



**IS THIS AN AUTOMATIC REVIEW OR APPEAL OR BOTH** Automatic Review

**CHECK THE APPELLANT** (party who filed the appeal)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disciplined Party	Ann Nutting	ACBL #	N474744	Disciplined Party	Bill Nutting	ACBL #	Q916853
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charging Party	Paul Cuneo	ACBL #	M499891	Location of Hearing	Web-Conference using Zoom		
Appellate Body		Appeals and Charges Committee				Date of Hearing	4/13/2023	
Original Disciplinary Body		Online Ethical Oversight Committee				Date of Hearing	12/20/2022	
Original Complainant		Jeff Edelstein	ACBL #	O200338	Effective date of the CDR consulted		January 1, 2020	

**DISCIPLINE BEING APPEALED OR REVIEWED**

Disciplined Party	Discipline	Beginning Date	Ending Date
Ann Nutting	Suspension, 4 years	1/28/2023	1/27/2027
Ann Nutting	Probation, 10 years	1/28/2027	1/27/2037
Bill Nutting	Suspension, 5 years	1/28/2023	1/27/2028
Bill Nutting	Probation, 10 years	1/28/2028	1/27/2038

**Additional comments or description regarding discipline being appealed or reviewed**

Both parties: Members Not in Good Standing and are excluded from playing together in ACBL sanctioned events during their probationary periods; forfeiture of 10% of their total Masterpoints.

**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	Georgia Heth	N638399
Dennis Carman	O828450	Larry Sealy	P541643

**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
Jeff Edelstein	O200338	WC	CoAdv-Charging P				
Brian Platnick	N755387	WC	CoAdv-Charging P				
Kit Woolsey	K842084	WC	Adv-Charged Parties				

N/A

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

In the Matter of Bill and Ann Nutting, the Committee upheld the finding of the OEOC Panel that they violated CDR 3.20 Cheating and other Ethical Violations (CDR effective January 1, 2020). The Committee also upheld the discipline imposed by the OEOC panel. Accordingly, Bill Nutting will be suspended for a period of five years and Ann Nutting will be suspended for a period of four years. Each will serve a period of ten years probation following their suspension, a condition of which is they are prohibited from playing with each other during the entirety of the probationary period. Each will forfeit 10% of their total Masterpoint® holding. They will be members “Not in Good Standing” during the period of their discipline.

**DECISION OF APPELLATE COMMITTEE**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Remanded for rehearing	Disciplinary Body expected to rehear.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Decision of the original hearing committee is upheld.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision of the original hearing committee is amended as described below:		
	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Ending</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reprimand	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Probation		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Suspension		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	N/A	N/A
	<b>Please describe other decision below:</b>		

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED (CHAIRMAN)**

/s/ Tim White		Date:	4/15/2023
	Electronic Signature (type name above)		