

CHAPTER I – MEMBERSHIP OPERATING GUIDELINES

I. JUNIORS

Section 1 – Youth and Junior Division Membership Criteria

- 1.1 The ACBL defines the **Junior Division** using the following guidelines:
 - 1.1.1 A person under 26 years of age (“Junior”).
 - 1.1.2 An ACBL member in good standing.
 - 1.1.3 Special Events/Benefits for Juniors
 - 1.1.3.1 Junior Day at NABCs - during each NABC, one Saturday will be declared Junior Day. A light reception will be held for Juniors for the purpose of conducting business.
 - 1.1.3.2 January will be proclaimed Junior Month.
 - 1.1.3.3 Junior entry coupons will be available at NABCs for all Juniors who are ACBL members. (See also Codification Ch. VIII – NABCs, C. Finances, Section 3 – Entry Fees.)
 - 1.1.3.4 The ACBL shall dedicate a section of its website to Juniors. This section shall be used to promote events and disseminate news of interest to Junior and Youth players.
- 1.2 The ACBL defines the **Youth Division** using the following guidelines:
 - 1.2.1 A person under 21 years of age (“Youth”).
 - 1.2.2 An ACBL member in good standing.
 - 1.2.3 Special Events/Benefits for Youth:
 - 1.2.3.1 Eligible for all Junior special events and benefits.
 - 1.2.3.2 A Youth NABC held concurrently with the Summer NABC.
 - 1.2.3.3 A class for local area Youth at each of the NABCs if the sponsoring organization has an interest in promoting Youth bridge in their city.
 - 1.2.3.4 Other events created to further the interest of Youth in participating in ACBL events and games.

Section 2 – Junior Items Regarding NABCs

- 2.1 The first Saturday of each NABC shall be declared Junior Day.
 - 2.1.1 At the Spring and Fall NABCs, a reception incorporating a Zip KO will be held for Juniors.
 - 2.1.2 At the Summer NABC, a reception will be held where Juniors may meet ACBL officials and members of the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors.
- 2.2 At all NABCs, Junior entry coupons will be made available for Junior members in good standing for entry into events at NABCs.
 - 2.2.1 Junior entry fees, including coupons for discounts, are as set forth in Codification Ch. VIII – NABCs, C. Finances, Section 3 – Entry Fees.
 - 2.2.2 ACBL encourages all Districts, Units and bridge clubs to consider similar policies for its Regional and Sectional tournaments and club games.

Section 3 – Junior Fund Games

- 3.1 January is designated as Junior Fund (as defined below) Month.
- 3.2 As approved by the ACBL Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Bridge Federation, an all-inclusive North American Junior Fund (the “Junior Fund”) is established.
 - 3.2.1 All funds derived from Junior Fund Games held in North America shall be held by the ACBL.
 - 3.2.2 ACBL management shall indicate income and expenses for Junior/Youth activities as separate line items in the budget and financial statements.
 - 3.2.3 Funds derived from Junior Fund Games will be used only to fund activities and programs limited to Junior players.

Section 4 – Junior Fund Monies

- 4.1 The USBF shall receive \$50,000 per year from the Junior Fund to support international Junior and Youth participation. These funds are earmarked to send teams to international competition. The funds are to be held in a restricted fund in the USBF for team travel, entries, and uniform expense.

- 4.2 The CBF shall receive \$25,000 per year from the Junior Fund to support international Junior and Youth participation. These funds are earmarked to send teams to international competition. The funds are to be held in a restricted fund in the CBF for team travel, entries, and uniform expense.
- 4.3 In accordance with regulations established by the ACBL Board of Directors, the Junior Fund shall be used to finance Junior programs and activities, promote the game of bridge to Juniors, and provide funds for Junior teams representing NBOs located in WBF Zone 2 in Junior/Youth World Championship events (as defined by the WBF).
- 4.4 Any person under the age of 19 receiving a subsidy must be a high school graduate, have received a high school equivalency certificate, or be a student attending school and making orderly progress towards graduation.
- 4.5 All Juniors receiving a subsidy shall be held to the ACBL Youth Protection and Abuse Prevention Policy and Code of Conduct.
- 4.6 NBOs receiving subsidies from the Junior Fund must ensure that all members of their respective teams play sufficient boards to be eligible for medals won by the team unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Section 5 – Youth North American Bridge Championship

- 5.1 The Youth NABC shall be held concurrently with the Summer NABC at a location within the NABC designated playing areas.

Section 6 – Canadian Junior ACBL Members

- 6.1 ACBL will invoice Canadian Junior members for CBF fees. The CBF shall determine the amount of these fees.