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

Date of Review	3/26/2024 (revised 8/5/2024)		Case No.	2024-ACBL-20				
CDR Version	2/1/2024	CDR Violation	301(A)(2) Collusive Cheating Online					
Disciplined Party	Carolyn Bernstein		ACBL #	6959032	District	4	Unit	112
Disciplined Party	N/A		ACBL #	N/A	District	N/A	Unit	N/A
Disciplined Party's Advocate	Dan Boye		ACBL #	O844138				
Charging Party	Jeff Edelstein		ACBL #	O200338				
Charging Party's Advocate	N/A		ACBL #	N/A				
Panelists	Larry Sealy		ACBL #	P541643				
	Tim White		ACBL #	M029585				
	Jackie Zayac		ACBL #	P386273				

SUMMARY OF REVIEW:

The Panel reviewed the following documents: Negotiated Resolution dated March 25, 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 Ms. Bernstein admitted to a violation of CDR 301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating Online (CDR effective February 1, 2024). Ms. Bernstein agreed to a penalty of 18 months' suspension beginning March 6, 2024, followed by 2 years' probation during which she is prohibited from playing in ACBL sanctioned online games with Joan Phillips and Melinda Dahlman during the first year of her probationary period, and forfeiture of 10% of his current Masterpoint total. She will be a member "Not in Good Standing."



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ADMISSION OF VIOLATION:

Ms. Bernstein provided the following admission:

“I, Carolyn Bernstein, while playing bridge online on BBO in ACBL sanctioned games with Joan Phillips and Melinda, we exchanged information about our hands while talking on the telephone during the auction and when we defended. I am sorry and embarrassed for having violated the ACBL laws and rules governing fair and ethical play.”

DISCIPLINE IMPOSED¹:

	Discipline	Start Date	End Date	Comments
x	Suspension, 9 months	3/6/2024	12/5/2024	
x	Probation, 2 years	12/6/2024	12/5/2026	
x	Member Not in Good Standing	3/6/2024	12/5/2026	
x	Prohibition from playing in ACBL online sanctioned games together	12/6/2025	12/5/2026	Partners: Melinda Dahlman and Joan Phillips
x	Forfeiture of Masterpoints	10% of total Masterpoint total		
	Other:			

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

Dated: March 26, 2024 (revised 8/5/2024)

¹ Discipline was reduced per Board action (AI242-AC01).