

Item 20S6-02: Reconsideration of item 203-12 Budget Calendar

The Codification Chapter II – Business Management, A. Finance, Section 5 – Budget is amended as follows to change the timing of the annual budget process:

5.3 The budget for the next calendar year will be finalized no later than November 1, approved by the Finance Committee, and then presented to the full Board for ratification prior to the end of the calendar year.

Effective January 31, 2021

Item 20S6-03: Masterpoint Formula Modified for Strength of Field – Second Reading

In all tournament events for which the overall awards are calculated by formula, including Individuals, Pairs, Swiss Teams, Board-a-Match Teams, excluding STaCs and events with arbitrary first place awards, such as the Grand National Teams and excluding all events with a knockout phase, the masterpoint formula shall be modified to account for the strength of the field in that event by the method detailed below, and that such method be amended in the future to account for improvements in methods for estimation of players' abilities and for other factors that have not yet been adequately accounted for.

Effective January 1, 2021 or as soon thereafter as Management can implement

Item 20S6-04: CBF Mixed Teams Awards – Second Reading

The arbitrary award for the CBF Mixed Teams Championship shall be 80 Gold masterpoints, with a match award of 8.00 Red points and with the minimum tables rule applying.

Effective immediately pending second reading
Retro Active to 2020

Item 20S6-05: Reducing Masterpoint Awards to reflect non-Face to Face Play – Second Reading

In all events conducted online in which ACBL gold, silver or red points are awarded, **not including clubs games**, all masterpoint awards shall be 80% of the amount that would be awarded in a face-to-face game of the same structure, as calculated by the applicable formulas.

Effective date pending second reading

Item: 20S6-06: Budget Calendar

The Codification be amended as follows to change the timing of the annual budget process:

5.3 The budget for ~~a~~ **the next** calendar year will be finalized no later than ~~February 15,~~ **October 15**, approved by the Finance Committee, and then presented to the full Board for ratification ~~at the Spring Board meeting.~~ in November.

Effective date: January 31, 2021

Item 20S6-07: Codification Cleanup Regarding International Teams

Codification Chapter I – Membership and Chapter VII – International Bridge be revised as follows to comport with current North American Bridge Federation operations related to international teams:

1. Chapter I – Membership, J. ACBL Bridge Federations: **Section 1 – Zonal Representation**

- 1.1 The ACBL recognizes the North American Bridge Federation (NABF) as the Zonal Conference for Zone 2 of the World Bridge Federation, which consists of the following for international WBF play:
 - 1.1.1 United States Bridge Federation (USBF)
 - 1.1.2 Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF)
 - 1.1.3 Federación Mexicana de Bridge (FMB)
- 1.2 The Bermuda Bridge Federation (BBF) competes through Zone 5 by virtue of the following:
 - 1.2.1 ACBL approves BBF's request to compete internationally as a member of WBF's Zone 5 while maintaining ACBL affiliation as Unit 198 in District 2.
- 1.3 The Virgin Islands Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 per its request to become an NBO of the WBF as a member of Zone 5 while maintaining ACBL affiliation.

See also Ch. VII – International Bridge, A. Zone 2 NBOs.

~~Section 2 – Player Approval to Compete Internationally~~

- ~~2.1 The authority to approve a player and/or non-playing captain (NPC) from Canada, Mexico and the US participating in World Bridge Federation or other international~~

~~competition is hereby delegated to the Canadian Bridge Federation, Federación Mexicana de Bridge and United States Bridge Federation, respectively.~~

~~2.2 The player may be approved only if the player meets all Zonal Conference requirements as well as the particular Federation requirements.~~

~~2.3 Zone 2 requirements for nomination to represent a country in international competition are as follows:~~

~~2.3.1 When an on-site accreditation committee is needed in the future, the ACBL/WBF representatives shall automatically assume this responsibility. The most senior representative will serve as the chair.~~

~~2.3.2 An ACBL NBO may nominate a player for invitation to play in a WBF Championship only if he or she:~~

~~2.3.2.1 is a citizen or a resident (per the appropriate Federation's regulations) of the United States, Canada, or Mexico, as appropriate;~~

~~2.3.2.2 is a member in good standing of the United States Bridge Federation, Canadian Bridge Federation or Federación Mexicana de Bridge, as appropriate;~~

~~2.3.2.3 meets WBF criteria and/or conditions for nominations;~~

~~2.3.2.4 will not, at the time of the event, be under suspension from ACBL or any other NBO;~~

~~2.3.2.5 will not, at the time of the event be under ACBL or ABA Probation where the period of such probation was more than 90 days; and/or~~

~~2.3.2.6 has not been specifically excluded from playing in such event by an appropriate disciplinary body under ACBL or ABA jurisdiction~~

~~2.4 The authority for selecting and subsidizing athletes who represent an ACBL country in international bridge competition rests with that country's Federation.~~

~~2.5 No member shall be permitted to represent any NBO belonging to the ACBL or Zone 2 of the WBF who has been expelled for cheating, or who has resigned to avoid possible disciplinary action on charges of cheating, for at least 10 years following readmission and an application for permission has been approved by at least 75% of the ACBL Board of Directors present and voting.~~

Section 3 2– International Fund Monies

~~3.4.2.1~~ All International Fund monies collected from ACBL-sanctioned events conducted by the ACBL in the United States for the specific purpose of subsidizing United States athletes in international bridge competition will be forwarded to and retained by the ACBL USBF to be distributed at its discretion. ~~Upon request of the USBF, the ACBL will disburse funds to the United States athletes.~~ International Fund monies collected at NABCs shall be apportioned to the appropriate International Fund in proportion equal to that country's percentage of ACBL membership. International Funds collected in Canada and International Funds collected in Mexico shall be sent to the respective Federations to be disbursed at their discretion.

~~3.2.2.2~~ Money raised by and from ACBL-sanctioned events for the benefit of the International Fund shall be divided among and disbursed to members of all teams representing that Federation at the sole discretion of the Federation.

See also Ch. VII – International Bridge, C. International Fund, Section 2 – International Fund Monies.

Section 4 3 – Junior Fund Monies

~~4.1~~ 3.1 As approved by the ACBL Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Bridge Federation, an all-inclusive Junior Fund was established. (See also Ch. I Membership, I. Juniors, Section 3 – Junior Fund Games.) All funds derived from Junior Fund games held in North America shall be held by the ACBL. In accordance with regulations established by the ACBL Board of Directors, the Junior Fund shall be used to finance Junior programs and activities, promote the game of bridge to Juniors and allocate funds to Junior teams representing NBOs located in WBF Zone 2 in Junior/Youth World Championship events (as defined by the WBF); ~~including University World Championship events.~~ ACBL management shall indicate income and expenses for Junior/Youth activities as separate line items in the budget and financial statements. Funds derived from Junior Fund Games will be used only to fund activities and programs limited to Junior and Youth players.

~~4.2~~ 3.2 ~~It will be the duty of ACBL management to research and determine the feasibility of amounts determined to be reasonable expenses. ACBL management shall present its report and recommendations to the ACBL Board at its Summer Board meeting for approval.~~ ACBL annually provides Junior Funds to the USBF and the CBF to subsidize the costs incurred to send Junior teams to the Junior World Championship events. The USBF is granted \$50,000 annually and the CBF is granted \$25,000 annually. The USBF and CBF are required to provide a report of the expenditures to ACBL Management.

~~The Junior Fund shall financially support teams representing NBOs located in WBF Zone 2 for World Championship events only. Funding will be made as equally as possible on a per team basis to all NBO teams.~~

~~4.3~~ 3.3 Any person under the age of 19 receiving a subsidy must be a high school graduate, have received a high school equivalency certificate or be a student attending school and making orderly progress toward graduation.

- 4.4 3.4 All Juniors receiving a subsidy shall be held to the ACBL Youth Protection and Abuse Prevention Policy and Code of Conduct developed by ACBL management and In-House Counsel.
- 4.5 3.5 ~~Teams~~ NBOs receiving subsidies from the Junior Fund must ensure that all members of ~~the team~~ their respective teams play sufficient boards to be eligible for medals won by the team unless there are physical, extenuating circumstances.

Section 4 – Miscellaneous Regulations Regarding Federations

- 4.1 At the sole discretion of ACBL management, dues to or donations for an ACBL Federation can be placed on the ACBL membership and renewal forms.
- 4.2 A summary of disciplinary action(s) previously made public is available upon request to NBO governing bodies.

2. Chapter VII – International Bridge, A. Zone 2 National Bridge Organizations (NBOs):

Section 1 – Zone 2 International Regulations

- 1.42 The authority for selecting and subsidizing bridge players who represent the United States, Canada and Mexico in international bridge competition rests solely with the ~~NBOs NABF and its NBOs; United States Bridge Federation (USBF), Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) and Federación Mexicana de Bridge (FMB), respectively.~~
- 1.21 The ACBL recognizes the North American Bridge Federation (NABF) as the Zonal Conference (Authority) for Zone 2, which consists of the following National Federations for international WBF play:
- United States Bridge Federation (USBF)
 - Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF)
 - Federacion Mexicana de Bridge (FMB)
- 1.3 The Bermuda Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 as the ACBL has approved its request to compete internationally as a member of WBF Zone 5 while maintaining ACBL affiliation as Unit 198 in District 2.
- 1.4 The Virgin Islands Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 as the ACBL approved its request to become an NBO of the WBF as a member of Zone 5 while maintaining an ACBL affiliation.
- 1.5 The authority to approve a player ~~and or non-playing captain (NPC)~~ and or non-playing captain (NPC) from Canada, Mexico ~~and or the US participating in World Bridge Federation or other international competition is delegated to the CBF, FMB and USBF NABF and its NBOs, respectively. The player may be approved only if the player meets all Zonal Conference requirements as well as National Federation requirements.~~

~~1.6 The ACBL strongly recommends that no player who has been expelled for cheating, or resigned from the ACBL to avoid possible disciplinary action on charges of cheating, be permitted to represent any NBO belonging to Zone 2 of the WBF for at least ten (10) years following readmission.~~

1.76 A summary of disciplinary action(s) previously made public is available upon request to NBO governing bodies.

~~1.8 The authority for selecting and subsidizing athletes who represent an ACBL country in international bridge competition rests with that country's NBO.~~

~~1.9 When an on-site accreditation committee is needed, the ACBL-WBF representatives will automatically assume this responsibility, with the most senior representative serving as chairman.~~

(Section 2 and 3 intentionally omitted from motion)

Section 4 – Miscellaneous

~~4.1 The ACBL requests that each Zone 2 NBO establish an appropriate dress code for teams representing that NBO in international competition.~~

~~4.2 The ACBL expresses its disapproval of all non-bridge related public statements and demonstrations by any Zone 2 National Federation representative participating in an international bridge competition.~~

~~4.3 The ACBL requests that the National Federations in the jurisdiction of Zone 2 adopt regulations disallowing such public statements and demonstrations.~~

~~4.5. At the sole discretion of ACBL management, dues to or donations for an ACBL NBO can be placed on the ACBL membership and renewal form.~~

~~4.6 The ACBL will sponsor a WBF Management Meeting to be held at the 2019 San Francisco NABC. The ACBL shall provide up to 50 room nights including one junior suite for up to five nights; light refreshments during the meetings; up to four lunches for ten people during the meetings; and appropriate meeting space for up to four days. The expenditure for hotel rooms, food and beverage shall not exceed \$10,000 and will come from funds raised by the ACBL for the NABF.~~

~~See also Ch. I – Membership, J. ACBL Bridge Federations.3.. Chapter VII – International Bridge, C. International Fund~~

Section 1 – International Fund Games

1.1 The ACBL shall be solely responsible for establishing sanction fees for International Fund Games sanctioned by the ACBL.

1.2 Three ACBL-wide International Fund Games will be held, one in each of January, July and December.

Section 2 – International Fund Monies

2.1 All International Fund monies collected from ACBL-sanctioned events conducted by the ACBL in the United States for the specific purpose of subsidizing United States athletes in international bridge competition will be forwarded to and retained by the ~~ACBL~~ USBF to be distributed at its discretion.

~~2.2 Upon request of the USBF, the ACBL will disburse funds to the United States athletes.~~

2.32 All NABC+ event entry fees will include a \$1.50 surcharge per player per session for the International Fund.

2.43 International Fund monies collected at NABCs shall be apportioned to the appropriate International Fund in proportion equal to that country's percentage of ACBL membership.

2.54 International Funds collected in Canada and Mexico shall be sent to the respective NBOs to be disbursed at their discretion.

2.65 Money raised by and from ACBL-sanctioned events for the benefit of the International Fund shall be divided among and disbursed to members of all teams representing that National Federation at the sole discretion of the National Federation.

Effective: N/A

Item 20S6-08: Bifurcation of Codification

The Codification attached to this motion as Part 1 and Part 2, bifurcating the Codification provisions into those concerning Governance/Policy and Bridge Operations, respectively, be approved.

Effective immediately

Item 20S6-09: Article of Incorporation

The Article of Incorporation (Attachment 1) be approved.

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