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**PANEL REPORT  
 NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION REVIEW  
 BEFORE THE APPEALS AND CHARGES COMMITTEE**

<b>Date of Review</b>	3/22/2024 (revised 8/5/2024)		<b>Case No.</b>	2024-ACBL-26
<b>CDR Version</b>	2/1/2024	<b>CDR Violation</b>	301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating Online	
<b>Disciplined Party</b>	Deepak Aurora		<b>ACBL #</b>	2667231
<b>Disciplined Party</b>	N/A		<b>ACBL #</b>	N/A
<b>Disciplined Party's Advocate</b>	N/A		<b>ACBL #</b>	N/A
<b>Charging Party</b>	Jeffrey Edelstein		<b>ACBL #</b>	O200338
<b>Charging Party's Advocate</b>	N/A		<b>ACBL #</b>	N/A
<b>Panelists</b>	Larry Sealy		<b>ACBL #</b>	P541643
	Tim White		<b>ACBL #</b>	M029585
	Jackie Zayac		<b>ACBL #</b>	P386273

**SUMMARY OF REVIEW:**

The Panel reviewed the following documents: Negotiated Resolution dated March 10, 2024, membership profile, Ethics Certification and Fair Play Pledge, and Notice of Intent to Initiate Arbitration before the IBA.

The Panel approved the Negotiated Resolution agreed to by the party and ACBL Management, in which Mr. Aurora admitted to a violation of CDR 301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating Online (CDR effective February 1, 2024). Mr. Aurora agreed to a penalty of 6 months' suspension, to start on March 10, 2024, followed by 2 years' probation and forfeiture of 10% of his current Masterpoint total. He will be a member "Not in Good Standing".



**ADMISSION OF VIOLATION:**

Mr. Aurora provided the following admission:

"While playing on line [sic] an ACBL sanctioned online game, I called my partner [name temporarily omitted], discussed the hand before making the lead. I regret my action."

**DISCIPLINE IMPOSED<sup>1</sup>:**

	Discipline	Start Date	End Date	Comments
x	Suspension (time served)	3/10/2024	6/9/2024	N/A
x	Probation, 2 years	6/10/2024	6/9/2026	N/A
x	Member Not in Good Standing	3/10/2024	6/9/2026	N/A
	Prohibition from playing with partner	N/A	N/A	N/A
x	Forfeiture of Masterpoints	10% of current Masterpoint total		
	Other: N/A			

/s/ *Larry Sealy*, Appeals and Charges Committee, Chair

Dated: March 22, 2024 (revised 8/5/2024)

<sup>1</sup> Discipline was reduced per Board action (AI242-AC01).