



IS THIS AN AUTOMATIC REVIEW OR APPEAL OR BOTH Automatic Review

CHECK THE APPELLANT (party who filed the appeal)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Disciplined Party	Vernon Hodge	ACBL #	M047966	Disciplined Party	Carolyn Motes	ACBL #	N611431
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charging Party	Joseph Jones	ACBL #	5399696	Location of Hearing	Web-Conference using Zoom		
Appellate Body		Appeals and Charges Committee				Date of Hearing	10/27/2022	
Original Disciplinary Body		Online Ethical Oversight Committee				Date of Hearing	8/1/2022	
Original Complainant		Jeff Edelstein	ACBL #	O200338	Effective date of the CDR consulted		August 1, 2021	

DISCIPLINE BEING APPEALED OR REVIEWED

Disciplined Party	Discipline	Beginning Date	Ending Date
Hodge	Suspension, 3 years	9/12/2022	9/11/2025
Hodge	Probation, 2 years	9/12/2025	9/11/2027
Motes	Suspension, 2 years	9/12/2022	9/11/2024
Motes	Probation, 2 years	9/12/2024	9/11/2026

Additional comments or description regarding discipline being appealed or reviewed

Both parties: Forfeiture of MPs earned while playing together online between January 1, 2022 - March 31, 2022
Member Not in Good Standing: Hodge 9/12/2022 - 9/11/2027; Motes 9/12/2022 - 9/11/2026

BASIS FOR APPEAL (skip this section if this is an Automatic Review)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision not supported by the weight of evidence.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Procedures were inconsistent with CDR which affected the substantial rights of Appellant or undermined the confidence in the integrity or fairness of the disciplinary process.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discipline inappropriate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	One or more person(s) on the hearing panel had bias (objection to such bias was raised at the hearing).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO REVIEWED THE MATTER OR HEARD THE APPEAL

Name	ACBL #	Name	ACBL #
Tim White, Chairman	M029585	Jeff Overby	O879926
Dennis Carman	O828450	Laurie Rowe	P508832
Georgia Heth	N638399	Larry Sealy	P541643
Deana Liddy	P205082		

ALSO PRESENT (include web-conference (WC), in person (P), telephonic (TP), etc. and include their capacity as witness, expert, etc.)

Name	ACBL #	Via	Capacity	Name	ACBL #	Via	Capacity
Justin Coniglio	Q80946	WC	CoAdv-Charging P				
Jeff Edelstein	O200338	WC	CoAdv-Charging P				
Vernon Hodge	M047966	WC	Charged Party				
Carolyn Motes	N611431	WC	Charged Party				

N/A

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

In the Matter of Vernon Hodge and Carolyn Motes, the Committee upheld the finding of the OEOC Panel that they violated CDR 301(A)(2) Collusive Cheating Online. The Committee upheld the suspension imposed by the OEOC panel but modified the length of the probation and its terms and the Masterpoint forfeiture. Accordingly, Mr. Hodge will be suspended for a period of three years and Ms. Motes will be suspended for a period of two years. They will each receive a three year Probation and will each forfeit fifteen percent of their Masterpoint holding. They will be ineligible to play together during the first year of their probationary periods. They will be Members “Not in Good Standing” during the length of their Probationary period.

DECISION OF APPELLATE COMMITTEE

<input type="checkbox"/>	Remanded for rehearing	Disciplinary Body expected to rehear.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision of the original hearing committee is upheld.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Decision of the original hearing committee is amended as described below:		
	Discipline	Beginning	Ending
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reprimand	N/A	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Probation		See below.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Suspension		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	N/A	N/A
	Please describe other decision below:		
	The Committee increased the Probation period to 3-years and modified the Masterpoint forfeiture for both parties. They will be ineligible to play together during the first year of their probationary periods. The revised dates of discipline are as follows: Hodge - Suspension 9/12/2022 - 9/11/2025; Probation 9/12/2025 - 9/11/2028; Member Not in Good Standing 9/11/2022 - 9/11/2028 Motes - Suspension 9/12/2022 - 9/11/2024; Probation 9/12/2024 - 9/11/2027; Member Not in Good Standing 9/12/2022 - 9/11/2027 Both parties - Forfeiture of 15% of total Masterpoints earned and ineligible to play together during the first year of their probationary periods.		

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED (CHAIRMAN)

/s/ Tim White		Date:	11/9/2022
Electronic Signature (type name above)	Wet Signature (sign above)		