

## CHAPTER XII – SYSTEMS & CONVENTIONS

### E. SCORING

#### Section 1 – Correction and Appeal Periods for ACBL Events

##### 1.1 Pair events

- 1.1.1 The score correction period for player errors expires at the completion of play of the session following the one in which the error occurred or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier.
- 1.1.2 For Director errors, the correction period expires twenty-four hours after the completion of the event or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier. The Tournament Director- in-Charge, in consultation with the ACBL Director of Field Operations, however, may in unusual circumstances elect to make a correction of a Director error at a later time.
- 1.1.3 For qualifying events, the score correction period for both player and Director errors expires one hour before the first session following qualification. The carryover score for qualifiers may be corrected up until the end of the first session following qualification.
- 1.1.4 The appeal period of, or for, a Director's ruling expires one half hour after the completion of a session or at the starting time of the next session, whichever is earlier

##### 1.2 Swiss Teams

- 1.2.1 **Player errors.** No increase in score 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.
- 1.2.2 **Scorer errors.** A decrease in score due to players' errors and mis-reporting the agreed result of a match expires one hour prior to the announced starting time for play on the next day of the same event, twenty-four hours after completion of the event, or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier.

- 1.2.3 The Tournament Director-in-Charge, however, may in unusual circumstances elect to make a correction of a Director error at a later time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Tournament Director-in-Charge may decline to amend the overall rankings if the team could have known at the time that one or more pairings were made based on an incorrect cumulative total. In any case, all matches played prior to correction of an error stand as played.
  - 1.2.4 The appeal period for, or of, a Director's ruling expires thirty minutes after the completion of the match or at the start of play in the next match, whichever is earlier. When an appeal will not be heard prior to the playing of one or more matches, each of the teams will be credited, for pairing purposes, with a score reflecting a favorable ruling. A match ends for a pair when all boards scheduled for play are completed and they leave the table or meet with their teammates.
- 1.3 Board-A-Match Teams
- 1.3.1 The score correction period for player errors expires at the completion of play of the session following the one in which the error occurred or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier.
  - 1.3.2 For Director errors, the correction period expires twenty-four hours after the completion of the event or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier. The Tournament Director- in-Charge in consultation with the ACBL Director of Bridge of Bridge Operations, however, may in unusual circumstances elect to make a correction of a Director error at a later time.
  - 1.3.3 For qualifying events the score correction period for both player and Director errors expires one hour before the first session following qualification. The carryover score for qualifiers may be corrected up until the end of the first session following qualification.
  - 1.3.4 The appeal period of or for a Director's ruling expires one half hour after the completion of a session or at the starting time of the next session, whichever is earlier.
- 1.4 Knockout Teams
- 1.4.1 The score correction period for player and scorer errors expires thirty minutes after the completion of the match, at the start of play at either table of a playoff, or at the announced starting time of the next match, whichever is earlier.
  - 1.4.2 The appeal period for or of a Director's ruling expires thirty minutes after

the completion of the segment, at the start of play at either table in the next segment, or at the start of play at either table of a playoff, whichever is earlier.

- 1.4.3 A segment of a match is completed when the teams have agreed upon a score

## **Section 2 – Score Corrections**

- 2.1 Directors shall not accept score tickets unless verified by opponents' valid initials or mark.
- 2.2 Tickets so marked may not be changed later on in regard to the number of tricks taken, except after investigation by the Director of the reason for the change, but in no event shall a score change be made after the end of the next round, and no ticket from the last round played may be changed after it has been initialed and picked up.
- 2.3 Nothing in subsections 1.1 or 1.2 immediately above shall prevent a Director from using his discretion in adjusting a score in an event with a top masterpoint limit of 50 or fewer.

## **Section 3 – Qualification Procedures**

- 3.1 Board-A-Match Teams Tie Breaking Procedure for Qualification
  - a. Convert all fractions of boards to one = a count of board not lost;
  - b. Result of head-to-head competition (e.g. in a three-way tie the team that beats the other two teams goes on);
  - c. Total points of board(s) played in common;
  - d. Total points on all boards.
- 3.2 Any margin of difference in score between contestants breaks a tie for qualification purposes.
- 3.3 A margin of difference in score of at least 0.01 breaks a tie for purposes of rank and masterpoints.