

CHAPTER XI – SPECIAL EVENTS

D. ACBL-WIDE AND OTHER SPECIAL GAMES

Section 1 – General

- 1.1 ACBL-wide special games may not be conducted during any month that is designated as a special fund month. The months of January (Junior) April (Charity), May (Grass Roots) and September (International) are designated as special fund game months.
- 1.2 ACBL management will select appropriate dates for the ACBL-wide events.
- 1.3 ACBL-wide games held at sites where the minimum number of tables requirement is not met shall award masterpoints on the same basis as those held at sites where these requirements are met but shall be excluded from District and national ranking.
- 1.4 ACBL management shall publish the statistics and a financial review of all special event games in the Journal for each Spring meeting of the Board of Directors. The report is to include the administrative man-hours and advertising costs required to support these events.
- 1.5 For ACBL-Wide Charity Games, ACBL-Wide International Fund Games, the annual ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs, the annual ACBL-Wide Instant Matchpoint game and District-Wide Charity games, overall and District awards will be determined as follows (official hand records must be used):
 - a. Overall: First Place: 20 masterpoints; Depth of awards: 10 places
 - b. District: First Place: 10 masterpoints; Depth of awards: 5 places
 - 1.5.1 Winners will receive the greater of the nationwide and the District awards, in addition to masterpoints won at the game itself.

Section 2 – ACBL-Wide Senior Event

- 2.1 The annual ACBL-Wide Senior event must be conducted on a specific weekday afternoon designated by the ACBL.
- 2.2 Each club applying for a sanction must either (a) already be sanctioned to conduct a game at that time or (b) submit its Unit's written approval to conduct the game.
- 2.3 The sanction fee is \$4.00 for each table in play and must be remitted with the report of the game.

- 2.4 Participants must be born prior to January 1, 1960. (Date effective as of 1/1/2020)
(See also subsection 1.5 in Ch. XIII – General Tournament Information, F. Events, Section 1 – Tournament Events and Restrictions)
- 2.5 For each site, overall and section masterpoint awards, based on 80% Sectional rating, will be issued by the ACBL.
- 2.6 Hand records and analyses shall be provided.

Section 3 – International Fund Games

- 3.1 If this game is run by a club (or clubs) in a Unit, the Unit may not schedule any bridge event at the same time, except a Sectional or Regional.
- 3.2 The color of masterpoints awarded for continent-wide International Fund games is 50/50 red and black.

Section 4 – WBF Worldwide Pairs (WWP)

- 4.1 The WWP may be held at clubs, Sectionals or Regionals.
- 4.2 The Friday and Saturday games are two separate events.
- 4.3 When this event is held at a tournament as part of a two-session event, the sponsoring organization pays the sanction fee for the WWP for those players entered in both the tournament event and the WWP. Only one sanction fee is paid. The event is scored twice – once as the WWP and once as the tournament event. Participants entered in both events are eligible only for the higher masterpoint award.
- Note:** Points remain 50/50 red and black for the WWP and either red/gold or silver as is appropriate for the tournament event.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 A one-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.
- 4.6 ACBL masterpoints will be awarded to overall winners in each District each day each direction.

- 4.7 The financial statistics of the WBF Worldwide Pairs will be made available to the Board of Directors for review at the summer meeting.

Section 5 – District and ACBL-Wide Games

- 5.1 Overall masterpoints will be awarded in continent-wide Charity Games and in continent-wide International Fund Games that use hand records and for which national and District winners are determined and published in the Bridge Bulletin.
- 5.2 Overall masterpoints will be awarded in District-wide Charity Games that use hand records and for which District winners are determined.
- 5.3 In addition to District overall awards, continent-wide overall winners will be determined and overall masterpoints will be awarded.
- 5.4 Overall point awards will be red points with amounts and depth of awards as recommended by the Masterpoint Committee and approved by the ACBL Board of Directors.
- 5.5 Instant Matchpoint Game
- 5.5.1 Games meeting open standards will be considered in the open contest.
Note: Half-table games will be included.
- 5.5.2 A minimum of five tables is required.
- 5.5.3 The minimum number of boards to be played by any pair in the open contest is 20.
- 5.5.4 Howell movements meeting open standards will award a gold point for first place.
- 5.5.5 Games will award one gold point to section tops in each direction in each club. The remaining points will be red/black at sectional rating.
- Overall: 1st Place, 20 masterpoints; Depth of awards: 10 places;
 - District winners: 1st Place, 10 masterpoints; Depth of awards: 5 places

Section 6 – State, Province, Country (SPC) Championships

- 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.

- 6.2 There will not be a National final. The event may be flighted.
- 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.
- 6.4 ACBL rules and regulations apply to all play in the event and supersede special SPC conditions in cases of conflict.