



Charged Party(ies)
 ACBL #
 Hearing Date

Disciplinary Body Hearing Location

Charging Party ACBL# Complainant ACBL#

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO HEARD THE CHARGES

Name	ACBL #	Name	ACBL #
Tim White, Chairman	M029585	Laurie Rowe	P508832
Dennis Carman	O828450	Larry Sealy	P541643
Deana Liddy	P205082	Georgia Heth	N638399

INDIVIDUALS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE HEARING (excluding committee members)

Name	ACBL#	Via	Capacity	Name	ACBL#	Via	Capacity
Jeff Edelstein	O200338	web conf.	Adv-Charging P			Select One	Select One
Justin Coniglio	Q809461	web conf.	Adv-Charging P			Select One	Select One
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EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENTS PRESENTED (Summarize evidence and arguments presented including testimony. If additional space is needed, continue on page 3 of this hearing report.) (Note: provide new documentary evidence introduced during the hearing to the Office of National Recorder)

A Negotiated Resolution packet was provided by the Compliance Coordinator to the committee. It contained: Procedural Summary, Factors Considered by the Charging Party, Negotiated Resolutions, Membership Profiles, Recorder Complaint and Charge Letter.

The Negotiated Resolutions included statements from each party. Mr. Conlon stated: "I agree that, on occasion, I sometimes violated CDR 301(A)(2) in a collusive manner to get a better score. I fully knew that this was an egregious mistake on my part, and I take full blame for said indiscretions. I am remorseful for my indiscretions and I will greatly miss the game of duplicate bridge for the next few years, but fully accept blame for my inappropriate actions." Mrs. Conlon stated: "On occasion, if I miskicked (sic) on a bid or card, I would let my husband know. By looking at the results it would show anyone that we could have scored a lot better if we were cheating on a regular basis. I am legally blind and therefore misclicks are not uncommon for me. However, I do not want to use my disability as an excuse. I have been playing bridge for 40 years and have played in clubs and tournaments all over the country. Getting to the level that I had been with the help of many partners as I too have helped people enjoy the game. I truly apologize if I have done wrong and hope the outcome of this will be determined in a timely and fair manner so we can continue with our pursuit to help others."

COMMITTEE FINDINGS OF FACT (based on the evidence, state the committee's conclusion as to what happened)

In the Matter of Renate and Ronald Conlon, the Committee approved the Negotiated Resolution entered into by the parties and ACBL Management in which the Conlons admitted to a violation of CDR 301(A)(2) Collusive Cheating Online. Mrs. Conlon agreed to a penalty of 1 year suspension to start on December 5, 2022, 3 years probation following suspension during which time she is prohibited from playing online with Ronald Conlon, and a forfeiture of 10% of her current Masterpoint total. Mr. Conlon agreed to a penalty of 2 years suspension to start on December 5, 2022, 3 years probation following suspension during which time he is prohibited from playing online with Renate Conlon, and a forfeiture of 10% of his current Masterpoint total. Mr. and Mrs. Conlon also each agreed that this agreement was voidable by the ACBL if they played in any ACBL sanctioned game between December 5, 2022 and when the agreement was accepted by Appeals and Charges. They will be Members "Not in Good Standing" during the length of their probationary period.

DECISION (click on the box next to Not Responsible or Responsible of violating the CDR to add a check mark.)

Not Responsible

Responsible

CDR GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE Type the section(s) and description(s) found in CDR 3 which led to the discipline).

301(A)(2) Collusive Cheating: Online. "Online Collusive Cheating" is the exchange or transmission of information between two or more people, at least one of whom is a contestant in an online bridge competition, in any manner not expressly permitted by Law 73. The information need not be actually used by a player to prove a Violation under this section. This section includes agreements made by persons who are not partners or contestants, including, but not limited to kibitzers or teammates.

DISCIPLINE (Unless a discipline begins immediately, which requires you to complete a Notice of Immediate Discipline, all begin dates should start at least five days after you submit this hearing Report to the Office of National Recorder.

Disciplined Party is convicted of premeditated or collusive cheating (or has admitted to such action), CDR 4.1.8 (a) YES NO

If yes, all masterpoints, titles and ACBL status ranks and other ACBL related awards earned by the disciplined party will be forfeited. These penalties also apply to the teammates and partners while playing with the disciplined party during the seven years preceding the date the Charges were brought through and including the date of this final decision.

	Start Date	End Date	Additional Requirements/Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> REPRIMAND		N/A	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROBATION	see comments to the right		Probation: Renate, 3 yrs 12/5/23 - 12/4/26; Ronald, 3 yrs 12/5/24 - 12/4/27; Both excluded from playing online together during probationary periods
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUSPENSION	see comments to the right		Suspension: Renate, 1 year 12/5/2022 - 12/4/2023; Ronald, 2 years 12/5/2022 - 12/4/2024

Is the disciplined party Suspended because of an Ethical Violation (CDR 4.1.8 (b))? YES NO

If yes, the masterpoints and titles won in the event by the disciplined party, partners and teammates in which the offense occurred will be forfeited.

Is the Suspension imposed due to an Ethical Violation more than one year (CDR 4.1.8 (b))? YES NO

If yes, the MPs, titles or other ACBL related award earned by the discipline party within twelve months preceding the date of the offense will be forfeited.

EXPULSION N/A

SUSPENDED SENTENCE (only used in conjunction with an imposed Suspension from above that you have converted to Probation). State the condition of the sentence below

EXCLUSION from Events and Programs (list the exclusions and the dates of the events or activities). CDR 4.1.6

REDUCTION OR FORFEITURE of Masterpoints (MP) or Tournament Rank or Disqualification.

Forfeiture of 10% total Masterpoints for both parties.

The teammates and partners will also receive these penalties in the event in which the offense occurred.

STATE THE OFFENSE(S) FROM APPENDIX B, CHART 1 and/or CHART 2 OF THE CDR

N/A

The discipline imposed above is **SELECT** the recommended guidelines of Appendix B, Chart 1 and/or Chart 2.

If it is **OUTSIDE** the guidelines, a reason must be stated below.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED (CHAIR)

/s/

Electronic Signature (type name above)

Wet Signature (sign above)

Date: