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

<b>Date of Review</b>	3/26/2024		<b>Case No.</b>	2024-ACBL-21				
<b>CDR Version</b>	2/1/2024	<b>CDR Violation</b>	301(A)(2) Collusive Cheating Online					
<b>Disciplined Party</b>	Joan Phillips		<b>ACBL #</b>	L202690	<b>District</b>	9	<b>Unit</b>	128
<b>Disciplined Party</b>	N/A		<b>ACBL #</b>	N/A	<b>District</b>	N/A	<b>Unit</b>	N/A
<b>Disciplined Party's Advocate</b>	Dan Boye		<b>ACBL #</b>	O844138				
<b>Charging Party</b>	Jeff 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 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. Phillips admitted to a violation of CDR 301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating Online (CDR effective February 1, 2024). Ms. Phillips agreed to a penalty of 21 months' suspension, followed by 2 years' probation during which she is prohibited from playing in ACBL sanctioned online games with Carolyn Bernstein and [name temporarily omitted], and forfeiture of 20% of her current Masterpoint total. She will be a member "Not in Good Standing".



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**ADMISSION OF VIOLATION:**

Ms. Phillips provided the following admission:

“I, Joan Phillips, while playing in line ACBL sanctioned tournament with partners Carolyn Bernstein and [name temporarily omitted] talked about our hands in the telephone during the auction and when we would be defending. I am sorry for these actions.”

**DISCIPLINE IMPOSED:**

	Discipline	Start Date	End Date	Comments
x	Suspension, 21 months	4/1/2024	12/31/2025	
x	Probation, 2 years	1/1/2026	12/31/2027	
x	Member Not in Good Standing	4/1/2024	12/31/2027	
x	Prohibition from playing in ACBL online sanctioned games	1/1/2026	12/31/2027	Partner’s identity will remain anonymous until the matter against that individual is resolved.
x	Forfeiture of Masterpoints	20% of total Masterpoint total		
	Other:			

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

Dated: March 26, 2024