

## **APPEALS & CHARGES**

### **Item 071-02: Readmission of Expelled Members or Members Who Have Resigned to Avoid Possible Disciplinary Action**

Item 943-2, Readmission of Expelled Members or Members Who Have Resigned to Avoid Possible Disciplinary Action (Participation in World Championship Events), is rescinded.

## **BRIDGE**

### **Item 071-57: ACBL Educational Foundation Special Club Games Deferred from Fall 2006 NABC**

The month of \_\_\_\_\_ is designated as Educational Foundation month. Any and all ACBL sanctioned sessions held at clubs may be held as Educational Foundation games, except during February, April and September which are reserved for Junior Fund, Charity and International Fund games respectively.

The masterpoint rating for Educational Foundation games will be 100% Sectional Black points.

Fees payable to ACBL will be \$4.00 per table, plus \$1.25 per game and \$.74 per table.

### **Alternate Motion for 071-57 (063-160 from Honolulu deferred)**

Moved that:

- A. All legislation restricting a beneficiary of a special game to a specific month is rescinded.
- B. Unless otherwise restricted, at the club manager's sole discretion, an ACBL sanctioned club game may be conducted as a special event with \$4 per table (\$1 per participant) contributed to one of the following:
  1. ACBL Charity Foundation (for games in the USA).
  2. CBF Charitable Fund (for games in Canada).
  3. Local Charity Organization.
  4. ACBL Educational Foundation.
  5. USA International Fund (for games in the USA).
  6. Canadian International Fund (for games in Canada).
  7. ACBL Junior Fund (for games in the USA).
  8. CBF Junior Fund (for games in Canada).

### **Item 071-58: Life Master Requirement**

Moved that:

For members joining after Jan. 1, 2008, the requirement for Life Master will be changed to include that the 25 gold points will be divided into 13 team points and 12 pair points.

**Item 071-59: Grand National Teams**

Moved that:

Section "NABC Final" is replaced with:

In the NABC final for all flights, teams will play a one day Swiss event to qualify into a seeded KO bracket. Each Swiss event shall be 8 7-board matches. The 20 VP scale will be used. There may be playbacks at the bottom of the field.

The bracket seeding shall be:

Swiss winner #1 seed

Swiss runner-up #2 seed

Swiss finishers 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> shall draw into seed positions 3 & 4

Swiss finishers 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> shall draw into seed positions 5 – 8

Seed #16 shall be selected by seed #1

Seed #15 shall be selected by seed #2

Seed #14 shall be selected by seed #3

Seed #13 shall be selected by seed #4

The remaining 4 teams shall draw into seed positions 9 – 12

Ensuing knock-out matches shall be 64 boards in length in the Championship flight; 56 boards in length in all other flights. These events shall be governed by the Knockout General Conditions of Contest.

**Item 071-60: Replacement of Worldwide Bridge Contest**

Moved that:

Management will devise and implement a game or games to replace the Worldwide Bridge Contest played in June and end our involvement with the WBF in this current event.

Placement in District and overall shall be recognized with the winners receiving red points based upon the tables participating in that District. In no case shall the District point award be more than twenty or less than five for first place and these points shall be added to those won in the club.

National winners will be provided with suitable recognition and publicity. This will include trophies.

The sanction fee per table shall be determined by management, being sufficient to cover costs, provide a reasonable surplus and be less than currently charged for the Worldwide Event.

**Item 071-61: ACBL Masterpoints**

Moved that:

ACBL masterpoints shall be issued for only ACBL sanctioned events. The practice of issuing ACBL points for events other than ACBL sanctioned events shall cease immediately.

**Item 071-62: Modification for District Final Qualification for Flight C NAOP**

Moved that:

Modification: Allow Clubs (or Units) to run simultaneous two session pair games at various locations throughout the District with one ACBL TD overseeing the event (similar to a STaC). Winners will be scored on percent game within the District.

**Item 071-63: ACBL Special Club Games**

Moved that:

All special club games that award "triple," or similar masterpoint awards and charge special fees (\$4/table for example) be changed as follows:

1. The sanction fee will be \$2/table
2. The masterpoint awards will be more in line with "double" masterpoints
3. The field must be seeded
4. Sections of dissimilar rank (For example, Open versus Intermediate) may not be combined for overall awards
5. The funds will go into a "Special Fund" to be distributed based on need or whatever criteria is deemed appropriate. The funds will be distributed to, among others, the Charity Foundation, Educational Foundation, funding players to play in International events, funding juniors to play in Junior events, and other activities or associations that may be deemed appropriate.

**Item 071-64: GNT Eligibility**

Moved that:

The GNT Conditions of Contest be changed by replacing Appendix 1 with the following:

**Appendix I**

Residency Requirements:

- A. For the GNT, a member's principal physical residence as of September 1 of the year prior to the NABC finals shall establish the district in which the member is eligible to participate beyond the club qualifying stage.
- B. Entry forms for the unit and district finals shall include the following statement: "By entering this event I hereby certify, subject to penalties as provided in the conditions of contest for this event and in the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations, that I am eligible to play in this district."
- C. A Credentials Committee shall be formed and comprised of six (6) members of the ACBL Board of Directors, two (2) each from the Eastern, Central and Western Zones. This committee will receive and rule on challenges to eligibility, rule on all issues of clarification of eligibility and rule on any requests for exceptions in the Championship Flight of the GNT. The ACBL President shall select the members of this committee annually. Any member of this committee whose district is involved in an issue before the committee shall not vote on the issue. The members shall hear all matters pertaining to the events begun that year.
- D. If at any stage an ACBL member believes that another player is playing in the wrong district, he may challenge that player's eligibility to the Credentials Committee.
- E. If a member is unsure in which district he is eligible to play, the member may seek clarification from the Credentials Committee prior to the start of the event.
- F. The Credentials Committee may request documentary evidence from any member whose eligibility is in question. If a member requesting clarification fails to provide the requested evidence, no ruling shall be made and the member shall play at his own risk. If a player's eligibility is challenged and is unable to verify to the committee's satisfaction that he has played in the district of principal physical residence, the Credentials Committee shall automatically disqualify the member and his teammates except as provided in these Conditions of Contest under Replacements and Substitutions, Paragraph 3 and Ineligible Players and Disqualifications. If a member is found to be ineligible, the matter may be referred to the ACBL President to file charges with the ACBL Disciplinary Committee.
- G. If members wish an exception from the requirements of Section A above they must begin the process of requesting an exception by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Players must obtain permission in writing from the district directors of the district in which they live and the district in which they wish to play. Both directors must agree for permission to be granted in Flights A, B and C. For the Open Championship Flight, if both district directors agree the written permission will be forwarded to the Credentials Committee for final approval. If the district directors do not agree the exception will not be granted. There is no appeal from this decision and no appeal from the Credentials Committee's decision.

Exceptions will be considered in the three following situations:

1. "Snowbirds". Any member with seasonal residences who spends more than half of the GNT qualifying period (considered to be September 1- February 28) in a district other than the district of their principal physical residence may play in the district of seasonal residence. If they choose to do so, they must play in that district's district finals to be eligible to play in the national finals and are not eligible to be augmented to or otherwise added to a team from the district of their principal residence.

2. Players who live near district borders and who are members of a unit in a district in which they do not reside may seek permission to play in the district in which they have a unit membership. Players seeking this exception must have been an active member of the unit in the district in which they wish to play for at least 3 continuous years prior to the start of the competition in the year in which they wish to play and must not have played in the GNT in another district for that period of time. (The 2006/2007 GNT is not considered for this requirement.) Once this permission is granted the player is eligible to play only in that district and may not change unit affiliation unless the player's principal physical residence changes.

3. Players with multiple domiciles should apply to the Credentials Committee for a one time choice of district in which they wish to play. Players may be asked to document their time in each of their residences. A player must spend at least three months each year in a district in order to have it considered as a possibility. Once a player chooses a district in which to play, he must play only in that district until he no longer has a domicile in that district.

**Item 071-65: NAP Reimbursement**

Moved that:

- A. Item(s) 991-111, 031-21 and 052-70 are rescinded.
- B. First and Second place qualifiers in each flight of the NAP will be eligible to receive a set amount of money that can be used to offset expenses.
- C. The amount will be determined and publicized by Management prior to January 1 of the year of the NAP Final. The amount can be no less than \$600 each for first place qualifiers and \$300 each for second place qualifiers.
- D. The monetary award will be available on site. Qualifiers must play in the NAP final until eliminated to receive the award.
- E. Entry fees will be paid by the contestants.
- F. Management may use its best judgment in making exceptions to any of the above.

**Item 071-66: GNT and NAOP eligibility**

Moved that:

GNT and NAOP District eligibility will be determined by either residency or long standing membership. The final decision shall be determined by the two District Directors involved. If they cannot agree, then the District of residency takes precedent.

## **FINANCE**

### **Item 071-15: ACBL Tournament Directors' Fees at Non-ACBL Events**

Moved that:

Items 021-116, ACBL Tournament Directors' Fees at Non-ACBL Events, and Item 062-16: TD Fees are rescinded.

## **GOVERNANCE**

### **Item 071-25: Per Diem**

Moved that:

- a) Board member per diem not be affected by the presence or absence of concierge privileges.
- b) Board member per diem not be docked for lunches except when lunches are for the entire Board and have been announced before a meeting.

### **Item 071-26: Hard Copy Materials for Volunteers**

Moved that:

Board resolution 031-418, Hard Copy Materials for Volunteers, is rescinded.

### **Item 071-27: Albert H. Morehead Library Foundation**

The ACBL shall establish the Albert H. Morehead Memorial Library Foundation.

The Bylaw committee, in conjunction with League Counsel, will draft and prepare the foundation's bylaws and incorporation documents.

### **Item 071-28: Transfer of Unit 522 from District 22 into District 21**

Moved that:

Unit 522 be transferred from District 22 into District 21.

### **Item 071-29: Room Allowance for Director of Appeals**

Moved that:

The member of the Board of Directors responsible for Appeals shall receive one-half room night with tax for each day that they remain at the tournament after their normal Board provisions expire.

## MARKETING

### *Item 071-107: Unit Membership Rebate Program*

Moved that:

The unit membership rebate program is reinstated.

## TOURNAMENT

### *Item 071-80: Change to Regional Event Scheduling*

Moved that:

Regional Tournament Allocations be amended as follows:

B. 5 and B.6.d

A Regional may not be more than six (6) days in duration except that any event may be scheduled the evening before whether it be a two session event that continues on another day or a one session event that concludes that evening. Additionally, a one session event may be run in conjunction with the start of a two session event.

In addition to this, a one session event that is run for either the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the Junior Team Fund, the International Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these may be run the morning or afternoon before the start of the 6 day Regional. The current formulas will be used to determine the minimum monetary contributions for these games.

### *Item 071-81: Reisinger Board-A-Match Championship*

Moved that the following changes are made:

#### REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

7. Twenty teams will qualify . . . The maximum carryover cannot exceed 3 boards ~~4 boards~~.
8. Ten teams will qualify . . . The maximum carryover cannot exceed 5 boards ~~7 boards~~.

Item 071-82: BaM Carryover

Moved that:

Two day Board-a-Match Team events shall have a maximum carry-over of 5 boards.

**Item 071-83: Blue Ribbon Pairs**

Moved that:

The Conditions of Contest for the Blue Ribbon Pairs is amended as shown:

~~3. A player who has equivalent status in a bridge organization other than the ACBL and is a member of ACBL may request, in writing from the Chief Tournament Director, a one-time exemption, in their first year of ACBL membership, to enter.~~

3. ACBL members who do not otherwise qualify may request an exemption from the chief tournament director in writing.

**Item 071-84: Blue Ribbon Pairs 0-5000**

Moved that:

The Conditions of Contest for the 0-5000 Blue Ribbon Pairs is amended as shown:

3. ACBL members who do not otherwise qualify may request an exemption from the chief tournament director in writing.