

Chapter I – Membership, A. Membership

Section 1 - Application for ACBL Membership

1.1 New Member

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1.1.2 The membership application for **a new member** ~~each individual~~ shall include a provision requiring disclosure of any prior discipline by any other bridge organization ~~for a new member~~. Failure to disclose such discipline ~~shall~~ **may** be grounds for **charges under the CDR** ~~suspension or expulsion from the ACBL~~.

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1.2 Renewal or Reinstatement

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1.2.2. The membership **renewal or reinstatement** application for each individual shall include a provision requiring disclosure of any prior discipline by any other bridge organization and of any discipline since the last renewal. Failure to disclose such discipline ~~shall~~ **may** be grounds for **charges under the CDR. ACBL Management has the discretion to grant or reject the application based on a review of the person's prior disciplinary record.** ~~suspension or expulsion from the ACBL. ACBL management may grant such an application unless there is cause to refer the application to the ACBL Appeals and Charges Committee to conduct a hearing (the "Hearing") and render a decision on the application.~~

~~1.2.3 Causes for referral by ACBL management include, but are not limited to, previous Expulsion from ACBL or previous expulsion or suspension from another bridge organization or a non-ACBL bridge event.~~

~~1.2.4 The Hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations for disciplinary hearings. The decision of the Appeals and Charges Committee shall be final and shall be reported promptly to the Board of Directors.~~

~~1.2.5 The Appeals and Charges Committee shall make one of the following decisions:~~

~~1.2.5.1 Accept the person's membership application.~~

~~1.2.5.2 Deny the person's membership application with instructions that this person shall not be permitted by ACBL management to join ACBL for a specified period of time or indefinitely. The committee may also prohibit the person from playing as a non-member in any ACBL-sanctioned event that has a Sectional or higher ranking.~~

~~1.2.5.3 Deny the application with permission to reapply after a specified time. The committee may instruct ACBL management upon such reapplication, if any, to:~~

~~a. accept the application without referral if there has been no new cause for referral; or~~

~~b. refer the reapplication to the Appeals and Charges Committee for a second hearing.~~

~~The committee may also prohibit the person, upon reapplication, from playing as a non-member in any ACBL-sanctioned event which has a Sectional or higher ranking.~~

~~1.2.5.4 ACBL management shall maintain a record of applicant names per the above.~~

Section 2 – Definitions and Rights of ACBL Membership

2.1 Membership Rights (Effective June 15, 2020)

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2.1.4 Shall have such limitations as imposed by rules and regulations of the ACBL or actions taken by a disciplinary body under the CDR. ~~of an ACBL disciplinary body;~~

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1.6 *Grand Life Master Qualification:

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1.6.2 See the CDR for additional details regarding ineligibility due to disciplinary action. ~~A player who has been Expelled or Suspended for a total of 120 days or more for CDR Ethical Violations, as described in Appendix B of the ACBL CDR, will be considered ineligible to be awarded the rank of Grand Life Master, even if the other requirements are satisfied. The total days can be the result of one or multiple ethics infractions.~~

~~1.6.3 If such a player has redeemed himself sufficiently, through substantial contributions to the bridge community and the demonstration of exemplary behavior, that player may apply for reconsideration by the Appeals and Charges Committee of the ACBL Board of Directors. This application cannot occur earlier than five years after completion of a sentence. Additional provisions for award qualification shall be at the discretion of the ACBL Board of Directors.~~

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Chapter I - Membership Operating Guidelines, F. ~~Discipline and the~~ ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations and Disciplinary Administration

Section 1 - Code of Disciplinary Regulations

The ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) is a dynamic document outlining comprehensive disciplinary process and structure for ACBL members (and non-members of the ACBL participating in an ACBL activity).

1.1 Participation in ACBL activity. Individuals participating in an ACBL sanctioned activity are subject to the regulations set out in the ~~The ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations~~ CDR. is a living document.

~~1.1.1. See the Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) and the Unit and District Disciplinary Procedures on the ACBL website (acbl.org/cdr).~~

~~1.1.2 Effective date of amendments to the CDR:~~

~~1.1.2.1 Barring exceptional circumstances, the guideline for setting the effective date for any amendment to the CDR approved during a calendar year shall be January 1 of the next calendar year.~~

1.2 Resignation to Avoid Possible Disciplinary Action. When an ACBL member with pending charges resigns their membership, it is considered resignation to avoid possible disciplinary action. The process for handling such resignations will follow the procedures outlined in the CDR. ~~The Code of Disciplinary Regulations and Handbook for Bridge Appeals Committees are available on the ACBL website and should be made available to any person who is appointed chair of a disciplinary committee or a bridge appeals committee~~

1.3 Revisions of CDR. Revisions of the CDR must be approved by the ACBL Board of Directors.

1.4 Records. ACBL Management will maintain a comprehensive record of all versions of the CDR and publish the current version on the ACBL website.

Section 2 - Resignation of ACBL Membership (removed per Board motion – effective March 13, 2024)

~~2.1 Any appropriate authority of the ACBL having jurisdiction shall initiate, continue or conclude any hearing or appeal which it would have held in the absence of a member's resignation. If action is taken pursuant to the preceding sentence, the resigned member shall not be deemed to have been a member in good standing, unless subsequently exonerated of all charges.~~

Section 3 - Disciplinary Administration ~~Administrative Policies~~

3.1 Records. ~~The ACBL Management Executive Director or his designee shall~~ **establish and** maintain ~~and administer membership a comprehensive system for disciplinary files and records to include~~ **all disciplinary actions and investigations. Records should include the nature of the disciplinary infraction, parties involved, findings, sanctions imposed, and any subsequent actions taken.** ~~decisions of the hearing body wherein there was a finding of any guilt or responsibility (irrespective of whether a discipline was issued) or the committee referred the matter to a Recorder.~~ **Access to these records will be restricted to authorized personnel involved in disciplinary processes, as well as any individuals or entities granted access by directive of the Executive Director and/or by approval of the ACBL Board of Directors.**

~~3.2 Notices of discipline shall contain, in addition to the discipline issued by the hearing committee, an explanation of what that discipline involves and a description of the offense by number and titles per Appendix B of the CDR.~~

~~3.3 Notices of discipline shall be sent routinely to:~~

- ~~a. the person disciplined;~~
- ~~b. the charging party;~~
- ~~c. the ACBL Board of Directors;~~
- ~~d. the disciplined person's District President, secretary and recorder;~~
- ~~e. the disciplined person's Unit president, secretary and recorder.~~
- ~~f. the appropriate NBO of the WBF;~~
- ~~g. the ABA, if an Ethical Violation (for this subsection, as defined in the CDR);~~
- ~~h. the ACBL Executive Director;~~
- ~~i. ACBL staff as determined by the ACBL Executive Director;~~
- ~~j. the complainant;~~
- ~~k. the appropriate appellate body chairperson;~~
- ~~l. the WBF, if an Ethical Violation (for this subsection, as defined in the CDR); and~~
- ~~m. the NABF, if an Ethical Violation (for this subsection, as defined in the CDR).~~

~~3.4 The disciplinary committee hearing report shall be given to the charging party and the charged party. In addition, the report shall be made available, on request, to:~~

- ~~a. the ACBL Executive Director;~~
- ~~b. ACBL staff as determined by the ACBL Executive Director; and/or~~
- ~~c. a member or members of the ACBL Board upon a determination by the ACBL President that such request is for a proper ACBL business purpose.~~

~~3.5 A person's ACBL disciplinary record or material therefrom may be made available only to:~~

- ~~a. the person who is the subject of the record, upon request;~~
- ~~b. a disciplinary hearing committee when that person has been found guilty of a charge and the committee is considering discipline to be imposed;~~
- ~~c. the ACBL President or Executive Director when the person is being considered for appointment to an ACBL position or ACBL employment; and/or~~

~~d. an officer of the court upon presentation of a subpoena.~~

3.2.6 Vetting of Candidate. ACBL Management shall conduct a review of ~~the disciplinary records and any current/ongoing investigations~~ **pertaining to** ~~for~~ all proposed candidates for all ACBL awards, ~~and/or~~ honors, **and national appointments. The review shall include an examination of the person's online play using a computer-based cheating and detection tool or technique approved by the ACBL Board of Directors.**

3.2.1 Timing. This review shall take place prior to their appointment. ~~shall be reviewed. Candidates for these a~~ **The awards subject to this review** include, but are not limited to, the ACBL Hall of Fame (including the Von Zedtwitz, Blackwood, and Sydney Lazard Jr Sportsmanship Awards); the ACBL Honorary Member of the Year; the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year; and the President's Nadine Wood Honorary Member of the Year Award.

3.2.2 Management Recommendation. If ACBL Management deems the candidate unsuitable based on their disciplinary record, the ACBL shall notify the relevant ACBL Official with a recommendation the candidate not be considered for the award or honor. ~~The ACBL Executive Director and/or their designee shall be responsible for the review of candidate ethics and conduct to determine if a candidate should be rejected. The ACBL will notify the respective Committee Chairs, ACBL Board, or any other official as appropriate to recommend that the proposed names be removed from consideration.~~

~~3.7 Information provided to the ACBL Appeals and Charges Committee and the ACBL Disciplinary Committee (when impaneled as an appellate committee) and parties to an appeal to either body.~~

~~3.7.1 The above committees are sent: a copy of the written appeal and all supporting documents submitted by the appellant; all information included in the record from previous bodies that have heard the case; a summary of the past disciplinary record of the person(s) charged and or disciplined; documents concerning procedural issues or administrative matters; and any other information by instruction of the chair.~~

~~3.7.2 The parties to the appeal (the appellant; the appellee; the original committee (if authorized by the appellate body chair); the ACBL if a party; and other parties as authorized by the appellate body chair) are each sent prior to the hearing: a copy of the written appeal and all supporting documents submitted by the appellant; any information for the committee submitted in a timely manner by any party to the appeal; all information included in the record from previous bodies that have heard the case; and other information at the instruction of the chair.~~

~~3.7.3 The committees and the parties to the appeal are apprised of: the date, time and place of hearing; any rights dictated by the CDR; and the opportunity to appear by telephone or other means as well as in person.~~

~~3.8 Publication of Disciplinary Cases 3.8.1 In disciplinary cases which result in a finding of guilt (other than a Reprimand for a conduct violation), ACBL policy is to publish an individual's name, ACBL player number, the discipline imposed and the CDR code section found to have been violated.~~

~~3.8.2 This applies to any decisions of a Unit, District or ACBL level disciplinary committee, including the Ethical Oversight Committee. It shall also apply to decisions made at clubs regarding Ethical Violations when the ACBL is made aware of the decision but does not apply to decisions made by a club disciplinary procedure regarding non-ethical violations.~~

~~3.8.3 All disciplines will be published on the website for the length of time of the discipline levied. Expulsions shall also be reported in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin.~~

~~3.8.4 Decisions of the Ethical Oversight Committee made while the NABC is still in progress shall also be reported in the NABC Daily Bulletin.~~

~~3.9 All disciplinary cases where a suspension of one year or longer or an expulsion or any discipline for an Ethical Violation (as defined in the CDR) is imposed are reviewed by the ACBL Appeals and Charges Committee. Notwithstanding, the ACBL Appeals and Charges Committee reaffirms its right to review the final decision of any other disciplinary case or, if appropriate under the ACBL CDR, to take jurisdiction.~~

~~3.10 Zone 2 NBO Disciplinary Actions~~

~~3.10.1 Any discipline imposed by Zone 2 NBO at a Zone 2 NBO event sanctioned by ACBL shall be referred to: the Ethical Oversight Committee of ACBL for cases of alleged cheating in any form, giving or benefiting from unauthorized information, or serious breaches of ethics, or the District Disciplinary Committee in whose geographical area the Zone 2 NBO event was held for any other cases of discipline.~~

~~3.10.2 The above appropriate disciplinary body will conduct a hearing to affirm or modify the findings and discipline of the Zone 2 NBO committee in accordance with ACBL disciplinary regulations.~~

3.3 ~~4.1 The ACBL Recorder~~ **Recording. ACBL Management** may utilize audio and/or video recording in conjunction with an investigation.

3.4 Recorder Regulations. The Recorder Regulations are established guidelines for handling player memos, reported incidents occurring during an ACBL activity, and investigations. ACBL Management shall update the Regulations when necessary, maintaining a record of all versions. The most current version shall be published on the ACBL website.

~~Section 4 ACBL Recorder~~

~~4.2 Additional ACBL Recorder duties:~~

~~a. Advise Unit and District recorders as necessary.~~

- b. ~~Conduct seminars for recorders at NABCs as appropriate.~~
- c. ~~Supervise the National Office of Recorder as necessary concerning files.~~

~~Section 5 – ACBL Disciplinary or Ethical Oversight Hearing Committee~~

~~5.1 When unable to seat a five-person hearing committee from among the membership of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee, the chair of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee may solicit members of the hearing committee from among the members of the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee. If it still necessary to find additional committee members, the chair may nominate, subject to the ACBL President’s approval, other ACBL members in good standing to serve.~~

~~5.2 When unable to seat a five-person hearing committee from among the membership of the Ethical Oversight Committee, the chair of the Ethical Oversight Committee may select members of the hearing committee from among the membership of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee. If it still necessary to find additional committee members, the chair may nominate, subject to the ACBL President’s approval, other ACBL members in good standing to serve.~~

Chapter III - Administration of Operations, A. Units

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1.7 A Unit must adopt bylaws that are consistent with those of the ACBL and file a copy with the ACBL.

1.7.1 A Unit must comply with ACBL Bylaws, rules and regulations, as well as with all governmental (national, state, provincial and local) laws, rules and regulations. **It is the responsibility of the Unit Board of Directors to handle any matter related to its own Unit not following its own bylaws.** Failure to comply may result in censure, suspension, expulsion or other discipline in accordance with regulations established by the ACBL Board of Directors.

Chapter III - Administration of Operation, B. Districts

Section 1 - Rights and Responsibilities

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1.3 Every District must have a District organization and District bylaws which conform to the ACBL Bylaws, rules, and regulations as well as with all governmental (national, state, provincial, and local) laws, rules, and regulations. **A District must comply with ACBL Bylaws, rules and regulations. It is the responsibility of the District Board of Directors to handle any matter related to its own District not following its own bylaws. Failure to comply may result in censure, suspension, expulsion or other discipline in accordance with regulations established by the ACBL Board of Directors.**

~~1.4 The District organization must appoint a District Disciplinary Committee Chair and an Appellate Committee Chair. The District must follow disciplinary and appellate processes consistent with the Code of Disciplinary Regulations.~~

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Section 2 - Business Practices

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~~2.2 Expenses in connection with District Disciplinary Committees and Appellate Committees shall not be borne by the ACBL unless specifically authorized by ACBL management.~~

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Chapter III – Administration, C. Legal

Section 1 - Civil Actions Versus the ACBL by Members

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See also ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations, ~~Section 4.3 Administrative Suspension by ACBL Management.~~

Chapter IV – Board Procedures, D. Committees

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Section 1 – Committees of the Board

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1.3 National Appeals and Charges Committee (A&C)

~~1.3.4.1~~ **1.3.1 Authority.** The Board of Directors delegates **authority** to ~~and confers upon~~ the A&C **to act** ~~the right and power to act~~ in ~~the Board's behalf in~~ all matters referred to it under the Bylaws, **CDR** and **any other** regulations **expressly within the A&C's jurisdiction.** ~~;~~ ~~provided, h~~ However: ;

1.3.1.1 ~~that in any case which he -committee-~~ **A&C, at its discretion, may refer any matter it** deems proper, ~~it will refer the matter~~ to the full Board for disposition.

1.3.1.2 **The Board may decide by majority vote to handle a matter itself.**

1.3.1.3 **Matters of a non-disciplinary nature will be decided by the Board.**

~~1.3.1 The A&C reviews and hears disciplinary cases on behalf of the full Board. If the A&C deems necessary, it may refer the proceeding to the full Board to be adjudicated.~~

1.3.2 Other Responsibilities. A&C also ~~In addition to those responsibilities of hearing appeals and reviewing cases, the National Appeals and Charges Committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for~~ **reviews and provides input on** ~~any~~ agenda items dealing with conduct, deportment and ethics and any regulations involving same.

1.3.32 Committee Membership. The President nominates, and the Board approves, the chair and members at the beginning of his term. Membership is comprised of Board members. **If a committee member is unavailable to seat a panel of three for a disciplinary proceeding for any reason, an alternate member of the ACBL Board of Directors shall be chosen by the A&C Chair in consultation with the ACBL President. All members of the Board of Directors are approved for consideration.**

~~1.3.43 Disciplinary Hearing—When a disciplinary hearing is held before the National Appeals and Charges Committee, the following rules will apply:~~

~~1.3.3.1 **Proceeding Restriction.** During Appeals and Charges Committee hearings a disciplinary proceeding that is not referred to the full board for disposition, only those ACBL Board members who are members of the **A&C National Appeals and Charges Committee** (and their advisor) may be present. ~~Only members of the National Appeals and Charges Committee may ask questions of a witness.~~~~

~~1.3.3.2 All findings, conclusions and recommendations of the National Appeals and Charges Committee will be made by vote of only the members of the committee.~~

~~1.3.4 Rights of Members~~

~~1.3.4.1 The Board of Directors delegates to and confers upon the National Appeals and Charges Committee the right and power to act in the Board's behalf in all matters referred to it under the Bylaws and regulations; provided, however, that in any case which the committee deems proper, it will refer the matter to the full Board for disposition.~~

~~1.3.4.2 Adequate procedures and regulations are in effect to protect the rights and conveniences of members who are unable to personally appear before the committee. Specifically, without limitation, such procedures include:~~

- ~~a. The consideration of affidavits and other evidence.~~
- ~~b. The appointment of its special representatives to conduct fact-finding investigations.~~
- ~~c. The conduct of its own hearings at any time, and at any place, which seems appropriate.~~

~~1.3.4.3 Adequate regulations and procedures are in effect at all playoffs and national championships, so that the ACBL can have hearings and make rulings on the spot at such tournaments. In no event would it be necessary to call a Board of Directors' meeting to consider any action in the case of infractions of rules, appeals of any kind whatsoever, including discipline felonies, as such decisions are rendered promptly on the spot and are considered final for purposes of the event involved.~~

~~1.3.5 Reports~~

~~1.3.5.1 In reporting to the National Appeals and Charges Committee on Tournament Committee proceedings involving a player, ACBL management will include a summary of prior reports and other pertinent matters concerning that player.~~

~~1.3.5.2 The National Appeals and Charges Committee will review all reports involving players and advise the Board when action of any kind is indicated.~~

~~1.3.5~~6 Conflict of Interest.

~~1.3.6.1. No member of the Board of Directors will serve on a committee hearing an election protest or an appeal from his/her own Region involving a player from that Region, nor will he/she be allowed to vote on such an appeal if said appeal comes before the ACBL Board of Directors.~~

~~1.3.6.2 All parties to the appeal may be present during a committee or ACBL Board hearing and allowed to speak.~~

~~1.3.7. Jurisdiction of Disputes: The National Appeals and Charges Committee will act for the ACBL Board of Directors on all matters involving discipline brought to the Board of Directors unless (a) the committee declines, in which case such matter will be heard and decided by the full Board, or (b) when the ACBL Board of Directors decides to act itself. All matters of a non-disciplinary nature will be decided by the Board.~~

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Section 5 – Other ACBL Bodies

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5.1 ACBL Disciplinary Bodies. The ACBL Disciplinary Committee (ADC), Ethical Oversight Committee (EOC) and the Online Ethical Oversight Committee (OEOC) are ACBL disciplinary bodies that conduct disciplinary proceedings as specified in the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

5.1.1 Composition. The ADC consists of 12 members. Both the EOC and the OEOC

consist of 15 members. Members are appointed to serve staggered three-year term.

5.1.2 Appointment. The President, in consultation with the current chair, annually appoints members to the committees for three-year terms. Appointments are subject to Board approval.

5.1.2.1 The term of office for the ADC and EOC begins the day after the Spring NABC's conclusion and expires the day after the subsequent Spring NABC.

5.1.2.2. The term of office for the OEOC begins the day after the Summer NABC's conclusion and expires the day after the subsequent Summer NABC.

5.1.2.3 During their tenure in office, members may not be dismissed except for grossly inappropriate behavior. If the President of the ACBL or the chair calls together the members of the committee, they may, by majority vote, remove a member of the committee.

5.1.3 Vacancy and Replacement. If a member is unable to complete the term, the President, subject to Board approval, appoints a replacement to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

5.1.4 Chair Election and Term of Office. The committee elects the chair for a one-year term from among its members. The chair may not serve more than three consecutive one-year terms.

5.1.5 Compensation. The chair and committee members serving on a panel in a disciplinary proceeding will be compensated according to the guideline of a two-session entry to an NABC+ event for each day the committee meets.

~~5.1 NABC Tournament Conduct Committee (Effective January 1, 2020)~~

~~The process for forming an NABC Tournament Conduct Committee will be as follows:~~

~~5.1.1 ACBL management will create a roster of committee members from:~~

- ~~a. A list of names approved by the ACBL President that has been submitted by ACBL management;~~
- ~~b. The membership of the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee; and~~
- ~~c. The membership at large, if needed.~~

~~5.1.2 When the committee is to hear a charge or charges relating only to conduct (not including an ethical violation), ACBL management will select the committee from available members in categories a. through e. immediately above.~~

~~5.1.3 When the committee is to hear a charge which includes an ethical violation, the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee chair will select the committee from available~~

~~members of the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee and/or, if needed, from the membership at large.~~

~~5.1.4 The committee members serving on a case will be compensated. The guideline for the amount of the compensation is the value of a two-session entry to an NABC+ event for each day the committee meets.~~

5.2 ACBL Disciplinary Committee

~~5.2.1 The committee will hear cases regarding matters specified in the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) or other original cases when so instructed by the ACBL Board of Directors.~~

~~The committee will consist of 12 members appointed by the President for three-year terms.~~

~~5.2.2 Should there be a need for this committee to hear a case per the CDR, ACBL management will notify the committee chair. The chair will seat a committee of five or seven members from among the membership of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee to hear the case.~~

~~5.2.3 The President, after consultation with the current chair, appoints the ACBL Disciplinary Committee members. The President shall appoint four members per year. Appointments are subject to Board approval.~~

~~5.2.4 The committee elects the chair for a one-year term from among its members.~~

~~5.2.5 The ACBL Disciplinary Committee members will be appointed and confirmed at the Spring NABC. The term of office will begin on the day following the end of the Spring NABC and will expire on the day following the end of the appropriate subsequent Spring NABC.~~

~~5.2.6 If a member of the committee is unable to serve his entire term for any reason, the vacancy so created will be filled by the President at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, subject to Board approval. The newly appointed member will serve the remainder of the unexpired term.~~

~~5.2.7 The chair of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee and all members serving on a case will be compensated. The guideline for the amount of the compensation is the value of a two-session entry to an NABC+ event for each day the committee meets.~~

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5.4 Ethical Oversight Committee **(removed per Board motion – effective March 13, 2024)**

~~5.4.1 The committee will be a disciplinary body of the ACBL whose responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, adjudicating cases of alleged cheating by use of signals or other unauthorized information.~~

~~5.4.2 The Ethical Oversight Committee will consist of 15 members. Five members will be appointed each year for staggered three-year terms by the ACBL President.~~

~~5.4.3 The President, after consultation with the current chair, appoints Ethical Oversight Committee members. Appointments are subject to Board approval.~~

~~5.4.4 The committee elects the Ethical Oversight chair from among its members. The chair may not serve more than three consecutive one-year terms.~~

~~5.4.5 The Ethical Oversight Committee members will be appointed and confirmed at the Spring NABC. The term of office will begin on the day following the end of the Spring NABC and will expire on the day following the end of the appropriate subsequent Spring NABC.~~

~~5.4.6 If a member of the committee is unable to serve his entire term for any reason, the vacancy so created will be filled by the President at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, subject to Board approval. The newly appointed member will serve the remainder of the unexpired term.~~

~~5.4.7 During their tenure in office, members may not be dismissed except for grossly inappropriate behavior. If the President of the ACBL or the chair of the Ethical Oversight Committee calls together the members of the committee, they may, by majority vote, remove a member of the committee.~~

~~5.4.8 The chair of the Ethical Oversight Committee will be reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with official committee business. Any extraordinary committee member expenses must be pre-approved by the ACBL President or his designee.~~

~~5.4.9 The chair of the Ethical Oversight Committee and all members serving on a case will be compensated. The guideline for the amount of the compensation is the value of a two-session entry to an NABC+ event for each day the committee meets.~~

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5.9 Online Ethical Oversight Committee (Effective May 28, 2020)

5.9.1 The Online Ethical Oversight Committee shall consist of fifteen members. Five members shall be appointed each year for staggered three-year terms by the ACBL President.

During their tenure in office, members may not be dismissed except for grossly inappropriate behavior. If the President of the ACBL or the Chairman of the Online

~~Ethical Oversight Committee call together the members of the Committee, they may, by majority vote, remove a member of the Committee.~~

~~5.9.2 The President appoints Online Ethical Oversight Committee members. Appointments are subject to Board approval.~~

~~5.9.3 The Committee elects the Online Ethical Oversight Chairman from among its members, however, for the first year, the President will select the Chairman. The Chairman may not serve more than 3 consecutive one-year terms.~~

~~5.9.4 The Online Ethical Oversight Committee members shall initially be appointed by the President in three classes and confirmed at the next Board of Directors meeting. Starting in 2021, they will be appointed and confirmed at the Summer NABC. The term of office will begin when confirmed and starting in 2021 on the day following the end of the Summer NABC and will expire on the day following the end of the appropriate subsequent Summer NABC.~~

~~The Online Ethical Oversight Committee will consist of 15 members. Five members will be appointed each year for staggered three-year terms by the ACBL President.~~

~~5.9.5 If a member of the committee is unable to serve his entire term for any reason, the vacancy so created shall be filled by the President at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, subject to board approval. The newly appointed member shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.~~

~~5.9.6 The Online Ethical Oversight Committee shall be allowed to use the members of the Ethical Oversight Committee to supplement as needed the number of people available to serve on hearing panels. Members of the Ethical Oversight Committee so used who are not also members of the Online Ethical Oversight Committee shall be limited to one per hearing panel and shall not serve as the chair of a hearing panel.~~

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Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games, F. Discipline

Section 1 - Club Discipline

1.2 Right to bar an ACBL member. In extreme cases or cases of repeat offenses, club management can bar an ACBL member from ACBL sanctioned games held at that club for either a stipulated period of time or permanently. The reason for such barring must be consistent with ACBL rules and regulations. Following are the types of barring that may be imposed:

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c. Unit Sponsored Club barring (member is barred from all ACBL sanctioned games held at that club-by-Club management). See definition of Unit Sponsored Club in the ~~CDR Code of Disciplinary Regulations~~.

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1.4 Notice of barring. Club management must notify the ACBL member in writing and send a copy of the notice to the ACBL Club and Member Services Department. The notice must include:

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f. the ACBL member's right to appeal, **if any, as set out in the CDR.**~~the District Disciplinary Committee chairperson within 30 days of the notification pursuant to section 7 of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations if the barring is for section 1.2(b) or (c) or section 1.~~

~~1.5 Right to appeal a club barring. Appeals must be filed with the District Disciplinary Committee chairperson within thirty days following date of the notice of barring. An ACBL member has a right to appeal the following pursuant to section 7 of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations:~~

- ~~a. The portion of an extended barring that makes it "extended"~~
- ~~b. A Unit Sponsored Club barring.~~
- ~~c. A barring due to discriminatory reasons listed in section 1.3 of these regulations. Non-ACBL members and members as a class also have the right to file an appeal based on being barred for discriminatory reasons.~~

Chapter VIII - North American Bridge Championships, G. Appeals ~~and Recorders~~

Section 1 - Committees at a NABC

~~1.1 The NABC Tournament Conduct Committee shall be as set forth in Codification Ch. IV—Board Procedures, D. Committees, Section 4—Other ACBL Bodies, 5.1 NABC Tournament Conduct Committee.~~

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Chapter XII: Systems and Conventions, D. Slow Play

Section 1- Slow Play

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1.2 Slow Play in NABC+ Knockout Events.

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1.2.2 The Tournament Director may **report** ~~make charges to a disciplinary committee against~~ a player or pair who is playing excessively slowly **to the National Recorder Reporting**. ~~This~~ **Reporting** ~~this~~ action should be considered especially in cases where such pair or player is on a four-player team (which could not be sanctioned by benching without forfeiture of the match). Players should call the Tournament Director when their opponents are playing slowly.

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Chapter XIII: General Tournament Information, C. Appeals ~~and Recorders~~

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Section 2 – Recorders (removed per Board motion – effective March 13, 2024)

~~2.1 See the Recorder Regulations and Procedures on the ACBL website: acbl.org/recorder~~

~~2.2 Videotaping~~

~~2.2.1 The ACBL Recorder may videotape in conjunction with an investigation.~~

~~2.2.2 Recorder Regulations are amended as follows:~~

~~2.2.2.1. Additional ACBL Recorder Duties~~

- ~~a. Advise Unit and District recorders as necessary.~~
- ~~b. Conduct seminars for recorders at NABCs as appropriate.~~
- ~~c. Supervise the National Office of Recorder as necessary concerning files.~~
- ~~d. Determine whether to videotape in conjunction with an investigation with the concurrence of the ACBL Executive Director.~~

Appendix 1-B2 Life Master Rank and Regulations

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Grand Life Master Disqualification

~~A player who has been Expelled or Suspended for a total of 120 days or more for CDR Ethical Violation (as described in the definitions or in Appendix B of the ACBL CDR) will be considered ineligible to be awarded the rank of Grand Life Master, even if the other requirements are satisfied. The total days can be the result of one or multiple ethics infractions. If such a player has redeemed himself sufficiently through substantial contributions to the bridge community and the demonstration of exemplary behavior, that player may apply for reconsideration by the Appeals and Charges Committee of the ACBL Board of Directors. This application cannot occur earlier than five (5) years after completion of his or her sentence.~~

~~Additional provisions for award qualification shall be at the discretion of the ACBL Board of Directors. (See Codification, Ch. I Membership, B. Rankings, Masterpoints and Races.)~~ **See the CDR for additional details regarding ineligibility due to disciplinary action.**