

CHAPTER III – ADMINISTRATION OF OPERATIONS

B. DISTRICTS

Section 1 – Rights and Responsibilities

- 1.1 The geographical area within which the District shall have jurisdiction shall be such area as is presently or may in the future be assigned to it by the Board of Directors of the ACBL.
- 1.2 The relationship between ACBL and each of its Districts is that of independent organizations.
- 1.3 Every District must have a District organization and District bylaws.
- 1.4 The District bylaws shall provide for the establishment of a democratically composed District organization. Sample District bylaws will be furnished upon request.
- 1.5 The District organization must establish a District Disciplinary Committee.
- 1.6 The District organization may appoint a District Tournament Coordinator whose job shall be to screen all sanction applications for tournaments and other special games, advise the Units within the District of any scheduling conflicts, and resolve said conflicts.
- 1.7 Districts shall designate a member to serve as a liaison with the ACBL for the purpose of furthering educational programs.
- 1.8 Except where regulations give specific authority to the District Director, each District organization shall have complete supervision over all red and gold point events allocated to that District, including allocation of Regional tournaments to Units or playing area, and supervision of the Grand National Teams and North American Pairs.
- 1.9 Bylaws and regulations of District organizations must comply with ACBL Bylaws, rules and regulations, as well as with all governmental (national, state, provincial and local) laws, rules and regulations.

Section 2 – Business Practices

2.1 Regional Tournaments

2.1.1 Districts shall bear the full responsibility for Regional tournaments sanctioned to them, regardless of the actual individual or group undertaking management functions.

2.1.2 Sponsoring organizations are required to pay to the Director-in-Charge all funds due the ACBL at the conclusion of the tournament.

2.2 Expenses in connection with District Disciplinary Committees shall not be borne by the ACBL unless specifically authorized by the ACBL.

2.3 District Assessments

2.3.1 Districts do not have the right to fix dues, whether in the form of assessments or otherwise.

2.3.2 Districts may enter into agreements with constituent Units for voluntary contributions for purposes consistent with the objectives of ACBL and the District such as, but not limited to, hosting a national or international event or sustaining the District organization.

2.3.3 None of the foregoing shall be construed as prohibiting District organizations from controlling Regionals, including, but not limited to, a per table charge.

2.4 Districts are strongly urged to conduct an annual audit of their financial records. If an external audit by an independent professional is deemed too expensive, it is recommended that Districts appoint an internal audit committee to, as a minimum, verify cash and cash equivalents and test major income and expense items.

2.5 ACBL management is authorized to require, at its discretion, business between ACBL and Districts to be conducted electronically.

2.6 No ACBL employee may serve on District boards as voting members nor may they serve as proxies to vote at a District meeting.

Chapter III (Section C. Legal Issues; D. Elections; and E. Board of Governors) moved to Part 1 Governance.