

CHAPTER X - SECTIONALS

D. OPERATIONS

Section 1 – Staffing (Effective January 1, 2019)

- 1.1 Sectional tournaments will be staffed by Tournament Directors who are ACBL employees, except as noted below:
 - 1.1.1 Sectionals with an upper masterpoint limit of 500 masterpoints or fewer may be run by directors who are not ACBL employees. Such directors must be certified club directors.
 - 1.1.2 With ACBL management approval, a sponsoring organization may run a limited Sectional with a maximum of 750 masterpoints using directors who are not ACBL employees.
 - 1.1.2.1 Approval will be granted or withheld at the time the sanction is approved. It is expected that approvals will be made on an exception basis and that most such applications will not be approved.
 - 1.1.2.2 Final determination will be made by the ACBL Manager of Bridge Operations in conjunction with the appropriate Area Manager.
 - 1.1.3 For tournaments not staffed by an ACBL employee, the Sectional surcharge applies. This Sectional surcharge is to offset the cost of processing at ACBL Headquarters that would normally be done on site by a Tournament Director.
 - 1.1.4 Tournaments staffed by a non-employee do not use ACBL-provided hand records and do not display results on ACBL Live.
 - 1.1.4.1 Tournaments may make arrangements with a nearby ACBL Tournament Director to provide these services. Such arrangements must be made at least two weeks prior to the start of the tournament.
 - 1.1.4.2 If ACBL hand records are used, the normal charge applies. If an ACBL employee submits results to ACBL Live or provides any other support, the tournament will be charged a fee of \$50 over and above all other fees and charges.
 - 1.1.5 Regardless of staffing, all tournaments are expected to follow ACBL policies and regulations relating to permitted methods, use of bidding boxes, and non-member eligibility and charges.