

JUNE 2020 MOTIONS

Item 20S2-01- : Flight/Stratum Designation for Winners of GLM-Eligible Events

Item 183-66, effective January 1 2020, is replaced by the following:

Submitted by: Management

Committee: Bridge

Players who win, or have at any time in the past won, an ACBL or WBF event which qualifies them to achieve Grand Life Master (GLM) status upon meeting all other GLM requirements, may not enter a Masterpoint-restricted event, may play only in the top stratum of the top flight in non- bracketed events, and will be assigned eligibility points (if and as necessary) to bring them to 10,000 MP for bracketing purposes in bracketed events.

Effective (Retroactive to) January 1, 2020

Motion carried: unanimous

This motion clarifies the motion it replaces, regarding retroactivity and applicability. The purpose of the original motion was to ensure that payers participate at a more appropriate level of competitive play for their accomplishments.

Item 20S2-02: Reducing Masterpoint Awards to reflect non Face to Face Play

Reported by: D. Carman

Committee: Masterpoint

In all events conducted online in which ACBL gold, silver or red points are awarded, 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.

Deferred: 18/7/0 -- August/September 2020 meeting

I voted for deferral.

Viewed as pre-mature as an online strategy is still being developed and more data is needed from online events.

Item 20S2-03: Reducing Masterpoint Awards in Shortened Games

Reported by: D. Carman

Committee: Masterpoint

In all events, except for club games or special games played in the club, in which ACBL gold, silver or red points are awarded and in which life masters are eligible to participate, i.e., all events that are not limited to non-life masters only, whether explicitly or by virtue of a masterpoint limitation, and in which the scheduled movement is to play fewer than 24 deals per session (not including stouts, byes, and other deals not played for unanticipated

reasons), all masterpoint awards shall be multiplied, relative to the otherwise applicable formulas, by a factor of the number of deal scheduled divided by 24.

Deferred: 20/5/0 -- August/September 2020 meeting.
I voted for deferral.

Item 20S2-04: Appendix O Conditions of Contest for Online Play

Reported by: D. Carman
Committee: Bridge

Cheating: Cheating online is a serious offense, subject to the same penalties as cheating in live play. It is illegal to communicate with your partner during a hand via any means other than chat to the full table, to communicate with a kibitzer during the game, to play using an account that is not yours, to gain advanced knowledge of a deal, or to play in one event using multiple accounts.

Any accusation of cheating must be made privately to the director of the event, to the ACBL recorder, or to a reporting mechanism provided by the online platform.

Alerts: Alerts (including announcements) are made by the player making the call. An alerted call should be accompanied by an explanation. Stating the common or popular name of the convention is not sufficient. You are encouraged to explain calls even if those calls do not require alerts. Any call that would be alerted after the auction in live bridge should be alerted at the time of the call.

Any contestant may request information concerning an opponent's methods. Such inquiries should be directed to the player who made the call and must be asked in a private chat. Replies to these inquiries must likewise be given in a private chat. You are not obligated to answer questions about calls made by your partner.

Tempo: In general, bids and plays within 10 seconds are considered to be in tempo.

Claims and concessions: If you reject an opponent's claim or concession, and continue play, the result of the board will stand as played. Instead of rejecting the claim or concession, you may call the Director for an adjudication of the result.

Unfinished hands: A hand that is partially completed when time expires is adjudicated as equitably as possible to both sides. Any doubtful point will be resolved against the partnership that is considered most responsible for not finishing in time.

Undos: Unintended calls or plays will be rectified under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. A contestant who makes an unintended call or play should summon the Director immediately. As in live play, undos are permitted only upon instruction of the Director.

Table Chat: All chat is authorized information for opponents and unauthorized information for partner.

Convention Cards: Partnerships are encouraged to have a convention card that includes the players' real names. Pairs without cards will be at a disadvantage in misinformation

rulings. If the system loads a default card for pairs without a convention card, then you should not assume that your opponents are playing those methods.

Information Available in the Software: All information provided by the software is authorized. For example, if the software has a button to view your convention card during the hand, then it is legal to use that button to view your own card. Consulting a written defense is allowed in any situation where it would be allowed in face to face bridge. Using any other aid to memory is illegal. Illegal aids include consulting a system notes document or tracking the cards played on paper.

Irregularities: The Director must be summoned electronically for any irregularity. Once the Director has been summoned, all play and bidding shall cease until the Director authorizes its continuation.

Deferred: 24/1/0 -- 2020 Summer Montreal meeting
Clarifications/ additions recommended.

Item 20S2-05: Guest Membership

Reported by: P. Cuneo
Committee: Strategic Review

Item 192-37: Guest Membership be rescinded and that the Codification be amended as follows:

- 41.4. Codification Chapter I -- Membership, A. membership Section 2 -- Definitions and Rights of ACBL Membership be amended to add guest member definition:

2.2 Classes of Membership

2.2.8 Guest member

- 2.2.8.1 May join ACBL at no cost.
- 2.2.8.2 Former or current ACBL members may not join as guest members.
- 2.2.8.3 The guest membership benefits shall be defined by management policy.

3. Codification subsection 2.1 of Chapter I -- Membership, A. Membership, Section 2 Definition and Rights of ACBL Membership be updated as below to restrict ability of guest members to vote in election:

2.1 Membership Rights

In accordance with Article III, Section 3.2 of the ACBL Bylaws, the following voting rights, term characteristics, rights, limitation and obligations shall attach to all classes of membership as follows:

- 2.1.1 With the exception of guest members, all other classes shall have the right to vote in any election i

- which the general membership is the electorate as long as he or she is a member in good standing;
- 2.1.2 Shall have an obligation to adhere to the rules and regulations of the ACBL;
- 2.1.3 Shall have such limitations as imposed by rules and regulations of the ACBL or actions of an ACBL disciplinary body;
- 2.1.4 With the exception of guest members, all other classes shall be able to run for an elected ACBL position as long as he or she is 18 years of age or older and there are no other age requirements for the position.

3. Codification subsection 2.3.3 in Chapter I -- Membership A. Membership, Section 2 Definition and Rights of ACBL Membership be updated as below to restrict guest member participation in National-rated events:

- 2.2.3 In order to participate in a National-rated event at an NABC, a person must be an ACBL member whose service fees or dues is current. Guest Members are not allowed to participate in such events.

	Less than 120 Days	One year	Three years
Guest	\$0.00		
Remove Temporary	\$7.99 Motion to remove in July		
Junior		\$5	
Regular		\$49	\$117
Household		\$82	\$216
Life Master		\$46	\$108
Patron Ind.		\$275	\$750
Patron Household		\$375	\$1050

Motion carried: 24/1/0

Marketing will have the opportunity to convert non-members playing on BBO to ACBL members.

Item 20S2-06: Spring NABC -- Memphis TN -- 2025

Reported by: S. Subeck
Committee: NABC Review

Original motion for the ACBL Board of Directors to approve the Spring NABC to be held at the Memphis Convention Center in Memphis, TN, March 12-23, 2025.

Deferred: 25/0/0 -- 2020 Summer Montreal meeting

Placing a hold on the contract would be in the best interest of the league as we do not know what the world will look like post coronavirus. Management will provide more details regarding pricing, etc.