

CHAPTER VII – INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

A. ZONE 2 National Bridge Organizations (NBOs)

Section 1 – Zone 2 International Regulations

- 1.1 The authority for selecting and subsidizing bridge players who represent the United States, Canada and Mexico in international bridge competition rests with the North American Bridge Federation (NABF) and its NBOs: the United States Bridge Federation (USBF), the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF), and the Federación Mexicana de Bridge (FMB), and respectively.
- 1.2 The Bermuda Bridge Federation (BBF), while maintaining ACBL affiliation as Unit 198 in District 2, competes internationally through WBF Zone 5 based on prior ACBL approval to do so.
- 1.3 The Virgin Islands Bridge Federation while maintaining ACBL affiliation through District 9, competes internationally through WBF Zone 5 based on prior ACBL approval to do so.

Section 2 – NBO Events

- 2.1 The BBF, CBF, FMB and the USBF may each hold an annual ACBL-sanctioned, National Championship to determine the national representatives in each of the following categories:
 - a. Open team
 - b. Women's team
 - c. Senior team
 - d. Mixed team
 - e. Open pairs
 - f. Women's pairs
 - g. Junior teams
- 2.2 The National finals shall be Regional-rated (Regional-rated red and gold points unless otherwise indicated in the ACBL Masterpoint Plan). Qualification events, if any, shall be Sectional-rated (black points).
- 2.3 Sanction fees shall be determined by the ACBL, except that such fees are waived for Junior Trials.
- 2.4 If the National finals of any of the championships listed above are not held concurrently with an ACBL Regional or Sectional tournament, each NBO may conduct ACBL-sanctioned Sectional-rated black point events concurrently with the National finals.

- 2.5 Each National Federation is responsible for applying for the sanction through and reporting the results to the ACBL.
- 2.6 The championship may be flighted by ACBL masterpoints.
- 2.7 Masterpoint awards are determined by the ACBL Board of Directors upon recommendation by the ACBL Masterpoint Committee.