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

Date of Review	6/23/2024		Case No.	2024-ACBL-76				
CDR Version	5/8/2024	CDR Violation	301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating Online					
Disciplined Party	Jack Bierig		ACBL #	4401778	District	13	Unit	123
Disciplined Party	N/A		ACBL #	N/A	District	N/A	Unit	N/A
Disciplined Party's Advocate	N/A		ACBL #	N/A				
Charging Party	Jeff Edelstein		ACBL #	O200338				
Charging Party's Advocate	N/A		ACBL #	N/A				
Panelists	Larry Sealy		ACBL #	P541643				
	Dennis Carman		ACBL #	O828450				
	Jackie Zayac		ACBL #	P386273				

SUMMARY OF REVIEW:

The Panel reviewed the following documents: Negotiated Resolution, Membership Profile, Ethics Certification and Fair Play Pledge, and Notice of Intent to Initiate Arbitration before the IBA.

The Panel unanimously approved the Negotiated Resolution agreed to by the party and ACBL Management, in which the Charged Party admitted to a violation of CDR 301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating Online (CDR effective May 8, 2024). The disciplines imposed is listed on page 2 of this report.



ADMISSION OF VIOLATION:

Mr. Bierig provided the following:

"My partner and I started playing on-line bridge during COVID. I admit that, at times, we exchanged unauthorized information about our hands during ACBL-sanctioned on-line games."

DISCIPLINE IMPOSED:

	Discipline	Start Date	End Date	Comments
x	Suspension, 15 months	7/1/2024	9/30/2025	
x	Probation, 2 years	10/1/2025	9/30/2027	
x	Member Not in Good Standing	7/1/2024	9/30/2027	
x	Prohibition from playing in ACBL online sanctioned games w/ specified partner	10/1/2025	9/30/2027	Partner will remain anonymous until their matter is resolved
x	Forfeiture of Masterpoints	20%		
x	Other: Submitted Ethics Certification and Fair Play Pledge			

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

Dated: June 23, 2024