

Changes to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations

Approved July 2016

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Section 6.1 of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) is amended as follows:

6. Suspension Pending Hearing

- 6.1 When charge(s) have been made, a person so charged may play in an ACBL sanctioned event pending hearing unless otherwise directed by the chairperson of the committee which will be hearing the charge(s) or by the Director-in-Charge of a Sectional or higher-rated tournament when a charge is to be heard by a tournament disciplinary committee. When charges have been brought by a National Bridge Organization, the World Bridge Federation, or one of the Zonal organizations of the WBF, a person so charged may play in an ACBL sanctioned event pending hearing unless otherwise directed by the CEO of the ACBL. Such suspension pending hearings should be rarely issued and only in extreme cases or when a hearing is delayed due to the fault of the person charged. A suspension pending a hearing may not be appealed.

Carried unanimously

EFFECTIVE FOR CHARGES BROUGHT AFTER AUGUST 1, 2016:

Section 9.6.5 of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) is added as follows:

9.6 Publication of Disciplinary Cases

- 9.6.1 In disciplinary cases which result in a finding of guilt, ACBL policy is to publish an individual's name, ACBL Player number, the penalty imposed and the CDR code section.
- 9.6.2 This applies to any decisions of a Unit, District or ACBL level disciplinary committee, and of 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.

9.6.3 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.

9.6.4 Decisions of the Ethical Oversight Committee shall also be reported in the NABC Daily Bulletin.

9.6.5 For ethical violations which have a recommended sentence possible expulsion from the ACBL, (see Appendix B to this code for a list of the relevant offenses), the fact that charges have been brought will also be published on the ACBL website in the disciplinary section. The following information shall be included:

Player Name and ACBL number
CDR section alleged to have been violated
Entity hearing the charges
Hearing date.

If the player is found not guilty of the charges, this fact shall be added to this information and kept on the website for ninety days unless the player asks to have it removed sooner.

Carried unanimously