

CHAPTER V – CHARITY, FOUNDATIONS AND SPECIAL FUNDS

Chapter V (Section A. Administration and Policy Regarding Charity) moved to Part 1 Governance.

B. CHARITY AND FUND GAMES – CLUBS

Section 1 – Club Charity Game Requirements

- 1.1 Club charity games run for the ACBL Charity Foundation or the CBF Charitable Fund shall include a payment by the club to the ACBL Charity Foundation or the CBF Charitable Fund of a minimum of \$1.00 per player.
- 1.2 Clubs are not required to run a charity game for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation or the CBF Charitable Fund except as set forth below.
- 1.3 The first ACBL-sanctioned charity game, if any, plus at least every other subsequent charity game conducted by a club in a calendar year must be for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation or, in Canada, the CBF Charitable Fund. ACBL-sanctioned charity games not required to be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation or the CBF Charitable Fund may be for the benefit of any governmentally-recognized charity, charity foundation or charity fund.

Section 2 – Special Games at Clubs

- 2.1. The month of January is designated as Junior Fund Month. Monies raised from Junior Fund Games will be available for all Junior activities (see also Chapter I. – Membership, I. Juniors, Section 3 – Junior Fund Games).
- 2.2 The month of February is designated as Educational Foundation Fund Month. Monies raised from the Educational Foundation Charity Games shall be distributed to the ACBL Educational Foundation.
- 2.3 The month of April is designated as Charity Fund Month. Monies raised from charity games will go to either the ACBL Charity Foundation or a local charity (see also Chapter V. – Charity, Foundations and Special Funds, A. Administration and Policy Regarding Charity). Any club that, in any calendar year, runs one or more allowed special local charity games that are sanctioned for extra masterpoints must make available for public inspection an accounting of all funds raised in such games no later than February 28 of the following calendar year.
- 2.4 The month of May is designated as Grass Roots Fund Month. Clubs may hold special games under the same rules and regulations applicable to the other special fund months (currently benefitting the Junior Fund, the International Fund and the ACBL Charity Foundation). Funds raised shall be used by the individual Districts to help fund Grass Roots Events (as defined below). The ACBL shall not charge the Districts any fee for the cost of collecting and disbursing these funds.

- 2.4.1 Grass Roots Events are defined as the Grand National Teams (GNT) and the North American Pairs (NAP).
- 2.4.2 Grass Roots funds may be used to provide player stipends for attending the competition at the NABCs and encouraging attendance at Unit and District finals. In addition, at the discretion of the District, funds may be used to prepare and promote participation by players in Flights B and C at the club level. **Effective 1/1/2020.**
- 2.4.3 At the conclusion of the collection cycle, 80% of the funds, net of total entry fee awarded by the ACBL Flights A, B and C, is returned to the respective Districts that raised the monies. The remaining 20% is retained by the ACBL and distributed according to the following process:
- Calculate the amount of Grass Roots Funds raised per member in the District;
 - Sort the Districts based upon number of members from highest to lowest. Give the nine largest the value of ‘0’ in the Rank Column, the next eight the value of “1” in the Rank Column, and the remaining eight the value of “2” in the Rank Column;
 - Calculate the Mean and Standard Deviation (SD) for the value of the amount raised per member for the 25 Districts. If the respective District raised less than 1 SD below the mean, place a value of “0” in the Fund Rank Column. If the District raised between 1 SD and 0.5 SD below the mean, place a value of “1” in the Fund Rank Column. If the District raised between 0.5 SD below the mean and the mean, place a value of “2” in the Fund Rank Column. If the District raised between the mean and 0.5 SD above the mean, place a “3” in the Fund Rank Column. If the District raised more than 0.5 SD above the mean, place a “4” in the Fund Rank Column;
 - Calculate the amount of Rebate based upon the formula:

$$\text{Rebate} = \text{Total Pool} * ((\text{Size Rank} + (\text{Fund Rank} * 4)) / (\text{Sum of all Size Ranks} + (\text{Sum of all Fund Ranks} * 4)))$$
- 2.5 The month of September is designated as International Fund Month. Monies raised will go to the International Fund (see also Chapter VII – International Bridge, C. International Fund).
- 2.6 In the remaining eight months of the year, one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special game for any one of the Junior Fund, International Fund, ACBL Educational Foundation, Grass Roots Fund, or a charity, charity foundation or charity fund.
- 2.7 When a Sectional (excluding STaCs) or higher rated event is being conducted within 25 miles of a club game’s playing site, the club is permitted to hold only its regularly scheduled club masterpoint games (i.e., no special games may be held). This regulation does not apply to Limited/Restricted Sectionals.