

## CHAPTER I – MEMBERSHIP OPERATING GUIDELINES

### G. EDUCATION

#### Section 1 – School Bridge Program

- 1.1 The ACBL will provide materials needed to run a School Bridge Lessons program under the following guidelines:
  - 1.1.1 Students must be under 26 years of age.
  - 1.1.2 Students who have graduated from high school must be enrolled full-time at a two-year or four-year college.
  - 1.1.3 There must be at least four students. It is recommended that all classes have at least 12+ students.
  - 1.1.4 Students may not be charged for the teacher's time.
- 1.2 A stipend of \$350 will be paid to teachers of School Bridge Lessons if the following conditions are met:
  - 1.2.1 All classes must be registered in advance with the ACBL Education Department or stipends will not be paid.
  - 1.2.2 A minimum of eight students must graduate from each class.
  - 1.2.3 The lesson series must be taught over a minimum of 16 hours.
  - 1.2.4 No one shall be denied the teacher stipend from the School Bridge Lessons program based solely on the receipt of payment from another source; provided, however, the amount received from the School Bridge Lessons program when added to compensation from other sources shall not exceed US\$500.00.
- 1.25 An end of class tournament must be held, and results must be submitted to the ACBL.
- 1.3 Teachers will be paid for a maximum of five classes per semester with no more than 10 paid classes per year (Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter).
- 1.4 A \$5 Junior membership will be available to all players under the age of 26. **(Effective January 2017)**
  - 1.4.1 In lieu of a hard copy of the monthly Bridge Bulletin, Junior members will have access to the Bridge Bulletin online via MyACBL.

## **Section 2 – Management Responsibilities Regarding Education**

- 2.1 ACBL management shall engage in an ongoing program of cooperation and communication with the ABTA.
- 2.2 ACBL management shall present periodic status reports on current bridge education programs and related projects to the ACBL Board.
- 2.3 ACBL management will present periodic status reports on the current I/N program to the ACBL Board.
- 2.4 Charges for the Best Practices Teacher Certification Workshop shall be at a break-even cost. In those instances where the cost to ACBL is substantially less, the difference shall be refunded to the sponsor.
- 2.5 ACBL management shall provide instructional material and backup support for activities of the District Education Coordinator.

## **Section 3 – Educational Liaisons**

- 3.1 Units and/or Districts shall designate a member to serve as a liaison with the ACBL for the purpose of furthering our educational programs.
- 3.2 Each District shall appoint an Education Coordinator to work with Unit liaisons in the development of an educational program within its Units and to assist in organizing Best Practices Teacher Certification Workshops.

(See Appendix 1-G *The Education Liaison and the Chain of Command*)

## **Section 4 – Teacher Directory**

- 4.1 ACBL management will maintain a Teacher Directory on the ACBL website for supporting student recruitment. (Effective March 1, 2018)