

# Appeals & Charges

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## *Item 143-01: Code of Disciplinary Regulations*

The following sections be added to the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (Grounds for Discipline):

- 3.24 Unauthorized access (usually through use of a computer) to a website or electronic data of an ACBL entity, including, those of Clubs, Units, Districts and the ACBL.
- 3.25 Cyber-attacks or similar intentional electronic disruptions or attempts at electronic disruptions, of websites or electronic data systems of an ACBL entity, those of Clubs, Units, Districts and the ACBL.
- 3.26 Use of unauthorized collective member data for (a) email blasts or (b) profit in any way or (c) to harass members of the ACBL.
- 3.27 Unauthorized use of copyrighted ACBL materials or software.
- 3.28 Unauthorized use of Trademarks registered by the ACBL.

Amend Section 2.1.3 of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations to add a Section (d) as follows:

“2.1.3 The ACBL has jurisdiction over:

- (a) Members of ACBL or others disciplined, for appellate purposes only, except where otherwise specified in the CDR.
- (b) Persons participating in a sanctioned event or other activity sponsored by a Unit, District or ACBL held under its jurisdiction.
- (c) ACBL members who have been disciplined or sanctioned by any other bridge organization.
- (d) Violations of CDR Sections 3.24, 3.25, 3.26, 3.27 and 3.28.

Effective immediately

## *Item 143-02: Appendix A Code of Disciplinary Regulations*

Appendix A of the CDR shall be amended as following:

### IV. PREHEARING PROCEDURES

## A. NOTIFICATION

The parties involved, including the complainant and charged member, must receive timely written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing, are furnished with written charges, and are advised of their right to be represented by counsel (who need not be an attorney), to produce evidence on their behalf and to be present during the entire hearing. Suggested forms are available at the ACBL web page at [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org). The chairperson of the committee hearing the matter must verify that appropriate notices have been sent. Notice sent by email shall include a request to confirm receipt of the notice by return email.

Effective January 1, 2015

## Bridge Review

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### *Item 143-26: ACBL Lifetime Masterpoint Lists*

For all ACBL lifetime masterpoint lists, points won online be separated from points won face-to-face. There would be two categories of lifetime lists: Online points and face-to-face points.

This would apply to the ACBL Lifetime Top 500, Canadian Top 100, Mexico Top 50, Bermuda Top 25 and any other ACBL lifetime lists.

Effective immediately

## Clubs/Education/Membership

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### *Item 143-60: Club Regulations*

In the ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations Chapter 4 The Club Sanctioned Bridge Game

Add...

(A)

More than one open game may be run under the same sanction. The condition that this be allowed is that the players have free choice of which game to participate in.

For games starting at the same time, neither game gets credit for the other game's table count so that overall awards in each game are based on that game's table count only plus any restricted games played at the same time, as per Section Three II B. Newcomer Games Incentives

(B)

SECTION FOUR: CLUB MASTERPOINT AWARDS IV. OPERATION OF CLUB GAMES B.

SEEDING be amended to read as follows:

Seeding means specifically seating strong pairs (or weak pairs) in a manner relative to the movement, so that every contestant plays against a group of opponents of approximately the same strength. It is recommended that in ~~In~~ a one section event, both directions ~~should~~ be balanced; and in a multi-section event, all fields should be balanced; and in two-session events, the balance ~~should~~ be maintained for both sessions.

If there is an active effort by a Club Director or Club Management to seat all strong pairs in one direction and the weak pairs in the other, the session must be classified as Restricted/Invitational. Further, if there is an active effort by a Club Director or Club Management to assure that all strong pairs are seated in one section and all weak pairs in another, the strong section qualifies as Open, and the other section becomes a restricted/invitational game.

Seeding is not mandatory for any regular masterpoint games. All seating may be random by luck of the draw or on a first-come, first-served basis, or by players' choice if space permits, at management's discretion.

The types of events for which this applies are the same as those where Conventions can be limited and Alerts and skip bid warning are option, namely club masterpoint games, club championships, club charity events, ACBL-wide events, unit championships, unit charity events, district charity events, and the first level of play in the North American Pairs event. While seeding is optional it is strongly encouraged in club games.

### ***Item 143-61: Charity Club Games***

The Codification from Chapter 5, Charity Club Games be amended as follows:

2.3 When a sectional (excluding STaCs) or higher rated event is being conducted within ~~25~~ 50 miles of a club game's playing site, the club is permitted to hold only its regularly scheduled club masterpoint games (i.e., no special games). This regulation does not apply to Limited/Restricted Sectionals.

### ***Item 143-62: New Member Masterpoints***

CHAPTER I – MEMBERSHIP, A. MEMBERSHIP, Section 1 - Application for ACBL Membership is amended as follows:

Section 1.1.4 First time new members may provide club rating point receipts and/or references to points won at tournaments. Upon verification, the points won, to a maximum of twenty (20), at clubs and/or tournaments will be credited to the member's record upon joining ACBL.

Item #971-179 shown below is rescinded:

#### Masterpoint Services for First Time Members – 971-179

First time new members may provide, from the preceding 12 months, club rating point receipts and/or references to points won at tournaments. Upon verification, the points won, to a maximum of twenty (20), at clubs and/or tournaments will be credited to the member's record upon joining ACBL. No other masterpoints services will be provided to non-members. Effective January 1, 1997.

Effective Immediately

#### *Item 143-63: 2016 Youth NABC*

Chapter 1. I. Juniors would add the following:

4.3 The Summer 2016 Youth NABC is to be held in Washington D.C. during the 2016 Summer NABC at a location within the NABC designated playing areas.

Effective immediately.

#### *Item 143-64: Junior Fund Money*

Should the United States Bridge Federation (USBF) and the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) wish to receive Junior Fund money to promote international junior/youth participation, they shall submit to ACBL Management, ~~a minimum of 60 days prior to the start of the summer NABC, a proposed budget for the follow year~~ a request at the Fall NABC, for competition years, the number of teams they intend to send to the competition. In non-competition years, a request at the Fall NABC for training/coaching in preparation for competition years. ~~The budget should contain a detailed breakdown of reasonable costs, including coaching, for which they desire funding.~~

In addition, in competition years, the USBF and CBF must provide a report on actual expenses from that year from the competition. In non-competition years, the USBF and CBF must provide a report on training/coaching activities from that year.

The ACBL will provide funding based on the following:

#### **ACBL Junior Subsidy Plan**

##### **USBF Formula Non-Competition Year**

Airfare\* = \$500

Lodging = \$70 per night; maximum 4 nights

Food subsidy = \$40 per day; maximum 5 days  
Up to participants = 20  
Up to amount = \$20,000

**USBF Formula Competition Year**

Airfare\* = \$1500  
Lodging = \$70 per night; maximum 7 nights  
Food subsidy = \$40 per day; maximum 8 days  
Up to participants = 30  
Up to amount = \$67,000  
Up to amount per team (5) = \$13,400

**CBF Formula Non-Competition Year**

Airfare\* = \$700  
Lodging = \$70 per night; maximum 4 nights  
Food subsidy = \$40 per day; maximum 5 days  
Up to participants = 12  
Up to amount = \$14,000

**CBF Formula Competition Year**

Airfare\* = \$1800  
Lodging = \$70 per night; maximum 7 nights  
Food subsidy = \$40 per day; maximum 8 days  
Up to participants = 12  
Up to amount = \$32,000  
Up to amount per team (2) = \$16,000

\*The difference in amounts is to accommodate the major differences in airfare between the United States and Canada.

It will be the duty of ACBL Management to research and determine the feasibility of amounts determined to be reasonable expenses. ~~Management shall present its report and recommendations to the ACBL Board at its summer meeting for approval.~~

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.

For competition years, ~~W~~when approval is granted by the Board, 75% of the approved funds shall be given to the USBF and CBF following the conclusion of the Spring NABC in the year when the Championship takes place. The remaining 25% will be paid upon presentation of all receipts for approved expenses, if actually spent.

### ***Item 143-65: Online Club Championships***

Chapter I of the Codification is amended as follows:

#### Online Club Championships (083-32)

Online bridge clubs may run Club Championships under similar conditions as face-to-face clubs. All masterpoint awards will be non-pigmented. ~~In an online club championship, each pair must play at least 18 boards.~~ One open club championship may be awarded per quarter for sessions 1 – 12 (Monday – Thursday) with a maximum first place overall award of 3.90.

#### Shortened Club Championships (091-32)

Clubs be allowed to hold either regular club championships (18+ boards) or shortened club championships (12-17) boards played. The total number of club championships, including regular and shortened, will remain the same as currently allowed. The overall awards for Chapter 11, D.5 shortened club championships are 60% of regular club championships. The online shortened club championship (12-17 boards) overall award is capped at 4.50 masterpoints.

Effective immediately.

## **Finance**

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### ***Item 143-70: 2015 Budget***

The 2015 operating budget is received.

Effective January 1, 2015

### ***Item 143-71: Free Play Coupons at NABC+***

All members of the Board of Directors (and Board of Governors Chair, League Counsel) and ACBL staff who use free-play coupons to enter NABC+ events pay the \$1.50/session surcharge to the International Fund.

Effective March 2015 (New Orleans NABC)

# Governance/Board Operations/Bylaws

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## *Item 143-85: Vulnerability Inserts*

All ACBL duplicate boards have vulnerability inserts placed in the board pockets.

## *Item 143-86: Conflict of Interest Policy*

Chapter IV, Section 8 of the Codification be amended to read as follows:

### **Section 8 - Conflict of Interest Policy**

8.1 Purpose. The purpose of these standards is to provide safeguards to members of the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League (the "League") from: (1) using their Board position for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being, motivated by a desire for private financial gain for themselves or others such as those with whom they have family, business or other ties; (2) using their Board position for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being, motivated by a desire to support a non-financial interest for themselves or others such as those with whom they have family, business or other ties; (3) violating their duty to the League by inappropriately disclosing confidential information about the League, and (4) any other acts which may constitute, or may appear to constitute, a conflict of interest. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace the League's bylaws and applicable state and federal laws governing conflicts of interest.

### 8.2 Private Financial Gain

#### 8.2.1 Financial Interests

8.2.1.1 No member of the Board of Directors of the League may participate in the selection, award or administration of a contract in which he or his immediate family has a direct or indirect financial interest or with whom he is negotiating or has any arrangement concerning prospective employment.

8.2.1.2 No member of the Board of Directors or spouse, child, parent, brother, or sister, by blood or marriage of an employee may vote on any matter which may directly or indirectly result in financial gain to that individual member, or which may conflict with that member's obligations to another organization or to his employer, it being understood that Board members may vote on matters which have a financial effect applying equally to all Board members. Provided that the member of the Board of Directors has first disclosed a conflict or potential conflict, and abstains from voting in that regard, he may make a presentation to the Board of Directors relating to that matter and may participate in the discussion.

## 8.2.2 Compensation to Members of the Board of Directors

8.2.2.1 The League may reimburse members of the Board of Directors for reasonable expenses actually incurred by reason of their participation in Board activities such as travel expenses, meals and incidentals.

8.2.2.2 The League will not compensate members of the Board of Directors for services rendered in the ordinary course of service as members of the Board of Directors. If a member of the Board of Directors, or an immediate family member, employer (or prospective employer), or business associate of such Board member, is qualified to perform services for the League, the League may consider contracting with that person (or entity) for such services, provided that: (1) the League's procurement policies will be adhered to; (2) the affected member of the Board of Directors will not participate in the discussion or vote on the selection; (3) the contract is in all respects "arms-length" and (4) the contract is determined to be in the best interests of the League.

8.2.3 Gifts/Gratuities. The members of the Board of Directors of the League may not solicit or accept gifts, gratuities, favors or anything of value from contractors or potential contractors of the League. A gift means anything offered directly by or on behalf of a contractor other than promotional materials of little or nominal value such as pens, calendars and other items intended for wide distribution. Any member of the Board of Directors will decline or return any gift and notify the Corporate Chief Executive Officer and the president or in the absence of the president the chairman of the Board of such gift.

**8.3 Non-Financial Interest. A non-financial interest shall be defined as an interest, not involving financial gain, including but not limited to personal, both relatives and friends, professional, political, academic, ideological and religious, that might lead an independent observer reasonably to question whether a Board member's actions or decisions in connection with the League are influenced by considerations of such outside interest.**

## 8.4 Confidential Information

8.4.1 Members of the Board of Directors may gain access to confidential (i.e. nonpublic) information by virtue of their position within the League. Confidential information includes (but is not limited to) information relating to the League's business practices.

8.4.2 Members of the Board may not communicate confidential information about the League to anyone who is not also a member of the Board, respectively, absent the explicit authorization of the president or Chief Executive Officer. If, as a result of negotiations in which the League is engaged, a member of the Board gains access to confidential information of another entity, the member of the Board may not



communicate this information about the other entity to anyone who is not also a member of the Board, without the authorization of the president or Chief Executive Officer. If the League executes an agreement with another entity which agreement includes provisions governing confidentiality of information, all members of the Board are bound by those provisions and required to comply with them.

## 8.5 Disclosures

8.5.1 The League requires that all members of the Board of Directors disclose in writing (and update at least annually) all business, family (or other ties) relationships which might potentially create a conflict of interest as set forth in Chapter IV, Sections 8.2 and 8.3 on a form developed by the League Counsel.

8.5.2 If a member of the Board of Directors believes that he, a member of his immediate family or partner has a direct or indirect financial interest in a contract of the League, he must immediately disclose this in writing to the Chief Executive Officer. Disclosures by members of the Board of Directors must also be made to the president (and if it is the president who has such a financial interest, he must make disclosure to the chairman).

8.5.3 Each year, commencing 2015, the League Counsel shall publish to the Board of Directors prior to its spring meeting a confidential list of conflicts disclosed by each Board member pursuant to Chapter IV, Section 8.5.1.

## **Section 5 - ACBL Board of Directors Behavioral Code**

5.5.8 Offenses for which board members may be referred to the Board Oversight Committee include, but are not limited to:

5.8.1 Inappropriate communication with any ACBL employee by telephone, mail, email or in person. Inappropriate communication includes, but is not limited to, condescending, rude or insulting remarks, and requests for significant amounts of information without going through the appropriate committee chairman.

5.8.2 Sexually explicit remarks or behavior toward any employee.

5.8.3 Condescending, rude or insulting remarks made to another board member or Chairman of the Board of Governors in a board meeting or by phone, mail, or email.

5.8.4 Conduct that would embarrass or damage the credibility of the ACBL or the Board of Directors.

5.8.5 Discussing any personnel matter, other than in a private conversation, in any forum except an Executive Session of the Board of Directors.

5.8.6 Breaching the confidentiality of any ACBL business discussion designated as confidential.

5.8.7 Failing to comply with the requirements of Codification Chapter IV, Section 8, Conflict of Interest Policy.

### *Item 143-87: Employment of Board of Directors*

Chapter IV, A, Section 6 of the ACBL Codification be deleted.

#### ~~Section 6—Employment of Board of Directors~~

~~6.1 No member of the ACBL Board of Directors, or candidate for such position, if elected, or chairman of the ACBL Board of Governors, or the spouse, child, parent, brother, or sister, by blood or marriage, of a Board member or chairman of the Board of Governors, will be employed as a permanent or temporary employee of the ACBL in any capacity other than that of tournament director until at least one year after leaving said position.~~

~~6.2 The requirement that a past Board member or chairman of the Board of Governors be out of office for at least 12 months will not apply to employment as a tournament director or independent contractor situations where sole payment is on a sales commission formula for quantifiable benefits brought to the ACBL.~~

### *Item 143-88: Change to Unit Boundary Regulations*

Chapter III, Section 3 of the Codification is amended as follows:

#### **Section 3 – Unit Formation, Boundary Change or Dissolution**

3.1 The following actions require that the opinion of the affected membership about a proposed change be expressed through petition or a special election which may be conducted by mail or email.

3.1.1 The formation of a new unit.

3.1.2 The movement of part of a unit to another unit or a unit from one district to another.

3.1.3 The consolidation of two or more units (or parts thereof).

3.2 Forming a New Unit

3.2.1 There must be at least 100 current ACBL members in the geographical area of the proposed new Unit and also, the area must contain satisfactory facilities for the hosting of at least one Sectional tournament annually.

- 3.2.2 A petition must be drafted containing the specific geographical boundaries and zip codes of the proposed new Unit.
- 3.2.3 Such a geographical area may not isolate any “islands” of ACBL members from their Unit of affiliation.
- 3.2.4 The petition must only contain ~~only~~ signatures and ACBL Member numbers of current ACBL members residing in the geographical area set forth in the petition
- 3.2.5 The reason for requesting the formation of the new Unit should be specified.
- 3.2.6 ~~Upon receipt of the petition at ACBL, the ACBL membership status for each signature will be verified.~~ Any interested party has 30 days from the end date of the petition to request a copy of the signatures provided to the ACBL and to provide any names and numbers included on that petition that they wish to protest to the ACBL. The ACBL will then verify the membership status of those protested individuals. All signatures not protested will be considered valid. If the number of valid signatures proves to be a majority of the ACBL membership in the area requesting a change of status, the following will occur:
- (a) The Units involved will be advised of receipt of the petition and their approval requested.
  - (b) Approval of both the District Organization and the District Director will be sought.
  - (c) The final decision rests with the ACBL Board of Directors, in whose name all Unit Charters are issued.
- 3.2.7 If a Unit is divided so as to form a second Unit, assets of the original Unit are subject to division on an equitable basis. If an equitable division of assets cannot be reached voluntarily by the parties and mediation by the District fails, both parties shall submit to binding arbitration. All costs for the arbitration process shall be paid for from Unit funds.
- 3.2.8 After the ACBL Board of Directors has denied a request to form a New Unit the affected Members may not begin the circulation of another petition for a New Unit for at least six (6) months.

### 3.3 Unit Transfers and Boundary Changes

3.3.1 In general, areas for transfer from one Unit to another should follow county lines. An area seeking to transfer to an adjacent Unit must include all counties between the proposed area for transfer and the existing area of the Unit being joined. It is not permitted to transfer an area to a Unit if such transfer would create an island.

3.3.2 A majority of the current ACBL members living in the area to be transferred must sign a petition expressing their wishes to be transferred.

3.3.3 The petition must state the reasons for the proposed transfer and must include the addresses and ACBL player number of those members signing.

3.3.4 The boundaries of the proposed area of transfer must be included on the petition as well as all zip codes in the proposed area to be transferred.

3.3.5 The petition must include a beginning date for the first circulation of the petition. All signatures on the petition must be obtained within six months of this beginning date.

3.3.6 Upon receipt of the petition, ACBL will verify the signatures thereon as being members of the affected area during the dates indicated on the petition in order to assure that a majority of the ACBL members in the proposed area of transfer has signed the petition requesting a transfer of Unit affiliation.

3.3.7 The ACBL will contact the parent Unit, the Unit of proposed affiliation, the District Organization and the District Representative to the ACBL Board of Directors seeking the opinion of each regarding the proposed transfer. Should all parties agree that it is in the best interests of all concerned to effect the proposed transfer, the ACBL will take the necessary steps to make the change including ACBL Board of Directors approval. All parties will be informed of the effective date of transfer and new Charters distributed. Should either the Unit or the District Organization disagree as to the proposed transfer, the matter will be referred to the ACBL Board of Directors for final disposition.

3.3.8 After the ACBL Board of Directors has denied a request to grant a Unit Merger, Unit Boundary Change, or Unit Change of District, the affected Unit may not begin the circulation of another petition for a Unit Merger, Unit Boundary Change, or Unit Change of District for at least six (6) months.

Effective immediately.

### ***Item 143-89: Entry Fees for (Educational) Foundation Games at NABCs***

Management, in consultation with the ACBL Foundations, set rates for Foundation Games held the first Thursday evening at each NABC. The ACBL Board Finance Committee will be advised of any entry changes for the following year – by Management – during their meetings at the Fall NABC.

Effective January 1, 2015

### ***Item 143-90: Contested 1st Alternate Election***

The ACBL Codification, Chapter 3, section D: Election, paragraph 12 be amended by addition of the following:

#### 12.3 Contested 1st Alternate election

In the case of a contested election for 1st Alternate, the candidate with the second highest Unit Voting Power shall be appointed 2nd Alternate unless that candidate specifically states he will not accept the position. Effective January 1, 2015

### *Item 143-91: Election of WBF Representatives*

Chapter 7, Section B of the Codification is amended as follows:

Election of WBF Representatives (962-121) (082-24)

WBF Representatives will be elected by the ACBL Board of Directors. The available position(s) must be published to the Membership in advance of the election. Nominees will be accepted from the floor prior to the election.

When ~~two~~ one or more positions for WBF representative exist, the election procedure is as follows:

- ~~1. Voters will vote for one position at a time. If the terms are different, the positions will be filled in order of term length starting with the longest or longer.~~
- ~~2. The voting will proceed as follows:~~
  - ~~a. On the first ballot, each elector casts one vote. The candidate with the highest number of votes, if a majority, is elected.~~
  - ~~b. If there is no nominee with a clear majority on the first ballot, the one nominee, if any, with the fewest number of votes is eliminated and another vote is taken. If there is no single nominee with the fewest number of votes, then no nominee is eliminated and another vote is taken.~~
- ~~3. Once the first position is filled, the process is repeated for the second and any subsequent position.~~

Voters will be provided with a ballot listing all candidates. Voters will select as many of the candidates as they approve of to fill the position(s). The candidate(s) who receive(s) the most approvals will fill the available position(s) starting with the candidate with the most approvals, followed by the second most approvals, etc. In the event of a tie a run-off election will be held wherein only the tied candidates will appear on the ballot and each elector will receive only one vote; the candidate(s) receiving the most votes will fill the position(s).

If positions with varying term lengths exist, the positions will be voted on separately in order of term length starting with the longest or longer.

Effective January 1, 2015

## **Masterpoint and Events Structure**

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### *Item 143-110: Masterpoint Awards*

#### **Second Reading**

Masterpoint awards for match win in the Spingold and the Vanderbilt will be increased to 10 masterpoints. The Senior and Wagar knock out masterpoint awards for a match win will be increased to 8 masterpoints. Effective January 1, 2015

***Item 143-111: Knockout Events Bye***  
**Second Reading**

In the Spingold, the Vanderbilt, Senior KO, the Wagar and any future knockout events on the NABC calendar, if a team is awarded a bye, it will not count as a win toward its two win requirement to place in the overalls. In all flights of the GNT, the Swiss qualifying round plus a win in the knockout phase will count as two wins toward qualifying for the overalls.

Effective January 1, 2015

***Item 143-112: Stratiflighted Events***  
**Second Reading**

The ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

**Stratiflighted Events – Sectional-rated events**

This section applies only to sectional-rated events at tournaments.

A Stratiflighted event is a combination of flighted and stratified, where the A Flight is a separate event. Flight A may be stratified into two strata (A & X) provided that the limit of the X stratum is at least 500 points higher than the limit of B stratum.

Masterpoint awards for Stratum A are calculated using the General Formula based on the number of tables in play in each stratum plus all tables in lower strata. Masterpoint awards for Stratum X are calculated as follows:

If the event meets a threshold of either: 20 or more actual tables entered in X; or 40% or more of the A + X field is entered in X; then the first place X award is the greater of 105% of the Flight B awards, or the awards based on X only.

If the event does not meet this threshold, then X receives the greater of:

- a.  $((X / 0.4) / (A + X)) 2 \times 105\%$  of Flight B award, OR
- b.  $(X / 20) 2 \times 105\%$  of Flight B award, OR
- c. Award based on X tables only.

**Stratiflighted Events – Regional-rated events**

This section applies only to regional-rated events at Regional and higher-rated tournaments.

In a regional-rated event, a Stratiflighted event may be run as a two or three flight event. If it is run as two flights, each flight may have up to three strata.

## **Two-Flight Stratiflighted Events**

A regional-rated two-flight Stratiflighted event may have up to three strata in each flight. The bottom stratum *of the top flight* must have an upper limit of at least 500 masterpoints higher than the upper limit of the bottom flight.

In a two-flight, regional-rated Stratiflighted *pairs* event with an upper limit of the lower flight of not less than 750 and not more than 1000, masterpoint awards for first overall in the top flight are calculated using the General Formula based on the number of tables in play in the top Flight times a variable multiplier as follows: Three times the first 15 tables plus two times the next 10 tables plus the remaining tables, up to a maximum of 100 tables.

*In a two-flight, regional-rated Stratiflighted pairs event with an upper limit of the lower flight of greater than 1000, masterpoint awards for first overall in the top flight are calculated using the General Formula based on the number of tables in play in the top Flight times 2.0.*

*In a two-flight, regional-rated Stratiflighted Swiss or an Open Swiss with a Bracketed Swiss flight below with an upper limit of the lower flight of less than 2500, masterpoint awards for first overall in the top flight are calculated using the General Formula based on the number of tables in play in the top Flight times 2.25.*

*In a two-flight, regional-rated Stratiflighted Swiss or an Open Swiss with a Bracketed Swiss flight below with an upper limit of the lower flight of greater than or equal to 2500, masterpoint awards for first overall in the top flight are calculated using the General Formula based on the number of tables in play in the top Flight times 2.75.*

Masterpoint awards for the second stratum in the top flight are the higher of alternatives a and b as follows:

- a.  $1^{\text{st}} \text{ OA (Top Strat)} \times 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Strat M Factor} \times (2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Strat Tbls} + 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ Strat Tbls}) / \text{Top Flt Tbls}$ , OR
- b. Award based on  $2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Strat Tbls} + 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ Strat Tbls}$

BUT must be less than or equal to 60% of  $1^{\text{st}} \text{ OA (Top Strat)}$

Masterpoint awards for the third stratum in the top flight are the higher of alternatives a and b as follows:

- a.  $1^{\text{st}} \text{ OA (Top Strat)} \times 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ Strat M Factor} \times (3^{\text{rd}} \text{ Strat Tbls} / \text{Top Flt Tbls})$ , OR
- b. Award based on  $3^{\text{rd}} \text{ Strat Tbls}$

BUT must be less than or equal to 40% of  $1^{\text{st}} \text{ OA (Top Strat)}$

Masterpoint awards for this event will be reviewed by the Masterpoint Committee at the 2015 Summer NABCs Board of Directors meeting.

### **Three-Flight Stratiflighted Events**

In addition, a three-flight Stratiflighted game may be run with up to two strata in each flight. In a three-flight game, the bottom stratum of the top and middle flights must be at least 500 masterpoints higher than the upper limit of the flight immediately below. In this event type, the bottom flight must have an upper limit of not less than 750 masterpoints and not more than 1000 masterpoints. Tournament organizers wishing to utilize this event structure must apply to the NABCs Tournament Department for approval. Each District is limited to one Regional utilizing this event structure in 2015. This event structure may be utilized in all three NABCs in 2015.

In a three-flight game, the bottom stratum of the middle flight must have an upper limit that is at least 500 masterpoints higher and not more than double the upper limit of the bottom flight. The upper limit of the second flight must be at least three times and not more than four times the upper limit of the bottom flight. The upper limit of the second stratum of the top flight must be at least 2000 masterpoints higher but not more than double the upper limit of the second flight.

Masterpoint awards are calculated as follows: Masterpoint awards for first overall in the top flight are calculated using the General Formula based on the number of tables in play in the top and middle Flight times a variable multiplier as follows: Three times the first 15 tables plus two times the next 10 tables plus the remaining tables, up to a maximum of 100 tables. The result of this calculation is the "EVENT TABLES".

Masterpoint awards for the second stratum in the top flight are the higher of alternatives a and b as follows:

- a.  $1^{\text{st}} \text{ OA (Top Strat)} \times 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Strat M Factor} \times (2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Strat Tbls} / \text{Top Flt Tbls})$ , OR
- b. Award based on  $2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Strat Tbls}$

BUT must be less than or equal to 60% of  $1^{\text{st}} \text{ OA (Top Strat)}$

Masterpoint awards for the first overall award in the second flight are calculated as follows. Masterpoint awards for first overall in the second flight are calculated using the General Formula based on the "EVENT TABLES" (defined above) reduced by the number of tables in the top flight.

Masterpoint awards for the second stratum in the second flight are the higher of alternatives a and b as follows:

- a.  $1^{\text{st}} \text{ OA (Top Strat)} \times (2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Strat M Factor} / 1^{\text{st}} \text{ Strat M Factor}) \times (2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Strat Tbls} / 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Flt Tbls})$ , OR
- b. Award based on  $2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Strat Tbls}$  only

BUT must be less than or equal to 60% of  $1^{\text{st}} \text{ OA (Top Strat)}$



Masterpoint awards for this event will be reviewed by the Masterpoint Committee at the 2015 Summer NABC Board of Directors meeting.

B. Pair Events

E. Point Pigmentations

4. All masterpoint awards at Regional Tournaments are RED. Additionally, overall and section top awards of all two (or more) session championship events, where the upper strata limit is not less than 750 points, are GOLD. When there is a tie for a section top, gold and red points will be shared.

Effective January 1, 2015 (May be approved by Management in 2014 upon request)

***Item 143-113: Unrestricted Events***  
**Second Reading**

Chapter 13, Appendix One of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

Unrestricted Events

At Regional tournaments, no concurrent tables are counted, except as provided in the masterpoint formula for a three-flight Stratiflighted game.

At Sectional tournaments, two session events which are unrestricted in any way (completely open) shall be credited with all tables in play in totally concurrent events (pairs, teams or individual but not knockouts or continuous pairs) for the purpose of computing overall awards, up to a maximum total of 3 times the number of tables in play in the unrestricted event.

At Sectional tournaments, Flighted, Stratified and Stratiflighted events count all tables in all flights/strata to determine the number of tables in the unrestricted event (the A Flight or Stratum). Two or more concurrent unrestricted events share equally the available restricted tables as above but not each other's tables. An unrestricted event with a lower limit and no upper limit is treated as an open event when there is no concurrent open event.

For the purpose of awarding masterpoints, a restricted event that is two sessions morning and afternoon, is deemed to be totally concurrent with a two session event that is afternoon and evening. However, if a restricted event is scheduled horizontally, it is not deemed to be totally concurrent with a two session vertical event.

At Sectional tournaments, one session events which are unrestricted in any way and are not concurrent with either session of a two-session event shall be credited with all tables in play in concurrent events (as above) for the purpose of computing overall awards, up to a maximum total of 3 times the number of tables in play in the unrestricted event. Any two-session

unrestricted event at a Sectional receives table credit from all restricted events held either totally concurrent or concurrent with the first session, as above.

### Stratiflighted Events

A stand-alone top or middle flight of a Stratiflighted event is allowed as long as the corresponding other flights of the event are held at times that would preclude any player from playing in both flights (e.g. top flight at 10&3 and Gold Rush at 1 & 7 is allowed). A stand-alone lower flight is treated like a separate stratified event for the purposes of masterpoint calculations.

Each full-day of an Open Regional must provide at least one championship-rated event that is open to all players.

Effective January 1, 2015

### ***Item 143-114: Depth of Awards*** **Second Reading**

Chapter 13, Appendix One of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

#### Depth of Overall Awards – Pair Games

For more than 10 tables, additional awards will be given if the calculated award is not less than 1.0. The depth of the award is at least 10% of the number of pairs up to a maximum of 25% of the number of pairs, subject to the absolute limit on overall awards (see below).

#### Depth of Overall Awards – Swiss & BAM Teams

For more than 19 tables, additional awards will be given if the calculated award is not less than 1.0. The depth of the award is at least 10% of the number of teams up to a maximum of 25% of the number of teams, subject to the absolute limit on overall awards (see below).

Effective January 1, 2015

### ***Item 143-115: M Factor*** **Second Reading**

Chapter 13, Appendix One of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

M     A factor based on the masterpoint limitations in the event.

$$M = .3 + UL/1000 \text{ if } UL < 100$$

.4 + (UL-100)/4000 if  $100 \leq UL < 500$   
 .5 + (UL-500)/10000 if  $500 \leq UL < 3000$   
 .75 + (UL-3000)/20000 if  $3000 \leq UL < 8000$   
 1.00 if  $UL \geq 8000$

where UL is the upper masterpoint limit for the game or stratum in question.

Sample M Factor values are displayed in Appendix B. The maximum value of M of 1.0000 is reached at 8,000 masterpoints.

Effective January 1, 2015

***Item 143-116: T Factor***  
**Second Reading**

Chapter 13, Appendix One of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

T A factor based on the type of event.

TYPE OF EVENT	T FACTOR
BAM Teams	1.10
Pairs	1.25
Swiss Teams	1.00
Individual	0.75

Effective January 1, 2015

***Item 143-117: R Factor***  
**Second Reading**

Chapter One, Appendix One of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

R A factor based on the classification of the tournament or event.

CLASSIFICATION	R FACTOR
Club Special Games – Class One	7.00
Unit Championship	7.00
STaC	9.00
Club Special Games – Class Two	9.00
Sectional	11.00
Regional	14.00
National	22.50



31	1.60
30	1.56
29	1.52
28	1.48
27	1.44
26	1.40
25	1.36
24	1.32
23	1.28
22	1.24
21	1.20
20	1.16
19	1.12
18	1.08
17	1.04
16	1.000
15	0.960
14	0.920
13	0.880
12	0.840
11	0.800
10	0.760
9	0.720
8	0.600
7	0.525
6	0.450
5	0.375

Any event with 8 or fewer teams will be played as a three-session event. This is reflected in the Bracket Size Adjustment chart above.

Note: After application of the Bracket Size Adjustment, the resulting award must be at least 105% of the award for the next lower bracket.

#### B. Overall Awards Below First Place

Overall Position	5 + Rounds	4 Rounds	3 Rounds
2	75%	70%	70%
3	55%	45%	35%*
4	45%	35%	
5	30%	30%	
6	25%	25%	
7	20%		
8	15%		
9 -16	10%		

Note: To qualify for overall awards, a team must advance through at least two rounds.

Whenever a KO event's overall ranks are not based on a power-of-two elimination (1, 2, 3/4, 5/8, etc.), such as in a double-elimination event, a broken bracket, etc. as determined by conditions of contest or by the DIC, the awards to the actual ranks will be based on the percentages specified in the table of overall awards for KO events. Percentages for overall positions below the top 8 positions will be 1/rank, except ties for ranks including 9<sup>th</sup> in the tie (e.g. 9/13) will be at least 10%.

\* Playoffs for additional overall awards are permitted only in the special case of a three-session KO event with exactly seven or eight teams in the bracket. The winner of that playoff for a clear third overall ranking will receive 35 % of the first place award.

#### C. Match Awards

Match Award = 10% x First Overall (Minimum = 1.00 x K x L, Maximum = 4.5 x K x L)

Effective January 1, 2015

### ***Item 143-119: NABC MPs*** **Second Reading**

Chapter 13, Appendix One of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

First Overall Masterpoints for the following NABC events are modified as follows:

Women's BAM Teams	70
Women's Swiss Teams	70
Wagar KO Teams	100
0-5000 Spingold	80
GNT – Championship Flight	120
GNT – Flight A	85
GNT – Flight B	70
GNT – Flight C	45
NAP – Flight A	100
NAP – Flight B	60
NAP – Flight C	40
0-10,000 NABC Pairs	80
0-10,000 Mixed Swiss	60

Effective immediately

### *Item 143-120: GNT District Finals*

The following statement be added to the existing rules for GNT District Finals. For all events which are played over at least three sessions, a minimum masterpoint award of 1/3 of the first place award will be given to any team that advances through 2 sessions to the second day of an event where there was a 50%+ reduction in teams from the first day (e.g., from 4 to 2).

Effective January 1, 2015

## **Special Events**

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### *Item 143-140: Grass Roots Fund*

Chapter V, B, Section 2.1.3 of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

#### Section 2 – Special Games at Clubs

2.1.3 The month of May is designated as “Grass Roots Fund Month.” Clubs may hold special games under the same rules and regulations applicable to the other special fund months (currently benefitting the Junior and International Funds and the ACBL Charity Foundation.) Funds raised shall be returned annually no later than March 31 to the individual Districts (to be determined) ~~in which those funds were raised~~, and shall be used by the Districts to help fund Grass Roots Events. Grass Roots Events are defined as the Grand National Teams and the North American Pairs. The ACBL shall not charge the Districts any fee for the cost of collecting and disbursing these funds.

Effective March 1, 2015

### *Item 143-141: GNT Finals Flights B and C*

That two entries in Flights B and C Grand National Teams NABC finals be allowed from a District (the second team must be the runner-up; any lower-finishing team would not be eligible) – provided that a minimum of six teams complete the first full day of competition at the District finals.

Effective 2015 GNT finals, Chicago

# Strategic Review

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## *Item 143-150: ACBLscore*

The following steps be taken regarding ACBLscore:

1. Management shall immediately cease all new development work on ACBLscore (except for changes required to implement new masterpoint rules for 2015 or changes to fix known “bugs”).
2. A complete and independent review of our progress to date shall be performed with an evaluation of the available options. This review shall be done on a high priority basis by a group of highly competent technical people capable of analyzing and evaluating the decision(s) being considered and recommending how best to move forward. The President, with appropriate input from outside technical experts as well as other board members and members of staff, shall be charged to select the committee and determine a reasonable target date for completion of the review.
3. This committee will be charged with, at a minimum, evaluating the following:
  - a) Determine whether the proposal that we enhance the existing ACBLscore is the best option.
  - b) Evaluate what to do with the product already received from Hammond Software. Options to be considered should include whether to discard it or if the system written thus far performs well enough to be completed at a reasonable cost.
  - c) Evaluate whether the ACBL has sufficient people with the experience and expertise required to support building a system of this magnitude. In addition, evaluate whether we have staff talent capable of managing this very large effort.
  - d) Determine which desirable enhancements to the existing ACBLscore system should be implemented on a high priority basis and which can be deferred to a later deliverable.
  - e) If the recommendation to enhance the current system is considered viable, review and evaluate the detailed plan that the CEO promised would be delivered in November to ensure that the total costs and estimated time frame are acceptable and well documented. Also, propose methods to ensure that critical enhancements will be delivered within a reasonable time frame and at a reasonable cost.

The group shall also document long term goals, a detailed plan to reach these goals, a time line with cost estimates and short-term goals with suggested target dates.

Effective Immediately



# Tournament

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## *Item 143-45: Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning*

Deferred from Las Vegas, NV 2014 meeting

Chapter IX. A. Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning, Paragraph B. 1 of the ACBL Codification is amended to read as follows:

### B. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS

1. Regionals are allocated to ACBL Districts. A district may conduct its regionals or allocate them to units within the district. Additionally, the Canadian Bridge Federation is offered one regional per year for fund-raising purposes, and it is to negotiate details with the District in which it wishes to hold this tournament. Also, the District in which a WBF championship is held may run an ex-quota regional for the duration of the WBF event, provided it is at that site.

Chapter IX. A. Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning, Paragraph B. 6 and 7 of the ACBL Codification are eliminated in their entirety.

Effective January 1, 2016

## *Item 143-46: Seven-day Regionals*

Chapter IX, Subsection A. of the Codification is amended as follows:

### CHAPTER IX - REGIONALS

#### A. GENERAL

9. The minimum/maximum number of days a regional may be held is as follows:

Open or Senior regional -- minimum of three days.

Youth regional, Junior regional and masterpoint limited regionals – minimum of two days.

Individual regional -- no more than two and one-half days. In addition one-session charity or fund game may be held the afternoon of the first day

A regional may not be more than ~~six and a half~~ seven days in duration. A full seven-day Regional may not schedule any events before 1:00 p.m. on the first day of the tournament. All single-session events, except Side Series Pairs on the first day of a full seven-day Regional must be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these. A Regional may run two-session gold point events on the first day of the tournament. In

addition, a Regional may schedule the first two sessions of a KO event on the first day of the tournament. The first session of all two-session, gold point events on the first day of a full seven-day Regional must be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these. The second session of all two-session, gold point events on the first day of a full seven-day Regional must be run for the benefit of one of the above-listed funds or a local charity. In addition, a one-session event that is run for the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund, or the Canadian equivalent of these may be held during any the first day of a six and one-half day Regional. The current formulas will be used to determine the minimum monetary contributions for these games. the above-listed fund, foundation or charity games is \$7.00 per table, per session.

A regional tournament may start on any day of the week and (with the exceptions of Regionals at Sea) must be scheduled on consecutive days until its conclusion; ~~provided that a tournament that starts on Sunday must end no later than the following Friday.~~

Effective January 1, 2015

#### ***Item 143-47: Progressive Sectional***

1. Each Unit will be permitted to hold no more than one Progressive Sectional per calendar year.
2. All masterpoint awards for Progressive Sectionals will be based on sectional rating. All masterpoints awarded will be silver. During the qualifying rounds, there will be no overall masterpoint awards in either Pair events or Swiss Teams.

During the Final, masterpoints will be calculated as though it were a two-session game (S=1.50). The table count for each stratum will be equal to 1.50 x actual tables in the Final. Credit will be given for tables in lower strata/flight in accordance with normal rules for Sectionals.

3. The Finals may be Open, with or without stratification, or flighted. The Finals may only be stratified or flighted if the qualifying rounds were also stratified or flighted.
4. Concurrent non-championship events shall not be considered in masterpoint calculation for the Progressive Finals.

Effective January 1, 2015

### ***Item 143-48: ACBL Codification, Chapter 9, section B, Finance***

The ACBL Codification, Chapter 9, section B, Finance paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 be amended as follows:

3. Upon request and verification, a district with 9,000 to 12,000 ACBL members or 9,000 to 12,000 total regional tables in a year is allowed one additional regional each year; a district with 12,000 to 15,000 members or 12,000 to 15,000 total regional tables in a year is allowed two additional regionals each year; a district with 15,000 to 18,000 members or 15,000 to 18,000 total regional tables in a year will be awarded three additional regionals each year, and a district with 18,000 or more members or 18,000 or more regional tables is allowed four additional regionals. Membership qualifications for such additional regionals will be based on a calendar year's average of the four QUIP reports of 3/31, 6/30, 9/30, 12/31. For example, a district earning a qualification based on 2009 QUIP reports may schedule the additional regional beginning 2011. Table counts for such additional regionals will be based on the previous calendar year and shall count only the number of regionals otherwise allowed by the prior year's membership count. Regionals that are exempt from the district's base allocation shall not be counted.
4. Any annual regional held at, or near, the same site that reaches 3,000 tables for the tournament three out of four consecutive years will be awarded to its district and this will not count against the district's base allocation. This tournament must remain in the same locality unless there are extraordinary circumstances verified by management. Any additional regional earned by consecutive table counts in excess of 3,000 will entitle the qualifying district to conduct the additional regional in the year immediately following the qualification. A district may choose to have such a regional count as a base allocation or an exempt regional but not both.
5. If a district fails to maintain the requirements for an additional regional (either by a drop in total membership, a drop in table count, or by the failure of a 3000 table-plus tournament to maintain such size), the district will be entitled to keep its additional regional(s) for two years. If, within the two-year period, the district again meets the requirements, the additional regional (s) may continue to be scheduled without interruption.

Effective: January 1, 2015

### ***Item 143-49: Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning***

Item 102-141, Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning B. 6. be amended to read as follows:

#### **B. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS**

6. In addition, the following offshore and special regionals are allocated:

- a. Alaska – D19
- b. Bermuda – D2
- c. Hawaii – D20
- d. Mexico (2) – D16
- e. Arizona Seniors – D17
- f. Cape Cod Seniors – D25
- ~~g. New England Individual – D25~~

Effective January 1, 2016

### *Item 143-50: Non Life Master Sectional*

Chapter X of the Codification is amended as follows:

#### CHAPTER X - SECTIONALS A. GENERAL

Sectional Tournament Scheduling and Allocations (102-40) (103-162)

##### 1. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS

- a. Each unit is required to hold a Sectional at least once every two years.
- b. Sectionals are allocated to Units. There are no restrictions as to the number of Sectionals

a Unit may conduct. A District has the right of approval for Sectionals conducted by its Units. A Unit must abide by the decision of the District as to how many Sectionals it may run.

c. Sectionals must be at least two days and no more than five days in duration, with the following exceptions: Limited/Junior Sectionals and Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs). Limited/Junior Sectionals must be at least one day and no more than five days in duration. A Limited Sectional is defined as Non-LM with a masterpoint limit of 0-500 or less. A Unit may not schedule more than three I/N Sectionals in any calendar year. STaCs must be at least two days and no more than seven days in duration. A unit may not attempt to circumvent this rule by scheduling back-to-back sanctions that run consecutively.

#### CHAPTER X - SECTIONALS D. OPERATIONS

- b. Intermediate/Novice Sectional Tournaments

~~(1) Sectionals with an upper masterpoint limit of 100 masterpoints or fewer may be run by non-rated directors.~~

(2) ~~Sectionals with an upper masterpoint limit of more than 300 masterpoints must be run by a director of Tournament Director rank.~~

(3) With Management approval, a Sponsoring Organization may run a limited Non-LM sectional with a maximum of ~~299~~ 500 Masterpoints using directors who are not ACBL employees.

Effective immediately.

### *Item 143-51: Tournament Director Finance*

Chapter XIII Section H. Tournament Directors Finance be amended as follows:

#### CHAPTER XIII - GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

#### **H. TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS FINANCE**

##### Single Rooms for Tournament Directors (743-57)

Tournament Directors are entitled to single rooms. These rooms shall be located in the facility, ~~except for American Plan or resort hotels, or~~ where the facility is not a hotel. In such cases, Tournament Directors are entitled to single rooms at a hotel or motel in close proximity to the facility or, if provided elsewhere, suitable transportation arrangements must be made. Arrangements made for accommodations of Tournament Directors are subject to Management's review. The League will designate arrival and departure times when it forwards the list of the assigned staff. Effective immediately.

##### Tournament Director's Travel Expense (813-22)

~~Effective January 1, 1982, Exempt~~ All full-time tournament directors who choose to drive rather than fly to tournaments shall be entitled to travel reimbursements of: a) mileage at IRS allowable rates plus tolls or, b) a reasonably priced available airfare (trailing at reasonable hours), plus ~~limousine~~ taxi fare at both ends of trip, whichever is less. In cases of disagreement, final decision will be made by ACBL Management.

All ~~non-exempt~~ part-time tournament directors will be paid for their travel time for tournaments as outlined in the ACBL Employee Handbook. ~~Non-exempt~~ Part-time tournament directors will not be reimbursed for any receive mileage reimbursement from the ACBL or tournament sponsor.

Effective January 1, 2015

## *Item 143-52: Handbook - Tournament Directors*

Chapter 7 General Tournament Information Section V. Tournament Staff be amended as follows:

### **V. TOURNAMENT STAFF**

**TRANSPORTATION:** Tournament directors residing more than 150 miles from the tournament site will be reimbursed the cost of a supersaver air ticket plus reasonable ground transfers at each end when they fly to the tournament. ~~Exempt~~ Full-time Tournament directors residing more than 150 miles from the tournament who choose to drive will be reimbursed actual mileage multiplied by the current IRS rate, plus tolls and parking. This sum is limited by the amount it would have cost the director to fly to the tournament (this includes supersaver airfare plus reasonable ground transfers).

~~Exempt~~ All full-time Tournament directors who reside within 150 miles of the tournament site will be reimbursed actual mileage multiplied by the current IRS rate, plus tolls and parking.

Commutation mileage at the tournament site is also reimbursed at the current IRS rate for ~~exempt~~ full-time tournament directors.

All ~~non-exempt~~ part-time tournament directors will be paid for their travel time for tournaments as outlined in the ACBL Employee Handbook. ~~Non-exempt~~ Part-time tournament directors will not be reimbursed receive for any mileage reimbursement from the ACBL or tournament sponsor.

Except for sectionals that are charged a surcharge. See Appendix G, the tournament sponsor is responsible for tournament director transportation expenses at all other tournaments. Whenever a surcharge is required, ACBL pays the transportation expense of the “nearest director of highest rank” (usually the DIC), and the sponsor pays all other transportation expenses.

**LODGING:** Tournament directors who live more than 25 miles from the tournament site may qualify for individual rooms at the tournament site. If the site is not a hotel, the sponsoring unit houses the tournament directors at the nearest hotel or motel and provides ground transportation where necessary.

Tournament DICs may stay at the tournament hotel and be compensated for lodging, even if they live within 25 miles of the tournament site. The DIC is also entitled to a room the night before the tournament whenever the tournament starts in the morning or afternoon. Staff directors must notify the DIC if rooms are needed the night before the tournament starts.

Any director who resides more than 150 miles from the tournament site may be reimbursed for lodging for the last night of the tournament.

This applies to a hotel room while in transit on the last night of the tournament. This sum shall not exceed the rate at the tournament hotel. In no case shall reimbursements exceed the director’s actual lodging costs.

After the directing staff has been assigned, the staff assigned and hotel requirements (if any) will be sent to the tournament correspondent. ACBL regulations require that tournament directors be provided single rooms at the playing site (when the tournament is held at a hotel) or similar rooms in a nearby hotel.

Effective January 1, 2015