establishing sanction fees for International Fund games sanctioned by ACBL.

See VII A 2.3F. Upon request, ACBL will sanction one regional per year to the ACBL District of the USBF=s and/or the CBF=s choice.

G. Miscellaneous Regulations

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See VII A 4.5A 1. At the sole discretion of Management, dues to or donations for an ACBL Federation can be placed on the ACBL membership and renewal forms.

See A 1.6 2. A summary of disciplinary action(s) previously made public is available upon request to NCBO governing bodies.

Effective immediately

Item 132-104: Chapter VII International Bridge

The following item listed in the current Codification Chapter VII E is rescinded:

RO = Rescind Obsolete

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

CHAPTER VII - INTERNATIONAL MATTERS **E. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CAPTAINS AND COACHES**

Non-Playing Captains (952-81) **RO**

Effective September 1, 1995, all officially approved ACBL non-playing captains in WBF competition must be paid up ACBL members or ACBL Life Members whose service fees have been paid. NPC's who do not meet the above criteria shall be removed from the approved list of NPC's.

(See Appendix 2. *Non Playing Captains Guidelines*)

Effective immediately

Item 132-105: Chapter VII – International Bridge Rescinded Items

The following motions from the brown pages regarding International Bridge are rescinded:

Chapter VII A – 723-84A, 751-53, 752-31, 752-32, 781-44, 781-45, 791-53, 792-Olympiad Site Selection, 801-63, 802-55, 813-36, 823-45, 831-22, 831 or 832-Proposed Amendment to WBF Bylaws, 832-24, 833-32, 851 Proposed WBF Bylaws, 861-51, 861.52, 861-53, 871-47, 871-111, 872-141, 911-63, 911-64, 931-71, 942-35, 951-57, 952-80, 953-83, 953-84, 953-99, 972-151, 973-151, 981-152, 981-155, 983-150, 012-115, 012-116, 042-65 and 082-67.

Chapter VII B – 753-37, 841-31, 913-132, 923-132, 923-62, 931-33, 933-105, 942-37, 943-31, 943-104, 943-106, 961-51, 962-121, 972-153, 973-132, 981-154, 983-151, 993-40, 993-96, 001-95, 003-203, 013-260, 013-261, 023-191, 041-69, 043-177, 053-132, 071-02, 073-177, 083-133, 08-30-10 Exec committee and 103-148.

Chapter VII C – 713-92, 721-71, 763-112, 792-52, 793-61, 842-53, 93-55, 912-55, 933-43, 941-32, 942-32, 943-33, 953-99, 982-153, 983-152, 031-66 and 031-111.

Chapter VII D – 751-54A, 761-65, 771-44, 772-52, 773-41, 781-42, 782-42, 812-35, 823-43, 833-31, 851-42B, 852-41, 861-US Nominations for World Championships, 861-54, 871-65, 901-57, 913-71, 913-78, 913-144, 921-58, 921-59, 921-60, 922-61, 922-65, 923-62, 923-67, 931-34, 931-55, 933-41, 933-42, 941-34, 941-35, 941-87, Executive Comm 4/26/94, 943-32, 952-90, 953-82, 953-87, 962-142, 92/11/2000, 022-115 and Executive Committee 5/14/2000.

Chapter VII E – 751-54C, 752-31, 753-32, 752-99B, 812-32, 813-32, 892-43, 922-64, 922-66, 923-61, 943-34, 953-80, 953-86 and 983-154.

Chapter VII F – 752-80, 752-81, 773-65, 781-91, 892-45, 892-48, 893-52A, 901-51, 902-41, 903-141, 903-142 and 961-93.

Chapter VII G -743-44, 782-43, 792-53, 802-56, 903-54, 912-56, 933-45B, 941-33, 943-35, 953-81, 961-85, 963-124, 963-126, 981-150, 982-150, 982-151, 992-96, 002-94 and 002-96.

Chapter VII H – 713-98, 721-74, 723-83, 823-84, 742-34A, 743-95B, 772-56, 802-59, 831-21, 863-46, 872-73, 872-74, 873-62, 891-53, 911-62, 912-57, 912-58, 912-59, 913-74, 913-75, 921-51, 933-44, 942-33, 942-36, 952-82, 963-122, 963-123, 971-121, 973-150, 991-97, 991-98, 991-99, 992-99, 001-93 and 001-94.

Chapter VII I – 791-51, 802-54, 821-34, 913-74, 913-75, 921-51, 921-52, 921-56, 921-57, 933-44, 941-31, 942-34, 942-38, 961-95, 962-138, 962-143, 963-121, 971-114, 981-151, 991-96 and 003-92.

Chapter VII J – 713-97, 722-42A, 753-31, 763-11, 771-45, 802-57, 833-34, 843-43, 863-41, 871-61, 901-42, 902-44, 913-73, 913-77, 921-54, 921-55, 922- NPC of 1990 Reisinger & Vanderbilt, Executive Committee 4/16/92 and 4/28/92, 923-123, 923-64, 931-31, 931-32, 931-38, Executive Committee 4/16/93, Executive Committee 5/16/93,

Executive Committee 6/18/93, Executive Committee 7/7/93, 942-31, 951-80, 962-127, 993-210, 002-93, 012-117 and 013-60.

Chapter VII K – 843-64B, 883-52, 892-41, 891-52, 892-47, 893-51, 893-54, 901-56, 911-61, 913-76, 921-53, 953-85, 953-33, 953-11, 972-45, 972-155, 972-91, 982-152, 991-95, 991-210, 992-210, 001-181, 001-182, 002-181, 002-182, 011-116, 012-230, 012-231, 013-217, 013-230, 013-232, 031-152 and 041-154.

Chapter VII L - 822-32, 823-42, 823-44, 823-24, 863-29, 871-48, 882-24, 891-67, 893-52B, 893-53, 893-56, 901-54, 901-58, 901-60, 903-52, 903-74, 911-65, 912-53, 912-54, 933-46, 951-66, 962-125, 972-154, 973-152, 973-153, 981-141, 992-95, 001-92, 001-126, 002-55, 003-92, 011-115 and 032-70.

Chapter VII M - 983-42 and 993-153.

Effective immediately

Item 132-106: Chapter I Membership

Chapter I Membership, Section 3.2 and 3.3 is amended as follows:

Section 3 - Junior Fund Games

- 3.1 February is designated as Junior Fund month.
- 3.2 Replace all Unit or District Charity Games with one class of Fund or Foundation games. There will be a maximum of 4/year per Unit and 4/year per District. The fee structure will be the same as special Fund or Foundation games at clubs. Any of the four allotted sessions may be held as a Junior Fund game, Charity game, Educational Foundation game, Grass Roots Fund Game or International Fund game, except January is reserved for Grass Roots Fund games, February is reserved for Junior Fund games, April is reserved for Charity games and September is reserved for International Fund games.
- ~~3.3 Monies raised from Junior Fund games will be available for all Junior activities. The first \$50,000 or the amount collected annually, whichever is less, will be given in July of the following year to the USBF to fund Junior Team activities.~~
- 3.3 As approved by the ACBL Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Bridge Federation, an all inclusive North American Junior Fund (the “Junior Fund”) is established.
 - 3.3.1 All funds derived from Junior Fund games held in North America shall be held by the ACBL.

- 3.3.2 In accordance with regulations established by the ACBL Board of Directors, the Junior Fund shall be used to finance junior programs and activities, promote the game of bridge to juniors and allocate funds to junior teams representing NBOs located in WBF Zone Two in Junior/Youth World Championship events (as defined by the WBF) including University World Championship events.
- 3.3.3 Management shall indicate income and expenses for junior/youth activities as separate line items in the budget and financial statements.
- 3.3.4 Funds derived from Junior Fund (JF) Games will be used only to fund activities and programs limited to junior (ages 21-25) and youth (younger than 21) players.

Effective immediately

Item 132-107: New Unit Formation, Shell Coast of Florida

The area along the Gulf Coast of Florida encompassing Venice in the north to Marco Island in the south to include Sarasota County not in Unit 102, Charlotte County, Lee County, and Hendry and Collier Counties west of CR29 be formed into a new unit.

Effective September 1, 2013

GRASS ROOTS / SPECIAL EVENTS

Item 132-40: GNT Conditions of Contest—Allowing a Second Team

The 2013-2014 Grand National Teams Conditions of Contest are amended as follows:

II. GENERAL

- 1) This is a team event in which each ACBL district will name a district champion in each category by means of a fair competition that is not necessarily the same from district to district. These district champions then may compete in the national final of their respective category.
- 2) A player may represent the district in only one flight at the national final. Teams in the national final will not be subsidized in any way by the ACBL.
- 3) A district may elect not to name a district champion in Flight A (0-5000).
- 4) The flights are as follows:

FLIGHT	MASTERPOINT LIMITS
Open Championship Flight	Unlimited
Flight A	Under 5000 Masterpoints
Flight B	Under 2000 <u>2500</u> Masterpoints**
Flight C	Non-Life Master under 500 Masterpoints

**Note: Flight B limits changed throughout, all pending approval of Motion 132-GR/SE2.

Flight eligibility will be established by ACBL's September masterpoint cycle. This information will be produced on August 6, 2013 in Horn Lake, MS. Masterpoints won after this cycle will not impact flight eligibility for these events.

- 5) At district option, each flight may be played at one or more levels. (Club, Unit, or District) The District level must be flighted, but at the club and unit levels the events may be flighted or stratified. In a stratified event the Open Championship and Flight A must be combined for play and masterpoint awards. In a stratified field at the club or unit level:
 - a. All teams are eligible for qualification to the Open Championship Flight.
 - b. All teams are eligible for Flight A qualification with the exception of a team with a member over 5000 masterpoints.
 - c. All teams are eligible for Flight B qualification with the exception of a team with a member over ~~2000~~ 2500 masterpoints.
 - d. All teams are eligible for Flight C qualification with the exception of a team with a member over 500 masterpoints or one who has achieved the rank of Life Master.
- 6) ACBL rules and regulations govern play at every level of the event, and supersede district conditions in cases of conflict.
- 7) A district may send TWO entries into the national-level competition (i.e., district champion and runner-up) in any flight provided that the District finals have a minimum of 6 teams entered in that flight and that the district final is run as a four-session event. (A qualifying district may meet this standard in some, but not all, flights.)

VII. MASTERPOINTS

The winners of the Championship Flight at the NABC final will receive 100 masterpoints; the winners of Flight A at the final will receive 75 masterpoints, the Flight B winners 60; Flight C winners 40. For the Championship Flight, Flight A and Flight B event, overalls will be gold and will extend to the top eight teams if the entry is 16 or more teams and to the top four teams with an entry of eight to 15 teams. Match awards

will be red at National rating. Flight C awards will be 1/3 gold and 2/3 red for the NABC final overall.

Effective immediately

Item 132-41: NAP Conditions of Contest Increasing # of Pairs Advancing to the Finals

The 2013-2014 North American Pairs Conditions of Contest are amended as follows:

NATIONAL LEVEL PARTICIPATION

A person or pair may represent a district in only one flight at the national level. The North American Pairs 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~~ two-session playthrough final with carryover as per ACBL formula. The DiC will qualify approximately 50% of the field for the final.

Effective immediately

Item 132-42: Masterpoint Limit for Flight B NAPs

Paragraph 1 under *Flighting of the North American Open Pairs (902-91A)* in the Codification, Chapter XI—Special Events, Section B. NAOP/NLMNAP, be changed as follows:

1. North American Open Pairs - Flight A (NAOP-A), 0 - unlimited MPs; North American Open Pairs - Flight B (NAOP-B), 0-~~1500~~ 2500 MPs; and North American Non-Life Master Pairs (NANLMP), 0-Non-Life Masters.

and *NAOP Flight B Masterpoint Range (993-113)* in the Codification, Chapter XI—Special Events, Section B. NAOP/NLMNAP, be changed as follows:

The masterpoint limit for the NAOP Flight B is changed to 0-~~2000~~ 2500, starting with the ~~2000/2001~~ 2014-2015 event.

Effective June 1, 2014 for applicability for the 2014/15 cycle

Item 132-43: Masterpoint Limit for Flight B GNTs

Paragraph C under *Review of GNT Format (893-41) (992-110) (013-131)* in the Codification, Chapter XI—Special Events, Section A. GNT/CNTC, be changed as follows:

- C. The GNT competition is revised to have four Flights as follows:
Flight C: non-LM up to 500 MP

Flight B: 0-2000 **2500** MP
Flight A: 0-5000 MP
Championship Flight: 0-unlimited

At the option of the Canadian Bridge Federation, Districts 1 and 2 are exempt from all but the zero MPs to Non-Life Master event.

and *Flight B of the CNTC (992-111)* in the Codification, Chapter XI—Special Events, Section A. GNT/CNTC, be rescinded and the following be adopted:

~~The CBF is granted permission to add a Flight B to the Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC).~~ The Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC) Flight B masterpoint limit is increased from 2000 to 2500.

Effective September 1, 2013 for applicability for the 2013/2014 cycle

Item 132-44: Correcting Date for Distribution of Grass Roots Funds

The Grass Roots Fund Month regulations 122-55 and 123-45 in the codification be rescinded and replaced by the following (original motions presented below for reference with amended wording in ***bold italics*** in the new proposed motion for ease of reference):

The Grass Roots Fund month, established by the ACBL in 2012 and first held in December 2012, shall be moved from December to January, starting in January 2014. There shall be no Grass Roots Fund Month in 2013. Clubs may hold special games under the same rules and regulations applicable to the other special fund months (currently benefitting the Junior and International Funds and the ACBL Charity Foundation).

In 2013, the Grass Roots annual collection year shall begin January 1, 2013 and end January 31, 2014. Subsequent annual years will begin on February 1st and end on January 31st of the following calendar year. Funds raised and received shall be returned annually no later than March 31 ***of the same calendar year as the end date of Grass Roots Fund Month*** to the individual District in which those funds were raised, and shall be used by the District to help fund Grass Roots Events. Grass Roots Events are defined as the Grand National Teams and the North American Pairs. The ACBL shall not charge the Districts any fee for the cost of collecting and disbursing these funds.

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

Note: The January International Fund Game has been moved to March.

Effective immediately

DI 132-GR1: How to Encourage Greater District Participation in Grass Roots Events?
Discussion Item

Premise: The Grass Roots/Special Events Subcommittee of the Bridge Committee has several motions in the Atlanta Journal that we believe, with appropriate communication to District Grand National Teams (GNT) and North American Pairs (NAP) Coordinators, District officials, and Unit boards, will help increase participation by players and teams in the district Grass Roots events:

- Raising the Flight B limit in both NAPs and GNTs from 2000 MPs to 2500 MPs
- Allowing a second team to participate at the national level GNT competition
- Increasing the size of the field that qualifies to the second day of the national level NAP competition

However, winning one's GNT events at the district level, unlike the NAPs, does not provide a cash prize for the winners as many districts struggle to come up with sufficient funds to help pay for travel expenses to the Summer NABC. The designation of a Grass Roots FUNd Month has helped, but as predicted by many, the districts already able to support their teams and to promote Grass Roots events in general got more money, while the districts with less participation and clubs reluctant to hold GNT qualifying games, much less Grass Roots FUNd games, received marginal additional monies.

Discussion: What are the "best" ways that districts can revitalize these events? In Atlanta, the Grass Roots/Special Events Subcommittee would like to encourage the full Board to indulge in serious discussion about ways in which the GNTs in particular can be promoted as an event in which everyone—from non-Life Masters through players with many thousands of MPs, from club players to avid tournament-goers—will want to participate.

How can we incentivize clubs to WANT to hold qualifying games?

- Local encouragement (communication, education), down from the District Director through the District and Unit Coordinators (e.g., since points won count towards Ace of Clubs races, players should be urging their club owners/directors to run GNT and NAP qualifying games)
- Use of Best Practices area on the ACBL website for marketing ideas (e.g., clever fliers advertising Gold Points, Green Points!) and innovative ways to hold unit and club qualifiers (for Flight C, using Sunday Swiss at an NLM Sectional, for example) even if having club qualifiers is not part of a district's Conditions of Contest
- ***[BOD input]***

How can we encourage our District boards to raise the funds needed to make winning the four levels of GNT events a prize?

- Encourage sectional tournament organizers to charge \$1 more per player at two sessions during one or two sectionals annually and donate \$4 per table to the Grass Roots FUNd so that players receive *regionally rated silver points* in return
- Encourage regional tournament organizers to charge \$1 more per player at every KO and Swiss Team event during one or two regionals annually and donate \$4 per table to the District Grass Roots FUNd
- Organize a STaC among similarly financially challenged districts and share the profits proportionately
- **[BOD input]**

How should Grass Roots FUNds be distributed/what role should ACBL play in helping support districts where it is much more difficult to raise funds in support of the GNT winners?

- 100% back to the districts that raise them as the current motions stipulate
- Some percentage back to the districts that raise the funds while the remaining percentage is retained by ACBL for the benefit of the event as a whole and the percentage retained by ACBL is distributed equally across all 25 districts
- In the course of management’s overall re-examination of “special events” and the months dedicated to supporting them (International Fund, Education Fund, Charity, Juniors), designate a non-winter month as Grass Roots FUNd Month so that essentially all monies raised in a district are sent back to that same district, thereby eliminating the so-called “snow-bird issue”
- Authorize ACBL to increase the sanction fee charged at all sectionals and regionals for KOs and Swiss Teams only and distribute the resulting monies across all 25 districts equally
- Require club or unit qualification prior to district-level competition for GNTs (see *Note (I)* table that follows for number of 2012-13 GNT cycle club qualifying games held in each district)—right now 12 of our 25 districts do NOT require club or unit qualification prior to playing in the district finals.
- Consider club/unit qualification as a condition for district eligibility to have its GNT runner-up team represent its district at the NABC (*see Motion GR/SE5*)
- **[BOD input]**

Note (1) GNT Club Qualifying Games Held September 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013

District	# Games	# Tables
1	1	3
2	1	19
4	51	380
6	100	1,203
7	187	2,065
9	86	906
10	1	9
12	41	392
13	42	264
14	83	717
15	29	174
17	123	1,558
18	41	406
19	16	149
20	26	218
22	69	616
Total	897	9079

Note: Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 16, 21, 23, 24, and 25 presumably do not require club/unit qualification since 0-1 games were held in these districts, although not all districts have their district Conditions of Context on file so that we could check to be sure.

MEMBERSHIP ACQUISITION & RETENTION

Item 132-125: CBF 2014 World Youth Championship Request

CBF's 2014 World Youth Championship Budget be approved.

Item 132-126: 2014 World Youth Team Championships

The Budget for United States Junior Bridge Championships (USJBC) to select teams for the 2014 World Youth Team Championships shall be approved.

MASTERPOINT POLICY

Item 132-115: M Factor Change

The M factor in masterpoint computations (MPbook, p.1) shall be amended as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} M &= .3 + UL/1000 \text{ if } UL \leq 100 \\ &.4 + (UL-100)/4000 \text{ if } 100 \leq UL \leq 500 \\ &.5 + (UL-500)/10000 \text{ if } 500 \leq UL \leq 3000 \\ &.75 + (UL-3000)/20000 \text{ if } 3000 \leq UL \leq 8000 \\ &1.00 \text{ if } UL \geq 8000 \end{aligned}$$

where UL is the upper masterpoint limit for the game or stratum in question.

Effective January 1, 2014

Item 132-116: X Game Award

The rules for X game awards (MPbook, p. 10) shall be amended as follows:

- 1) $1^{\text{st}} \text{ in } X = 1^{\text{st}} \text{ in } A * M \text{ factor for } X \text{ stratum} * (\# \text{entries in } X \text{ stratum} / \text{total} \# \text{entries in } A/X \text{ strata})$
- 2) The DIC may change the limit for the X stratum from the published limit only if it is necessary to create a legal game. In that case, the DIC may change the X stratum limit to the lowest legal limit (i.e., one of the allowed limits) which makes the stratum large enough for the game to be itself legal.

Effective January 1, 2014

Item 132-117: 2013 – 2014 GNT Conditions of Contest

The 2013-2014 GNT Conditions of Contest is amended as follows:

In a District GNT final held over two days, the depth of awards shall be increased to two places with an original entry of four through eight teams and four places with nine or more teams.

Effective immediately

Item 132-118: Platinum Points

Chapter 1. A. of the Codified Minutes shall be amended as follows:

2.2 Platinum Points

2.2.1. Masterpoints earned in Nationally-rated events held at NABCs which have no upper masterpoint limit.

2.2.2 Nationally rated-events with an upper masterpoint limit of 10,000 will receive 10% Platinum Points for overall awards only.

NABC STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

DI 132-NSA1: NABC Strategic Analysis committee Discussion Item

The NABC Strategic committee has been working on possible revisions to the structure of our NABCs. At this time, the committee wishes to share some of its work and receive feedback from the board.

The report from the committee will be distributed to the board prior to the Atlanta meeting.

TOURNAMENTS

Item 132-50: NABC 10K Swiss Event

The following 0-10000 MP event will be added to NABCs. Masterpoint awards to be determined by masterpoint committee.

The NABC 10K Mixed Swiss Teams will be played the final Saturday and Sunday of the Summer NABC.

Deferred to the 2013 Summer meeting in Atlanta, GA.

Item 132-51: NABC 10K Pairs

The following 0-10,000 MP event will be added to NABCs. Masterpoint awards to be determined by Masterpoint Committee.

The NABC 10K Pairs will be played the first Saturday and Sunday of the Summer NABC.

Deferred to the 2013 Summer meeting in Atlanta, GA.

Item 132-52: Nationally Rated Event Schedule

The following events be removed from the NABC nationally rated event schedules:

- National 199er (Summer NABCs)
- National 99er (Fall NABCs)
- Non-Life Master Pairs (Fall NABCs)

Effective January 1, 2014 (these events will be held as scheduled in 2013)

Item 132-53: Expansion of IN Regionals

The ACBL Codification, section 102-141 is amended as follows:

- B. Regional Tournament Allocations
2. 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 with an upper limit of 500 MPs or one Non-Life Master Regional with an upper limit of ~~500~~ 750 MPs.

The ACBL MPBOOK is amended as follows:

A Non-Life Master Regional with an upper limit of 750 MPs shall award 10% gold for overall awards and section tops in the top bracket, flight or strata of two-session or longer events. All other masterpoint awards shall be red points.

Effective immediately.

Item 132-54: Limited / Junior Sectionals

Chapter X, Subsection A. of the Codification is amended as follows:

CHAPTER X - SECTIONALS

A. GENERAL

~~of embarkation or debarkation absent written consent of the District Director/s from the affected District/s.~~

~~RaS are limited to a maximum of 21 bridge “tournament” sessions awarding red or gold masterpoints per cruise. exempt from the rules regarding maximum tournament sessions and days.~~ The tournament schedule will be determined by the tournament manager subject to the approval of the ACBL staff.

Effective immediately.

Item 132-56: NABC Nationally Rated Events

Chapter VIII. D. of the Codified Minutes shall be amended as follows:

- 1.1 Any change made by the Board of Directors in the schedules of the Spring, Summer and Fall Nationally-rated events will not be effective for at least ~~one year~~ six months.

Item 132-57: Conditions of Contest Appendix R Ribbon Event Eligibility

Conditions of Contest, Appendix R, Ribbon Event Eligibility, shall be revised as follows:

I. RED RIBBON ELIGIBILITY

2. First through 10th and ties in North American Bridge Championships of four or more sessions with an upper masterpoint limit of no more than ~~1500~~ 2000 masterpoints.
3. First and second (including ties) in all regionally-rated red or gold point events of two or more sessions with an upper limit of at least ~~300~~ 500 points and of no more than ~~1,500~~ 2000 masterpoints.
- ~~6. 10th overall or better in the North American Junior Pair Championship for players who do not receive a Blue Ribbon qualification.~~
- ~~7. First and second (including ties) in the North American Youth Championship.~~

First and second (including ties) overall in the YNABC Pairs and first (including ties) overall in the YNABC Swiss Teams.

9. Players with a Blue Ribbon or Silver Ribbon qualification provided they do not have more than 2000 masterpoints as of the MP cycle closest to the event.

II. SILVER RIBBON ELIGIBILITY: Silver Ribbon eligibility will be earned for first and second place (and ties) in the following qualifying events: gold and/or red point, regional

and higher Senior events of at least two sessions with an upper masterpoint limit at least 300-500. Players with Blue or Red Ribbon qualification, provided that they meet the ACBL's Senior age requirements. ~~are 55 years of age or older at the beginning of the event.~~

III. BLUE RIBBON ELIGIBILITY: ~~N.B. Qualifications that were won previous to 1991 that expired and/or were credited to a player entered in a Blue Ribbon Event prior to 1991 no longer count as a Blue Ribbon Qualification. In no instance may a qualification won prior to 1986 be counted. Blue Ribbon Qualifications expire three years after the date of issue. All BRQs held on Jan. 1, 2014, will be considered issued on Jan. 1, 2014.~~

3. Except for ~~Continuous Pairs/Side Game Series type events~~, first and second (including ties) in all gold-point regionally rated events ~~Gold Point Regionally Rated Events~~ with no upper masterpoint limit or with an upper masterpoint limit of more than ~~1500 2000 masterpoints~~. For bracketed KOs the foregoing applies to ~~brackets issuing 100% gold points and for an applicable team in any bracket having at least one member with more than 1500 masterpoints.~~ brackets with one team averaging at least 2000 MPs per player.

~~8. First through 10th in the North American Junior Pair Championship (not to exceed 5% of pairs entered).~~

Effective January 1, 2014

Item 132-58: Micro-Spingold NABC Knockout Teams

Micro-Spingold NABC Knockout Teams, now restricted to players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints, be increased to include players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints.

Also moved that the Micro-Spingold be played in one-session, 32-board matches.

Effective Summer, 2014, Las Vegas