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2019-ACBL-3	07/23/19	EOC	3.1	Responsible	E13	6 months	3 years	Lifetime exclusion from all online ACBL games; remove 100 MPs and loss of LM rank until regained	"The EOC concludes that E16 does not properly apply, as there was no evidence of "signaling" as that terminology is usually understood. The EOC finds that E13 properly applies." (EOC)
			3.20	Responsible					
	12/10/19	A&C	N/A	Affirmed	Affirmed	Affirmed	Affirmed		
2020-ACBL-9	8/13/20	OEOC	3.1	Responsible	CDR Section 4	None (had been barred from BBO since April)	1 year	Cannot play online as partners or teammates for 90 days	
			3.2	Responsible					
			3.20	Not Responsible					
	9/22/20	A&C	N/A	Affirmed	Affirmed	Affirmed	Affirmed		
2020-ACBL-10	8/10/20	OEOC	3.1	Responsible	E19	90 days (had already been suspended from BBO for 13 months)	2 years	None	"The panel considered how communicating in online bridge play is similar to "[p]rearranged partnership collusion by means of signaling to exchange information." CDR E16. However, the panel decided that the recommended penalty of expulsion and 100% removal of MP holdings did not align with the charged parties' conduct. The panel found that the conduct more closely follows "[c]heating and other Ethical Violations not specifically cited by other sections of this Appendix." CDR E19." (OEOC)
			3.2	Responsible					
			3.20	Responsible					
	9/22/20	A&C	N/A	Affirmed	Affirmed	Affirmed	Affirmed		

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2020-ACBL-11	8/19/20	OEOC	3.1	Responsible	E19	8 months (retroactive to BBO suspension)	2 years	Remove MP earned online from 3/1/20-4/30/20	"The panel agreed that expulsion and a total masterpoint penalty under section E16 would be excessive. The guidelines under section E19 recommending a suspension of at least 90 days were more consistent with the charged conduct" (OEOC)
			3.2	Responsible					
			3.20	Responsible					
	9/22/20	A&C	N/A	Affirmed	Affirmed	Affirmed	Affirmed		
2020-ACBL-18	9/3/20	OEOC	3.1	No Finding	E19	6 months	6 months	Cannot play as partners or teammates during Probation; remove MP from 3 events	"parties failed to disclose their unusual methods ...in a manner designed to obtain an unfair advantage over their opponents, but not in a manner that constituted "collusive cheating" or collusion by means of signaling as described in E16" (OEOC) "disciplines imposed were insufficient due to the severity of the parties' conduct." (A&C)
			3.20	Responsible, in part					
	9/23/20	A&C	N/A	Affirmed	Affirmed	1 year	1 year	Affirmed	
2020-ACBL-24	12/21/20	OEOC	3.20	Responsible	E19	18 months	6 months	Remove MPs earned while playing with "zak10" from 2/12/20-6/12/20	"recommended [for] a category E19 Ethical Violation" (OEOC)
	1/26/21	A&C	N/A	Affirmed	Affirmed	Affirmed (retroactive to BBO suspension)	Affirmed	Affirmed	

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2020-ACBL-20	10/14/20	OEOC	3.1	No Finding					"the Committee determined that the proper guideline which the OEOC Committee should have used to impose discipline was E19, not E16" (A&C)	
			3.7	Not Responsible						
			3.11	Not Responsible						
			3.20	Responsible	E16	Expulsion		Remove all MP, titles & status ranks earned while playing as partners		
			3.21	Not Responsible						
	2/11/21	A&C	N/A	Affirmed	E19	18 months (retroactive to BBO suspension)	1 year	Remove all MPs earned while playing as partners since 3/1/20		
2020-ACBL-25	3/15/21	OEOC	3.20	Responsible	E19	None	2 years	Excluded from playing in ACBL games online for 6 months	"We agree with the OEOC panel that the circumstances of this case merit a significantly lighter discipline than is typical for ethical violations of CDR 3.20 in other cases. However, having upheld the Panel's determination that a Cheating violation had been proved, the A&C Committee, by a vote of 5-1, believes <i>some</i> kind of suspension is warranted." (A&C)	
	4/12/21	A&C	N/A	Affirmed	Affirmed	90 days	Affirmed	Remove MPs earned 6/25/20-4/17/21		

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2020-ACBL-28	3/24/20	OEOC	3.20	Responsible	E19	2 years	Lifetime	Excluded from all ACBL online games for 5 years; excluded from playing as partners in all ACBL games 10 years; remove MPs earned 12 mos. preceding the last date they earned MP online as a pair	
	4/12/21	A&C	N/A	Affirmed	Affirmed	Affirmed	5 years	Excluded from playing as partners or teammates in all ACBL games for 5 years; remove MP earned 6/10/20-3/29/21	
2020-ACBL-31	4/16/21	OEOC	3.20	Responsible	E19	2 years	3 years	Remove MP from seven charged events & in all online MP from 12 mos. period preceding the first charged event	
	5/10/21	A&C	N/A	Affirmed	Affirmed	3 years	Affirmed	Remove 10% of total MPs	

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2021-ACBL-1	4/6/21	OEOC	3.20	Responsible	E19	2 years	Lifetime	Excluded from all ACBL online games for 5 years; excluded from playing as partners in all ACBL games 10 years; remove MPs earned 12 mos. preceding the last date they earned MP online as a pair	
	5/10/21	A&C	N/A	Affirmed	Affirmed	3 years	10 years	Excluded from playing as partners during Probation; remove 10% of total MPs	
2021-ACBL-4	7/6/2021	OEOC	3.20	Responsible	E19	4 years	10 years	Excluded from playing as partners during Probation; remove 25% of total MPs	"Although the Committee has not yet imposed a Suspension of more than 3 years for any prior case of online cheating in the post-COVID era, a majority believed that the evidence in this case was overwhelming and demonstrated flagrant disregard for the ethics of the game, including actions during the Spring 2021 Online NABC 0-5K IMP Pairs. These factors, in addition to the length of time over which the cheating occurred, warranted a 4-year Suspension." (A&C)
		A&C	N/A	Affirmed	Affirmed	Affirmed	Affirmed	Affirmed	