



IS THIS AN AUTOMATIC REVIEW OR APPEAL OR BOTH Automatic Review

CHECK THE APPELLANT (party who filed the appeal)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Disciplined Party	Joseph Peled	ACBL #	N746809	Disciplined Party	Rachel Peled	ACBL #	9134077
<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	4/4/2022	
Original Disciplinary Body		Online Ethical Oversight Committee				Date of Hearing	2/3/2022	
Original Complainant		Robb Gordon	ACBL #	K652927	Effective date of the CDR consulted		May 1, 2020	

DISCIPLINE BEING APPEALED OR REVIEWED

Disciplined Party	Discipline	Beginning Date	Ending Date
Both Parties	Suspension, 90 days (backdated)	11/2/2021	1/31/2022
Both Parties	Probation, 2 years	2/1/2022	1/31/2024
Both Parties	Excluded from playing in online ACBL sanctioned events	2/1/2022	1/31/2024
Both Parties	Member Not in Good Standing	2/21/2022	1/31/2024

Additional comments or description regarding discipline being appealed or reviewed

E19 Cheating and other Ethical Violations not specifically cited by other sections of this Appendix (CDR 3.20)

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 #
A.J. Stephani, Chairman	Q368694	Larry Sealy	P541643
Dennis Carman	O828450		
Deana Liddy	P205082		
Laurie Rowe	P508832		

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	Adv-Charging P				

N/A

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

The Committee reviewed the finding of the OEOC Panel that they violated CDR 3.20: Cheating and other Ethical Violations. The Panel imposed a 90-day Suspension backdated to November 2, 2021 (when the Parties were first notified of Charges against them by the initial Charge Letter).

The Committee upholds the finding of the OEOC Panel that they were responsible for violating CDR 3.20. The Committee also upholds the discipline recommended by the OEOC Panel but modifies the starting date of the Suspension. A backdated Suspension would place the Parties in additional jeopardy, as they would have violated their discipline by playing in ACBL games during their backdated Suspension period. Accordingly, they will be Suspended for 90 days, beginning on the default date set out in CDR § 403(E) (five (5) days from the date of the mailing of the decision by ACBL Management), followed by a 2-year Probation period, and an Exclusion from playing together as partners in any ACBL sanctioned event during their Probation. 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 checked="" 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	7/17/2022	7/16/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Suspension	4/18/2022	7/16/2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	N/A	N/A
Please describe other decision below:			

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED (CHAIRMAN)

/s/ A.J. Stephani		Date:	4/12/2022
Electronic Signature (type name above)	Wet Signature (sign above)		