

APPEALS & CHARGES

Item 112-02: ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations Section 4.3.1 (F)

Moved that: Section 4.3 of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) be amended by the addition of section 4.3.1 (f):

4.3 Suspension by ACBL Management.

4.3.1 ACBL Management may impose an administrative suspension on a person who:

- (a) Has not paid dishonored checks to ACBL, its Districts, Units or Conferences;
- (b) Has failed to pay a valid hotel bill to a hotel supporting an ACBL tournament without notifying ACBL and the hotel that he or she disputes such obligation in good faith.
- (c) Has failed to pay a debt to ACBL, its Districts, Units or Conferences without notifying ACBL that he or she disputes such obligation in good faith.
- (d) Has failed to submit club masterpoint reports in a timely manner (the person may be either the sanctioned owner and/or club manager).
- (e) Has failed to return a traveling trophy upon demand.
- (f) Has caused damage to a hotel room or playing site at an ACBL tournament without adequate reason or justification.

Item 112-03: Code of Disciplinary Regulations Section 5.2.1

Moved that: Section 5.2.1 of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) be amended by the following:

- 5.2.1 A complaint requesting a disciplinary hearing must be made in writing to the appropriate entity having jurisdiction, i.e. Unit, District, or ACBL (see CDR 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3) within the period of limitations described in CDR 5.2.1. (a), (b), (c) and (d) below. Note: A complaint is the only basis for an official charge to a disciplinary body. The disciplinary body receives and acts on a charge or charges, not a complaint or complaints. (See CDR 5.2.2) There are two methods to file a disciplinary complaint based upon a single incident: One, a "Direct Complaint" may be submitted directly to the entity having jurisdiction by any ACBL member within the time period specified in section 5.2.1(a), (c), or (d); Two, a "Recorder Complaint" may be submitted directly to the entity having jurisdiction by any ACBL Recorder within the time period specified in section 5.2.1(b).

- (a) A Direct Complaint involving a single incident of conduct must be brought within thirty (30) days of discovery of the incident. Irrespective of the foregoing period of limitations, the subject of a complaint is permitted to file a cross-complaint related to the original incident against the complainant within fifteen (15) days of written notification that there has been a charge filed against him or her.
- (b) A Recorder may file a Recorder Complaint involving a single incident of conduct within thirty (30) days of receipt by the Recorder of a player memo, provided that such player memo is submitted to the Recorder within (30) days of the incident.
- (c) A complaint involving a pattern of conduct must be brought within five (5) years of the earliest instance referenced in the complaint.
- (d) A complaint involving the conveying of information by unauthorized means, whether within a partnership or not (see Law 73.B.2), is not subject to a statute of limitations.

Item 112-04: CDR Attorneys

Moved that: The Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) and the accompanying procedures are modified to remove all prohibitions of attorneys. It is intended that both the disciplinary body and the charged party may be represented by attorneys as long as those attorneys are not members of the ACBL Board of Directors.

The represented party shall be responsible for the fees and costs of his or her representation. No portion of that cost shall be borne by the opposing party.

These prohibitions are contained in the following sections of the CDR and its guidelines:

5.1.11 Representation on behalf of ACBL Disciplinary Bodies of Original and Appellate Jurisdiction may be provided at cost to the disciplinary body, as follows with the only requirement being that the representative at the hearing shall not be ~~an attorney or a~~ member of the ACBL Board of Directors:

- (a) In matters before TDCs, the DIC may appoint a representative to be an advocate of the complainant or may appoint a representative to be a neutral presenter of facts.
- (b) In matters before Unit or District Disciplinary Committees, the Unit or District President may appoint a representative to be an advocate of the complainant or may appoint a representative to be a neutral presenter of facts.
- (c) In matters before the Ethical Oversight Committee, ACBL Management may appoint a representative to be an advocate of the complainant or may appoint a representative to be a neutral presenter of facts.
- (d) In matters before District Appeals, the District President may appoint a representative to be an advocate of the complainant or may appoint a representative to be a neutral presenter of the matters on appeal.

- (e) In matters before Appeals and Charges Committee, ACBL Management may appoint a representative to be an advocate of the complainant or may appoint a representative to be a neutral presenter of facts.

5.2.3 A person charged with a violation of CDR 3 shall be entitled to:

- (a) Receive written notice of the date, time, and place of hearing. Should a person admit to a charge, a hearing shall be held in order to determine and impose appropriate discipline.
- (b) Be furnished with a written statement of the charge(s), the complaint upon which the charges are based or a summary of the facts of said complaint, and the name of the complainant(s).
- (c) Be represented at the hearing by another person who shall not be a member ~~an attorney or a~~ of the ACBL Board of Directors. The person charged may be represented by an attorney outside the hearing room.
- (d) Produce evidence and make statements on his/her own behalf.
- (e) Be present during the entire hearing, except during procedural determinations and deliberation on verdicts and sentencing.
- (f) Question persons testifying

5.3.6 A person charged with a violation under CDR 3 shall be entitled to (See CDR 6.1 and 6.2 following):

- (a) Receive written notice of date, time and place of hearing. Should a person admit to a charge, a hearing shall be held in order to determine and impose discipline.
- (b) Be provided a written statement of the charge(s), the complaint upon which the charges are based or a summary of the facts of said complaint, and the name of the complainant(s).
- (c) Be represented at the hearing by another person who shall not be ~~an attorney~~ ~~or a~~ member of the ACBL Board of Directors. The person charged may be Represented by an attorney outside the hearing room.
- (d) Produce evidence and make statements on his or her behalf.
- (e) Be present during the entire hearing, except during procedural determinations and deliberation on verdicts and sentencing.
- (f) Question persons testifying through the Chair, and at the Chair's discretion.

7.7 Each party to an appeal or review under this CDR 7 shall be entitled to:

- 7.7.1 Receive written notice of date, time and place of the appeals hearing.
- 7.7.2 Be represented at the hearing by another person who shall not be ~~an attorney or a~~ member of the ACBL Board of Directors. The person charged may be represented by an attorney outside the hearing room.
- 7.7.3 Make statements on his or her behalf.
- 7.7.4. Be present during the entire hearing, except during procedural determinations and deliberation on verdicts and sentencing.
- 7.7.5 Question persons testifying through the Chair, at the Chair's discretion.

I.D Presenter

A presenter is an individual who makes or assists with an impartial presentation of evidence to a disciplinary committee upon the appointment by the committee chair. A presenter may be the recorder, tournament director or other party. The presenter may act as an aide to the disciplinary committee to ensure a fair and complete presentation of the evidence for the committee to consider. It is suggested that consideration be given to selection of a presenter when a case is complex and neither party is represented by counsel. The presenter selected to appear at the hearing shall not be ~~an attorney~~ or a member of the ACBL Board of Directors.

V.A Presence at Hearing

PRESENCE AT HEARING

The complainants and the people charged and/or their counsels (who may not be ~~attorneys~~ or members of the ACBL Board of Directors) are entitled to be present while all evidence is given. Other individuals may remain at the hearing only at the discretion of the chairperson.

BOARD OPERATIONS

Item 112-100: Automatic Appointments to the ACBL Goodwill Committee

Moved that: Chapter IV. A. 1.4.3 read:

Members of the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Governors and ACBL Goodwill Members of the Year shall automatically become a member of the ACBL Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee.

Item 922-33 is rescinded.

BRIDGE

Item 112-25: Ace of Clubs Race

Moved that: The name of the Ace of Clubs race be changed to The Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race.

Item 112-26: GNT “Sectional-Tournament-at-Clubs-Like” Club Qualifying Game

Moved that: The ACBL will permit district-wide Grand National Team (GNT) club qualifiers in a Sectional-Tournament-at-Clubs-(STaC)-Like format.

Item 112-27: Strength of Field Formula

Moved that: A Strength of Field (SOF) formula be implemented for Regional and Sectional Pair and Swiss Team games. Implementation of the SOF formula will be subject to full board approval of detailed specifications to be delivered to the Board on or before the Fall 2011 meetings.

The Strength of Field committee will continue the development of a SOF award system. This system is to be implemented as early as January 1st, 2012, subject to necessary changes being made to the current or new ACBLscore program.

The Strength of Field committee is directed to deliver a full set of specifications at the Fall 2011 meetings.

BYLAWS/COMPLIANCE

Item 112-: ACBL President / Chairman Qualifications – Bylaw change Second reading

Moved that: The ACBL Bylaws are amended to read as follows:

ACBL Officers.

6.1.1 President. The Board of Directors shall elect from among its members a President of the ACBL to serve for the following calendar year or until a successor is elected. A person may only serve as president if he is also serving as a member of the Board of Directors. ~~The President may serve his term of office if he is not re-elected to the Board of Directors. The President shall be entitled to vote provided the President is a Director.~~

6.1.2 Chairman. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be the immediate past President of the ACBL if he is the director from his district. If the immediate past President of the ACBL is not the director from his district, the most recent past President serving as a director shall be the chairman. The Chairman shall serve for a period of one (1) year beginning at the expiration of his term of office as President or until his successor shall take office. ~~The Chairman may serve his term of office if he is not reelected to the Board of Directors. The Chairman shall be entitled to vote provided the Chairman is an elected Director~~

Item 112-66: Chapter IV. A.2.2.1

Moved that: Chapter IV.A.2.2.1 is amended as follows:

The ACBL President is elected by the Board of Directors at the Fall Meeting for a one year term commencing on January 1 of the following year.

Chapter IV.A.2.4.1 is amended as follows:

The ACBL Treasurer is elected by the Board of Directors at the Spring Meeting for a one year term commencing on May 1 of the same year.

Item 021-46 and Item 093-21 are hereby rescinded.

Item 112-67: Chapter IV Codified Minutes

Moved that: The following motions from Chapter IV of the Codified Minutes are hereby rescinded:

Resolutions Adopted at the 1992 Annual Membership Meeting (Reduction of Expenses)
(923-135)

[112-67Chapter IV.pdf](#)

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Item 112-40: Women's KO – Deferred from Spring NABC 2011

Moved that: A 2-day Swiss Qualifying or RR be added to the format for the Women's KO . . . to be held the first two days of the event and to award event seeding points which would impact placement in the KO phase.

Item 112-41: Seeding for NABC+ Knockout Events

Moved that: Seeding for the Vanderbilt and Spingold events will be based, for each player, on the greater of the two seeding point totals (capped at 50) calculated by the following two methods:

- Method 1: The current method (current appendix B) (based on performance in previous events and masterpoint holding, as amended by 111-36).
- Method 2: WBF Masterpoint total divided by 100 **plus** WBF placing point total multiplied by 1.75.

Item 112-42: Small Children or Pets in Playing Area

Moved that: Item (942-81) Small Children or Pets in Playing Area is amended as follows:

Non-participating children under the age of six and pets are not allowed to remain in the playing area of NABC tournaments during play and for 15 minutes before and after play.

(NOTE: Animals whose purpose is to assist their owners, such as seeing eye dogs, are exempt from this rule.)

The tournament DIC may grant exceptions to this rule to a player who owns an assistance dog (a “player/owner”) if the following conditions are satisfied:

1. Certification presented to the DIC from the player/owner’s: (a) licensed mental health practitioner in the case of a companion dog which indicates the necessity of use of a companion dog for the player/owner; or (b) licensed physician in the case of an assistance dog that helps the player/owner with a physical disability.
2. Certification presented to the DIC from the player/owner’s licensed veterinarian stating that the dog has received a rabies vaccination within two years.
3. The dog must remain: (a) on a leash in a sitting or lying position within three feet of the player/owner; or (b) in a kennel within three feet of the player/owner during the game.
4. The dog must wear identification indicating that the dog is an assistance dog.
5. The player/owner must have available a device which is suitable to cover the dog’s snout for use as may be required by the DIC in his or her own independent judgment to protect persons in the playing area.
6. The player/owner must clean up (or assure that clean up is performed) after his or her pet. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be documented by the DIC, shall result in revocation of the privilege of having an assistance pet in the playing area and may result in disciplinary action under the Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

Item 112-43: Subjective Seeding in the Spingold

Moved that: The Subjective Seeding method be approved on a trial basis for the 2011 Spingold Knockout Teams at the Summer NABC in Toronto. The subjective seeding method to be used is as follows:

SUBJECTIVE SEEDING IN THE SPINGOLD

For the 2011 Spingold, the event will be seeded objectively (according to the “New Seeding Rules”), and then (experimentally) re-seeded subjectively by a “Subjective Seeding Committee*”

The process is summarized below:

After the Director-in-Charge determines a team’s average Seeding Points (SPs) in accordance with the “New Seeding Rules,” and before shuffling in groups, the Subjective Seeding Committee will review the team’s placement in the bracket. The Committee may ask the opinions of other players, especially when evaluating unfamiliar foreign entrants and Canadian players.

The Committee cannot change the seeding group of teams seeded in the top 16. Teams 17-20 may be moved down one “shuffling group.” Teams 21 and up can be moved up or down one “shuffling group,” but teams in the bottom shuffling group can only be moved up one group. The shuffling groups are 17-20, 21-24, 25-28, 29-32, then in groups of 8 through team 64, then in groups of 16. For example, a team in the 29-32 group could become seeded 33-40, or become seeded 25-28. For every team changed, another team must be moved reciprocally to replace it.

Any seeding change would be made before shuffling, and require a majority* vote of the committee. (Three members constitute a majority.)

*The Subjective Seeding Committee members are: David Berkowitz, Barry Rigal, Eric Kokish, Howie Weinstein, and one other player selected by them.

Item 112-44: GNT Entry Fees

Moved that: The ACBL will waive all entry fees for the NABC final GNT events.

Item 112-45: Modification of C of C for Vanderbilt and Spingold Team Events

Moved that: The modifications suggested by Ron Klinger (as published in the Louisville Daily Bulletin be accepted.

[112-45 Modification.pdf](#)

Item 112-46: Modification of General Conditions of Contest for Knock Out Teams

Moved that: The following modifications be made to the Conditions of Contest for KO Teams be changed:

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST – KNOCK OUT TEAMS CORRECTION AND APPEAL PERIODS

The score correction period for player and scorer errors expires thirty minutes after the completion of the segment, at the start of play at either table of a playoff, or at the announced starting time of the next match, whichever is earlier. Despite the foregoing, the DIC is empowered to, when practical, make a score correction before the announced starting time of the next match in the interest of fairness/equity.

Item 112-47: Modification of General Conditions of Contest for Swiss Teams

Moved that: The following modifications be made to the Conditions of Contest for Swiss Teams be changed:

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST – SWISS TEAMS

PLAYER ERRORS:

No increase in score ~~will~~ 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.

Item 112-48: GNT C of C

Moved that: The Conditions of Contest for the Grand National Teams are changed as follows:

1. A team may play in flight A if a) the average masterpoint holding of its highest 4 players in terms of masterpoints is less than 5000 and b) no more than 2 players have more than 5000 masterpoints.
2. A team may play in flight B if a) the average masterpoint holding of its highest 4 players in terms of masterpoints is less than 2000 b) no individual player has more than 5000 masterpoints and c) no more than 2 players have more than 2000 masterpoints

Item 112-49: Alert Chart

Moved that: Conventions and Competitions Committee Suggestions – Alert Chart

- A. Remove the requirement to Alert a cheapest club bid response over a NT opener or overcall, regardless of response structure. Responses which are different from standard (such as “Puppet Stayman”) would still be Alertable.
- B. Amend the definitions of natural openers to include a 1C opener on specifically 4432 with 2 clubs and 4-4 in the majors.
- C. Minor wording changes to improve consistency across documents and clarity.

Item 112-50: Extended Unit Team Games

Moved that: A Unit may hold three Extended Unit Team Games each year. These games may be run as a Round Robin, a KO, or a Swiss-qualifying for a KO phase.

The above will require one sanction if one set of overall masterpoint awards will be issued. A unit may use two sanctions to run a two-stage event, with a Round Robin phase of at least 4 matches to qualify teams to a KO stage, if it wishes to issue overall awards in each stage of the event. Motion 101-46 is rescinded.

Item 112-51: Vanderbilt and Spingold Starting Times

Moved that: Once the screens are implemented in the Vanderbilt and Spingold Knockout Teams, the starting times for the events will be 12:00 (noon) and 7:00. This would not apply when the entire NABC starting times are scheduled to commence before noon.

Item 112-52: GNT Finals Internet

Moved that: Districts may elect to hold GNT finals at multiple sites with competition via the Internet. The following will be required as part of the District Conditions of Contest:

[112-52Appendix II.pdf](#)

Item 112-53: GNT Special C of C

Moved that: The Conditions of Contest for 2011- 2012 are approved.

[112-53GNTCofCSP.pdf](#)

GOVERNANCE

Item 112-85: Nominations Deferred from Spring NABC 2011

Moved that: For regularly scheduled elections for the positions of ACBL President, WBF Representatives, and ACBL Treasurer, nominations shall be closed two weeks prior to the meeting when the election will be conducted, unless one or more nominees withdraws in the last 30 days of the election.

Item 112-86: Bridge Ventures Deferred from Spring NABC 2011

Moved that: ACBL, as the sole shareholder of Bridge Ventures moves to dissolve the corporation. This will rescind 933-71, 942-51 and 993-45.

Item 112-87: Player Conduct / Misconduct at Clubs

Moved that: Player conduct and/or misconduct occurring at any ACBL Club is hereby made subject to actions by Units, Districts, or the ACBL to enforce any violations of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations. This is applicable to any actions and/or conduct in violation of the Code.

Item 112-88: Peter Pender Memorial Vugraph

Moved that: When there is a Vugraph presentation at an NABC, the room of the presentation shall be called the Peter Pender Memorial Vugraph theatre.

Item 112-89: Formation of a New Unit in District 7

Moved that: District 7 creates a new unit covering Beaufort and Jasper counties in South Carolina.

Item 112-: Transfer of Unit 461 from District 20 to District 21

Moved that: Unit 461, Nevada County transfer from District 20 to District 21.

Item 112-91: President Expenses

Moved that: President expenses be amended as follows:

Section 1 - ACBL President Expenses

The image of the ACBL is paramount in all of the activities of the president. In keeping with such premise, the following statement of policy sets forth the duties, responsibilities and restrictions by which the president will be guided.

- 1.1 The president will be granted a president's expense allowance which for the year 2007 will be \$51,800 and each year thereafter said fund will be adjusted by the Consumer Price Index fluctuation.
- 1.2 The following ~~guidelines~~ are provided for the president to use in budgeting his expenses during the year.
 - 1.2.1 Attending bridge events ~~tournaments~~ 50%
 - 1.2.2 Functions at NABCs (receptions, etc.) ~~22%~~
 - 1.2.3 ~~Administrative items (faxes, postage, telephone)~~ 12% Miscellaneous
 - 1.2.4 ~~President's dinner~~ 12%
 - 1.2.5 ~~Miscellaneous~~ 4%
- 1.3 In addition to the usual administrative functions which the president of most organizations performs, there are additional special responsibilities attached to the office of ACBL President. These include, but are not limited to:

- 1.3.1 Attending regional and sectional tournaments of his choosing to bring the ACBL to its members. In addition, at those tournaments the president is expected to host local volunteers in his suite or at a meal function.
- 1.3.2 Hosting certain social functions at NABCs involving the members of the Board of Directors and special groups in his suite, holding special committee meetings in his suite and one president's dinner (optional) at the NABC of his choice. At the other two NABCs, the president will host a welcoming buffet/reception for Board members and special guests in his suite.
- 1.4 The president may be accompanied by a person assisting the president in performing his duties. The expenses of such person(s) will be charged to the president's budget.
- 1.5 The president is expected to travel the most economical way to any tournaments, meetings or for other ACBL business. Airfare, using advance non-refundable ticketing, will reflect the lowest direct service fare available for travel at reasonable times for the travel dates whenever possible. The president will be reimbursed for travel to only one bridge event outside Zone 2 per year.
- 1.6 Travel and other expenses related to a specific activity (especially special committee meetings) will be charged to Board expenses not to the president's expenses.
- 1.7 In addition to serving as ACBL President, the president also continues to serve as his district's representative on the Board of Directors and, therefore, will receive the trimester expense reimbursement identical to that provided all other Board members.
- 1.8 For accounting purposes, the president's travel expenses and expenses for the president's suite for the number of days the president is at the NABC through the first Sunday will be charged to Board expenses. Expenses for the remaining days the president is at the NABC will be charged to president's expenses.

Item 112-92: National Charity Committee

Moved that: The National Charity Committee be raised to the same level of recognition as the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee, including but not limited to, having a reception for all National Charity Committee members at each NABC.

Item 112-93: Grand National Teams - Scheduling

Moved that: Grand National Teams (GNT) Conditions of Contest be amended as follows:

The paragraph entitled “Scheduling” shall be amended to prohibit conflicts with the Junior Team Trials.

Appendix 1:

Board Item 053-75

Paragraph A is amended to read “A member’s principal physical residence at the time he or she first plays in the current year GNT shall establish the District in which the member is eligible to participate beyond the qualifying stage.”

Paragraph D is amended to remove the reference to 3 person panels.

Paragraph H is amended to read “There will be no exceptions to Paragraph A for participation in the Championship Flight. In lower flights, if a player wishes to obtain an exception from Section A, he must obtain permission in writing from the District directors of the District in which he lives and the District in which he wishes to play. If both directors do not agree, the exception is not granted. There is no appeal of this decision.”

Item 112-94: Unit Portion – Dues

Moved that: The Unit portion of a member’s dues shall be credited to the member’s PUA (Permanent Unit Affiliation).

A member’s PUA shall be based on the member’s primary physical residence. Once a PUA has been assigned to a member the PUA shall not change unless the member moves to a new primary physical residence.

Upon implementation of this procedure, any member who has multiple physical residences will be required to declare his PUA.

Each member shall also maintain a mailing address (“MA”), which may be the same as or different from the PUA. A member’s MA may be changed at any time and as frequently as the member chooses.

A member’s eligibility for Grand National Teams, North American Open Pairs or any similar event will be based on the member’s PUA.

INTERNATIONAL / FEDERATIONS

Item 112-111: World Bridge Series Championship - 2018

Moved that:

- A. The ACBL Board of Directors supports a World Bridge Series Championship in North America in 2018.
- B. The ACBL Board of Directors will authorize a \$100,000 contribution to the WBF to support the running of the championship in North America.

MARKETING/JUNIORS

Item 112-130: Junior Fund Monies Deferred from Spring NABC 2011

Moved that: Item 051-121 is rescinded: Monies raised from Junior Fund games will be available for all junior activities. The first \$50,000 or the amount collected annually, or whichever is less, will be given in July of the following year to the USBF to fund Junior Team activities.

Item 112-131: Benefits for Full-Service Clubs

Moved that: The president appoints a committee to recommend rewarding clubs that offer more services. The services referred to, but not limited to, include: number of tables; number of games; number of teaching programs; number of newcomer games; number of new members brought into the ACBL and; use of state-of-the art equipment. The rewards can be in the form of lower table fees and more club championship, or 'special' games without higher fees.

TOURNAMENT

Item 112-55: Codification Chapters IX Regionals & X Sectionals Deferred from Spring NABC 2011

Moved that: Chapters IX (Regionals) and X (Sectionals) of the Codification be replaced with the following revised chapters.

Item 112-56: Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning

Moved that: Item 102-141, Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning, be amended as follows:

1. Section B. Regional Tournament Allocations, paragraph 9, add:

A regional tournament may start on any day of the week and must be held on consecutive days until its conclusion.

Note: The new paragraph will read:

A Regional may not be more than six and a half days in duration. A regional tournament may start on any day of the week and must be held on consecutive days until its conclusion. In addition, a one-session event that is run for the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, or the Canadian equivalent of these may be held the afternoon of the first day of a six and one-half day Regional. The current formulas will be used to determine the minimum monetary contributions for these games.

2. Section C. Scheduling of Regional Tournaments, paragraph 2,

a. add:

The dates are protected except for one day at either the beginning or end of the tournament. A tournament with a two or more day encroachment on a traditional date tournament will not be sanctioned.

b. delete final sentence and replace with:

Easter week is noted as an exception.

Note: The new paragraph will read:

A District that holds a Regional on the same dates and at the same sites/areas two out of three years will be placed on the traditional date list for Regionals. The dates are protected except for one day at either the beginning or end of the tournament. A tournament with a two or more day encroachment on a traditional date tournament will not be sanctioned. The list is available on the Coordinators Bulletin Board. Easter week is noted as an exception.

Item 112-57: Sectional Tournament Scheduling and Allocations

Moved that: Item 102-140, Sectional Tournament Scheduling and Allocations, be amended as follows:

The following two paragraphs are added to Section B. Scheduling of Sectional Tournaments.

7. A Sectional held in a unit that is more than 50 miles from a Regional held in another District is not considered a conflict.
8. Sectionals that traditionally hold tournaments on or near specific holidays will, in the case of conflicts, be scheduled prior to the holiday when the holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday and after the holiday when the holiday falls on a Wednesday or Thursday.

Item 112-58: Special Game at Sectionals

Moved that: Item 032-66 shall be amended as follows:

~~International Fund~~ Special Game at Sectionals (032-66)

A. ~~Effective as soon as can be implemented by Management, a~~ All Units (i.e. Sectional Sponsors), are permitted to run up to two (2) ~~International fund~~ special game sessions at each Sectional with the exception of STaCs. In the USA, these special games may be to benefit the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL International Fund or the ACBL Junior Fund. In other countries, they may benefit the NBO equivalent, if it exists, or the ACBL fund/foundation if it does not. The choice of beneficiary shall be made by the tournament sponsor.

B. ~~An International Fund game~~ These special games may ~~can~~ be run as an open game, senior game, team or pair game, newcomer game, or any other game that is run at a Sectional.

C. The masterpoint awards will be regionally rated silver points.

D. The Sponsor of the sectional will be charged USD \$1.00 per player. In Canada the charge will be CAN \$1.00 ~~Canadian~~. In other countries, the sponsor will be charged USD \$1.00. These funds shall be included in the tournament report and remitted to the ACBL. The ACBL shall disburse the funds to the appropriate organization chosen by the tournament sponsor.

~~1 If the game is run at a Sectional in the US, the money will go to the US International Fund.~~

~~2 If the game is run at a Sectional in Canada or Mexico, the money will go that NBOs International Fund.~~

E. The normal sanction fee for Sectionals will also be charged to the Sponsoring Organization.

F. All previous motions governing International Fund Games held at Sectionals are rescinded.

Item 112-59: Starting Time for 2013 Summer NABC

Moved that: Starting times for championship events at the 2013 Summer NABC in Atlanta be 10 am and 4 pm.

Starting times for regional events would be 10 am, 3 pm and 7:30 pm.

MASTERPOINT

Item 112-153: Masterpoints Second Reading Required

Moved that:

- I. Club masterpoints be calculated using a formula equivalent to the tournament masterpoint formula.
- II. The awards for NABC Championships, Section III of the Masterpoint Award Regulations, are to be modified as follows:
 - Open Pairs (no other event, four sessions) changed from 130 to 125.
 - Red Ribbon Pairs changed from 70 to 60.
 - Canadian Open Pairs changed from 75 to 65.
 - Women's KO Teams changed from 140 to 120.
 - US Women's Bridge Championship changed from 140 to 120.
 - Senior Team Trials changed from 50 to 120.
- III. The Reduction Factor for 18 board games be changed from 80% to 67%.