

## CHAPTER X – SECTIONALS

### B. FINANCE

#### Section 1 – General

- 1.1. Sponsoring organizations are required to pay all funds due the ACBL at the conclusion of the tournament.
- 1.2 The ACBL strongly recommends Units and Districts make student discounts available at Sectionals and Regionals.
- 1.3** All participants in any ACBL-sanctioned Sectional tournament are required to have a valid ACBL member number (even if inactive). **(Effective March 1, 2018)**
- 1.4 Except for charity events or events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints, and except for active members of the American Bridge Association, for all Sectionals, the sponsoring organization will charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$4 per person per session for inactive members.
  - a. For all Sectionals, the sponsoring organization will charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$4 per person per session for inactive members. For tournaments which are hosted in Canada, the fee will be collected in Canadian dollars.
  - b. It is suggested that the sale signage present this as a discount to members.
  - c. The additional fee shall be remitted to the ACBL. Fees collected in Canadian dollars will have that amount converted to US dollars before being remitted.  
**(Effective March 1, 2018)**

#### Section 2 – Fees and Charges

- 2.1 Sectional tournaments are charged a surcharge in lieu of the transportation cost of the nearest Tournament Director of highest rank in addition to the usual table sanction fees and Tournament Director fees. The surcharge does not apply to Progressive Sectionals, STaCs, Sectionals-at-Sea, or Sectionals held at the same site as a restricted Regional.
- 2.2 STaC sanction fees are calculated on a sliding scale dependent on the number of tables in the STaC.
- 2.3 The added fee per player that is required to be collected at Sectionals from non-members or non-service fee paying Life Masters is waived for STaCs.

- 2.4 Sectionals-at-Sea have a unique schedule of fees and charges.
- 2.5 All of these fees are subject to annual review by the Board of Directors and are posted in the ACBL Handbook, Appendix G, Prices and Fees.
- 2.6 The sanction fee will be waived for Sectional and Regional tournament events which are designed to introduce new players to tournaments and those which do not charge entry fees.
- 2.7 No sanction fees will be charged for free fill-ins.
- 2.8 ACBL management is authorized to waive any Board-mandated sanction fee for cause. This authority may be used for a specific event(s) or an entire tournament.