

District 10

Mid-South Bridge Conference
Board of Delegates Zoom Meeting
January 21, 2025

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on January 21, 2025 in a virtual Zoom meeting hosted by Vicki Willis, District 10 President.

District 10 Units were represented by the following Voting Delegates:

Unit 134 Louisiana Sherrie Goodman
Unit 138 Mississippi Jerry Burford
Unit 144 Tennessee Randi Belisomo
Unit 157 Alabama Charles Kelly**
Unit 161 Arkansas Elizabeth Farris/Clarence Durand
Unit 170 Shreveport Paula Johns
Unit 179 Central TN Beth Derrick**
Unit 180 MS Gulf Coast Gary Meece
Unit 182 Baton Rouge Jan Galey**
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana Linda Dorries/Lou McWhorter
Unit 214 Hattiesburg Sherry Kinkopf
Unit 215 S. Alabama Sue Wood
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana Melinda Voorhies
Unit 232 N. Alabama Phil Bridges

**Unable to attend

District 10 and Unit Officials in Attendance:

President Vicki Willis
Vice President Karen Jennings
Treasurer Pat Williams
Secretary Suzanne Torrence
Tournament Coordinator Charles MacCracken**
Tournament Oversight Susan Bridges
STAC/NAP Coordinator Jerry Burford
Webmaster Jim Daugherty
Education/Recorder Karen Jennings
Assistant Recorder Melinda Voorhies
ACBL BOD Region 7 Larry Sealy
Past District 10 President Charles Durrin**
**Unable to Attend

President's Welcome - Vicki Willis

The meeting was called to order by Vicki Willis, President of District 10 at 6:30pm CST. All attendees were asked to introduce themselves and state the Unit and/or office that they hold.

Approval of the Minutes - Vicki Willis

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last District 10 Board meeting. The minutes from September 17, 2024 were approved and Webmaster Jim Daugherty was given direction to upload on the District 10 website.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Williams (Attachment #1 and 2)

Pat Williams presented the Profit and Loss statement and he indicated that there were no unusual expenditures this year. There was a recurring expenditure of \$10,000 in December to the Memphis NABC Organizing Committee for their Hospitality use. If they don't spend it all, the balance will revert back to the District.

One change in the middle of the last year was that ACBL took over the collection of monies for STACS. Prior to that change, the district treasurer had to collect the STAC money from the individual clubs. When the district collects the STAC fees, there are STAC revenues plus STAC expenses but with the change in fee collection, the District gets a net figure so the P&L will no longer reflect STAC expenses. Larry Sealy asked for a breakdown of the \$12,000

amount listed for NACB Fundraising. The amount was from the last online fundraising (either last January or December). There was a face to face week for NABC fundraising that yielded \$1500 but that is not included in this statement but will be included in next quarter's statement. Sherrie Goodman had a learn bridge in a day event and had heard that her unit could be reimbursed for the newspaper ad that they ran for the event and Sherrie wanted to know if there was a time limit on submitting the bill for that ad since she hadn't received it yet. Patrick confirmed there was no time limit and Karen Jennings asked Sherrie to send it to her as the Education Liaison. We continue to be in a strong cash position at \$110,000 at 2024YE. Included in that amount, is part of the revenue share from the Regionals that will be distributed to the units that didn't host a Regional in that given year.

Tournament Oversight Report - Susan Bridges and Charlie McCracken (Attachment #3 and 4)

Susan presented the Tournament Oversight Committee Report that included the 2023 Tournament Summary and listed the 2024 Regionals in Shreveport, Nashville and Birmingham. Nashville had about the same number of tables as prior year. The Nashville Regional was 7 days, Birmingham Regional was 6 day and the Shreveport Regional was 3 days but the Shreveport Regional still had 314 tables which was a good turnout. Units shouldn't discount a Regional less than 7 days. We have 3 Regionals scheduled for 2025 (Huntsville, Metairie and Nashville). The committee approved a variance for the Huntsville and Metairie Regionals that are a week apart because the committees determined that the tournaments don't compete for the same bridge players.

There is a request for a policy change. The current policy states that per ACBL regulations, three (3) NLM Regionals may be held in the District annually. Susan communicated with Charlie McCracken and in past years the open Regionals didn't have as large of a turnout but the NLM Regionals were flourishing so they increased the number for NLM Regionals up to 5 and Charlie has been approving 5 NLM Regionals annually. Susan recommended changing the District policy to state that we will allow up to 5 NLM Regionals annually. The motion was made and passed unanimously. Susan will update the policy and send it to Jim D, webmaster to post on the District website. There are currently 4 NLM Regionals scheduled for 2025. There is room for 1 more NLM Regional for 2025 if any unit would like to host. There are 3 NLM Regional requests for 2026 and 1 Regional request (Nashville) for 2026.

Patrick raised the question about excluding cash contributions from the Regional profit sharing that comes from the District that was deferred from the last District meeting. Vicki expressed that she didn't think that cash donations, food donations, etc. should be included in the profit and opened it for discussion. Jerry asked what goes toward the profit, Table Fees minus director costs. Vicki acknowledged that it is and that she felt that anything that is given should not be included in profit. Deanna S asked if that is because that percentage would go back to ACBL. Susan acknowledged that part of those donations would go to the District but not to ACBL. ACBL does not charge on profits. If this position is accepted, the Regional policy would be amended to include this change. Paula Johns asked why this would need to be included as a line item in the tournament budget. Patrick explained that it was a line item because in previous years it was included but there was tremendous financial support in Shreveport from the unit members to ensure a successful tournament which prompted the original discussion about excluding those donations from profits. If the motion passes, Susan will revise the budget form to remove that line item. Motion was made to amend the policy to exclude cash donations, food donations and other donations from profit. The motion passed unanimously.

STAC/NAP Report - Jerry Burford (No Attachment)

Jerry had a verbal report. The Flight B finals for the District just finished this month and had 4 team members that will be invited to Memphis. In December, the Flight A and Flight C content was completed. There were 3 winners from Flight A and 4 winners from Flight C. Registration will open in the middle of February for the GNT contest that will take place in April. In the past, the District has not required any club or unit level qualification for GNT. It will be an open registration for any team that wants to register. There are STACs this year in February, June, August and December. The STAC in June (D10 host) and December (D7 host) will be a Royal STAC paying 25% gold, 25% red, 25% silver and 25% black. Proceeds from June STAC come to District 10 and all the proceeds from December STAC will go to District 7. Sue Wood asked why we didn't use common hand records for STACs across all of the clubs. Jerry explained that some clubs don't have Duplimate machines and feedback from other clubs was that they didn't want Common Game boards. The concern was then raised that the overalls aren't a good comparison if everyone isn't playing the same hands. It is an option to not play Common Game boards to relieve the pressure on the smaller clubs that don't have Duplimate machines. Phil Bridges asked if one of the qualified teams from Flight A, B and C drops out, does the District notify the next team up about the opening. That team will get the invite from ACBL. Jerry has identified the top 5 teams in each flight so each flight has a backup team. Phil wanted to know if there was a cutoff for a team to accept the invite and there is no cutoff date.

Vicki announced that Jerry is retiring as the STAC NAP GNT Coordinator and thanked him for his many years of service. Sherrie Goodman will replace Jerry.

Education Report - Karen Jennings (No Attachment)

A request was received from one unit for reimbursement and paid. Paula J asked if JumpStart Bridge came under the Education report. Karen confirmed that Patti Tucker's JumpStart Bridge program did fall within Education's scope. Paula wanted to know how many JumpStart programs have been in her unit and wanted to know where to get that information. Karen suggested contacting Patti Tucker as she is the source of that information. Sherrie G noted that JumpStart is not in Louisiana. Susan shared that Patti is always looking for collaborators around the country. Susan's unit is very involved in JumpStart Bridge and is currently in 5 elementary schools (Grades 3-5) and will add another school.

Recorder Report - Karen Jennings (Attachment #5 and 6)

We had 2 revised notice of decisions last quarter. Notice of decisions can be shared with the units.

ACBL BOD Meeting Update - Larry Sealy (Attachment # 7)

ACBL made an update to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) that went into effect 11/1/24. Most of the changes were related to online cheating and the imposed discipline. The highlights included eliminated increased discipline for District and Unit Officials. All players are now eligible for fast track discipline. Players can still file for arbitration if they don't want to utilize fast track discipline. Suspension times have been reduced. Larry believes this will allow the system to complete the screening of 83,000 online players faster. Players who were suspended under the old CDR guidelines were "re-scored" under the updated guidelines and outcomes adjusted accordingly. Players who have disciplinary charges can complete a 15 minute online Ethics certification and cut the suspension in half. Larry showed a chart that displays suspension outcomes based on master point levels with and without the online certification.

ACBL Finances are much better than expected with a gain of approximately \$1 mil vs a projected loss. The 2025 budget was passed with anticipation of a \$300k gain. ACBL continues to lose more ACBL members than gained but the attrition has slowed. Almost 1200 members converted from Guest Memberships to Full Members.

ACBL Management has moved all pigmented games to ACBL Clubhouse. The Clubhouse games does do a \$1.25/person revenue share with the home club. Karen J asked how revenue share is handled when a players plays at more than 1 club. It was clarified that ACBL will pro-rate between clubs when a player plays at multiple clubs. NAP games will continue to award 50% red points and ACBL has promised to increase the multiplier back to prior levels vs last year's change to a 1.0 award with no multiplier.

Larry is a member of the NABC Task Force to improve player experience at NABCs. Findings include that players will go to NABCs that are hosted in destination cities so the task force will focus on well-attended sites while achieving a geographic balance. The task force is exploring new formats and schedules to include NABC that isn't over Thanksgiving.

There is also an Online Provider Task Force and they are close to finalizing arrangements with several online providers as the BBO contract expires at the end of June. BBO will be the primary provider but not the exclusive provider.

Larry discussed a proposal to repeal the Goppert Rule. Background: Clarence Goppert was competing to win the McKenney race (now called the Barry Crane 500 race). In the early 80s if a player played on a Swiss team and played in 4 of the 8 matches (it was an 8 match series), the player would qualify for all of the master points. Goppert would play the 1st 4 matches on a pro team in an East Coast Regional (and have someone play in the last 4 for him) and then fly to another regional on the West Coast and play in the last 4 matches of 8 in the second regional and would qualify for all of the master points from both Swiss Team events. ACBL implemented the Goppert Rule that awarded master points for team events on a pro-rata basis so awards were based strictly on how much the player played e.g. If a player plays 1/2 of the matches, they are awarded 1/2 of the master points. At the Fall BOD meeting, there was an ACBL management proposal to eliminate the Goppert rule catering to professional teams that usually have 5 or 6 players on a team. The proposal failed.

There is a new bracketed pairs events for Regionals being introduced. Most are familiar with bracketed team games in Regionals and this is the same concept for pair games. The pair games would be bracketed based on master

points. This does not impact stratified pairs. The bracketed team games are intended to be run 1-2 days of a Regional and give folks variety in the types of games. It's been tested in 2 Regionals in New England and got positive feedback. It will be implemented in 2025 and must be coordinated and approved by an experienced DIC. Sherrie G asked if they could add the new bracketed pairs event to their April Regional and Larry directed her to contact Brian Weikle.

The NABC Goodwill reception is an annual event and normally held at the Summer NABC but because of venue constraints in Philadelphia, the Goodwill reception will be held in Memphis on the Monday of the Spring NABC.

An update on EDGAR was provided. To date, approximately 2000 players have been processed with most processed prior to the Toronto NABC. The focus shifted to updating the CDR before proceeding with further player processing. With the updated CDR, processing has re-started. The rate of red (EDGAR has identified as higher certainty of cheating) is above 2% and are higher from player memos than players who are randomly screened. Other EDGAR statistics were shared. Jerry B asked about the 2024 NAP contest and mentioned that ACBL didn't require proctors and asked if this was as a result of EDGAR. Larry advised that it wasn't and asked how it was done previously. Previously, ACBL required Zoom connections or proctors but last year ACBL left it to the districts to decide how they wanted to handle it.

New Business:

Vicki Willis mentioned that previously the District BOD met twice a year in person and now the BOD meets three times a year via Zoom. Vicki proposed that we meet quarterly by Zoom and opened it for discussion. Larry suggested that this may require a change to the by-laws. Vicki will review the by-laws to determine what change is needed to accommodate changing meeting frequency.

Old Business:

The handling of cash donations at Regionals and whether to include donations in the Regional profit but it was addressed during the Tournament Oversight presentation. Susan will update the Tournament oversight document with wording to reflect the discussion and consensus from today's meeting. She will also update the spreadsheet to remove the donations line item.

Bruce Wachsmann attended the meeting as is the Tournament Chairperson for the upcoming Memphis NABC. Sherrie asked if there were available hotel reservations since all of the host hotels were booked. ACBL Event Managers are working on processes to open up other hotel spots but they may not be in the proximity of the convention center. Larry added that on the event page, there are 2 links. The first link is for the host hotels and the second link is for other hotels in the area. If you book through the second link, the person will still receive the registration fee discount for staying in a host hotel. Members of District 10 will receive the registration fee discount regardless if they stay in a host hotel.

Sherrie K mentioned that the last District 10 newsletter was not sent through Pianola because she didn't have access to that platform. Patrick will work with Sherrie to gain access.

Next Meeting Scheduled for **Tuesday April 1, 2025 at 6:30PM CT**

APPENDIX

**Attachment # 1 and 2
January 2025 Treasurer Reports**

**Mid-South Bridge Conference - District 10
Balance Sheet Prior Year Comparison
As of December 31, 2024**

01/21/25
Accrual Basis

	<u>Dec 31, 24</u>	<u>Dec 31, 23</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	<u>104,033.05</u>	<u>98,117.67</u>	<u>5,915.38</u>	<u>6.0%</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
General Checking	-3,083.48	-611.38	-2,472.10	-404.4%
Regions Checking	4,208.43	3,511.48	696.95	19.9%
Regions Money Market	102,908.10	95,217.57	7,690.53	8.1%
Total Checking/Savings				
Total Current Assets				
TOTAL ASSETS				
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY Equity				
Retained Earnings	98,117.67	80,846.37	17,271.30	21.4%
Net Income	5,915.38	17,271.30	-11,355.92	-65.8%
Total Equity				
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY				

Mid-South Bridge Conference - District 10
 Profit & Loss Prior Year Comparison

Accrual Basis

January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24	Jan - Dec 23	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense Income				
GNT/NAOP	13,435.03	13,705.88	-270.85	-2.0%
Interest Income	10.53	7.93	2.60	32.8%
Misc.	20.00	0.00	20.00	100.0%
NABC Funds	12,024.00	3,120.00	8,904.00	285.4%
Regionals				
Hot Springs	1,475.87	0.00	1,475.87	100.0%
Regionals - Other	25.00	1,300.00	-1,275.00	-98.1%
Total Regionals	1,500.87	1,300.00	200.87	15.5%
STaCs/Nationals	12,822.00	20,957.80	-8,135.80	-38.8%
Total Income	39,812.43	39,091.61	720.82	1.8%
Cost of Goods Sold				
Education	485.78	466.00	19.78	4.2%
GNT/NAOP Expense	13,986.60	5,400.00	8,586.60	159.0%
Hospitality Fund (Nationals)	10,000.00	-10,040.34	20,040.34	199.6%
STaC Expense	4,853.07	20,653.07	-15,800.00	-76.5%
Web Site	1,186.25	1,542.29	-356.04	-23.1%
Total	30,511.70	18,021.02	12,490.68	69.3%
COGS	30,511.70	18,021.02	12,490.68	69.3%
Gross Profit	9,300.73	21,070.59	-11,769.86	-55.9%
Expense				
Bank Charges	14.95	10.00	4.95	49.5%
Miscellaneous	160.50	754.45	-593.95	-78.7%
Per Diem/Meals	0.00	334.84	-334.84	-100.0%
Postage	9.90	0.00	9.90	100.0%
Professional Fees				
GNT/NAOP	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.0%
Secretary	1,000.00	750.00	250.00	33.3%
Tournament	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.0%
Treasurer	1,000.00	750.00	250.00	33.3%
Total Professional Fees	3,200.00	2,700.00	500.00	18.5%
Total Expense	3,385.35	3,799.29	-413.94	-10.9%
Net Ordinary Income	5,915.38	17,271.30	-11,355.92	-65.8%
Net Income	5,915.38	17,271.30	-11,355.92	-65.8%

Attachments #3

District 10 Tournament Oversight Committee Report - January 2025

D10 Tournament Oversight Committee (TOC) Members: Susan Bridges (Chair), Priscilla Carleton, Vicki Willis, Mickey Groggel, Terry VanDyke, Charlie McCracken (ACBL Advisor)

Summary of 2023 D10 Open Regionals

Location	Date	Tables	D10 Profit Share
Nashville	October 2-8, 2023	771	\$6516
Hot Springs Village	December 4-9, 2023	417	\$2476
Total			\$8992

Summary of 2024 D10 Open Regionals

Location	Date	Tables	D10 Profit Share
Shreveport	June 26-28, 2024	314	\$4,474
Nashville	September 22-28, 2024	643.5	\$2,100
Birmingham	November 12-17, 2024	374.5	\$5,651
Total			

Nashville and Birmingham Regionals in 2024

Both regionals were well attended for post-covid events.

Observation for Discussion: Note that the 3-day Shreveport tournament had over 80% of the number tables as the 6-day Birmingham tournament and was much more profitable than the 7-day Nashville tournament. Units may want to take this into consideration when scheduling their regionals.

Scheduled D10 Open Regionals for 2025 & 2026

Location	Dates
Huntsville	April 3-5, 2025
Metairie	April 14-18, 2025
Nashville	October 13-19 2025
Nashville	October 5-11, 2026

Note that the Huntsville and Metairie tournaments in 2025 violate the D10 policy that states: "There will be no D-10 regional scheduled within six weeks of another D-10 regional." The TOC approved a variance for this rule in this case because the two tournaments are not likely to draw from the same player populations.

Request for Policy Change

The current policies D10 Policies for Non-Life Master Regionals (NLMRs) state the following:

A. Per ACBL regulations, three NLMRs may be held in the district each year.

Per Charlie McCracken:

"Sometime ago (maybe 1.5 - 3 years ago) ACBL noticed that Open regionals had dropped somewhat, but NLMs were bursting at the seams. They changed the rule (that we had copied) from only three to five. As a result, I have been allowing five. I never thought about changing our rules."

Proposed Change to D10 policies for Non-Life Master Regionals (NLMR)

A. Per ACBL regulations, five NLMRs may be held in the district each year

Scheduled D10 NLM Regionals for 2025

Location	Dates
Jackson (Flowood)	January 23-26, 2025
Gulfport	April 4-6, 2025
Lake Charles	July 27-18, 2025
Baton Rouge	August 21-24, 2025

Applications for D10 NLM Regionals for 2026

Location	Dates
Jackson	January 23-25, 2026
Huntsville	April 9-11, 2026
Little Rock (pending)	September 16-18, 2026

Attachment #4

District 10 Tournament Coordinator Report January 2025

Sectional sanction applications for 2025 are past due and the schedule is moderately crowded, so please submit your applications quickly.

2026 sectional applications are due now

2027 Regional applications are past due.

ACBL allows each district four Open Regionals, five NLM Regionals and requires 200 miles between tournaments.

D-10 Regulations require six weeks between Open regionals. There is no (nor should there be in my opinion) similar restriction pertaining to NLM Regionals. Below, Metairie (Open) Huntsville (Open) and Gulfport (NLM) are scheduled within three weeks. That came about when the two April 3-5 tournaments were sanctioned as NLMs, and Metairie was allowed an Open on its unpopular week. Then Huntsville changed to an Open.

2025

4/3-5 Open Regional Huntsville

4/14-18 Open Regional Metairie (Easter/Passover week)

10/13-19 Open Regional Nashville

1/23-26 Jackson NLM / Restricted Sectional

4/3-5 NLM Regional Gulfport

7/16-19 NLM Regional Lake Charles / Restricted Sectional

8/21-24 NLM Regional Baton Rouge

2026

10/5-11 Open Regional Nashville

1/23-25 NLM Regional Jackson / Restricted Sectional

4/9-11 NLM Regional Huntsville / Restricted Sectional **

** If the 2025 Huntsville three day Open regional is successful, I will be asked to change this to an Open.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles MacCracken,
D-10 Tournament Coordinator

Attachment # 5 and 6

January 2025 Recorder Report

ACBL issued two revised Notice of Decision for:

- Jane Clark
- David Makey

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Sabrina Goley, Compliance Coordinator
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November 1, 2024

REVISED
NOTICE OF DECISION

Disciplined Party	David Makey			ACBL#	2744376	District	10	Unit	138
Online Platform	BBO	IBA Case	N/A	Award Date	N/A	ACBL Case	2024-ACBL-62		

CDR Violation	301(A)(2) Collusive Cheating: Online. “Online Collusive Cheating” is the exchange or transmission of information between two or more people, at least one of whom is a contestant in an online bridge competition, in any manner not expressly permitted by Law 73. The information need not be actually used by a player to prove a Violation under this section. This section includes agreements made by persons who are not partners or contestants, including, but not limited to kibitzers or teammates.
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Revised Discipline Imposed ¹	Start Date	End Date
Suspension (time served)	5/1/2024	Time served
Probation, 2 years	11/2/2024	11/1/2026
Member Not in Good Standing	5/1/2024	11/1/2026
Prohibition from playing with Jean Makey in ACBL online sanctioned games	11/2/2024	11/1/2026
Forfeiture of 20% of total Masterpoint holding		

CDR 404(A) Probation. A determination that a Disciplined Person has committed an offense such that any further violation of the CDR, whether similar or different, may result in Suspension or Expulsion. A

Disciplinary Body may impose a prohibition on playing with a particular partner as a condition of the Disciplined Person’s Probation.

CDR 404(B) Suspension. The Disciplined Person is ineligible to participate in any ACBL sanctioned event or activity for a specified period.

CDR 403(C) Limits on participation following discipline. While serving a Suspension or while expelled, a Disciplined Person may not participate in any online, national, District, Unit, club or other ACBL sanctioned activity, including, but not limited to (i) acting as non-playing captain, (ii) kibitzing any game or event, (iii) being physically present in the playing area of a tournament, or (iv) participating personally or through a corporation or other entity, agent, “doing business as” or other device in bridge-related affairs of the ACBL or of any ACBL affiliated organization.

ACBL member not in good standing. An ACBL member shall be deemed to be in “good standing” when such member’s dues, if dues are required, are current and such member is not currently:

1. expelled;
2. serving a term of Suspension;
3. serving an indefinite Probation;
4. serving a Probation, the initial term of which was 24 or more months; or
5. serving a term of Probation following a Suspension, the initial term of which was more than 90 days.

¹ Discipline was reduced per Board action (AI24S4-01).

A member who is not in good standing may not:

1. Serve in any elected or appointed position in ACBL;
2. Receive any subsidy or remuneration from ACBL;
3. Participate in Masterpoint races;
4. Receive recognition for Masterpoint rank promotion;
5. Publish an article in any ACBL publication;
6. Vote in any election in which general membership is electorate;
7. Serve as a club manager or director;
8. Participate in events where such participation is prohibited by Conditions of Contest;
9. Vote in a Hall of Fame election; and/or 10. Membership on the Goodwill Committee.

Notification to:

Disciplined Party	David Makey	ACBL Board of Directors	BOD
Disciplined Party’s Advocate	N/A	Advisory Council Chairman	Doug Couchman
Charging Party	Jeff Edelstein	American Bridge Association	ABA
Charging Party’s Co-Advocates	N/A	Online Platform	BBO
Executive Director	Bronia Jenkins	District President, Secretary, Recorder	District 10
Member Services Manager	Sherry Terraciano	Unit President, Secretary	Unit 138

November 1, 2024

REVISED

NOTICE OF DECISION

Disciplined Party	Jane Clark	MP Total	1966	ACBL#	9557717	District	10	Unit	157
Online Platform	BBO	IBA Case	N/A	Award Date	N/A	ACBL Case	2024-ACBL-79		

CDR Violation	301(A)(2) Collusive Cheating: Online. "Online Collusive Cheating" is the exchange or transmission of information between two or more people, at least one of whom is a contestant in an online bridge competition, in any manner not expressly permitted by Law 73. The information need not be actually used by a player to prove a Violation under this section. This section includes agreements made by persons who are not partners or contestants, including, but not limited to kibitzers or teammates.
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Revised Discipline Imposed¹	Start Date	End Date
Suspension, 6 months	7/1/2024	12/31/2024
Probation, 2 years	1/1/2025	12/31/2026
Member Not in Good Standing	7/1/2024	12/31/2026
Prohibition from playing with Christina Jordan in ACBL online sanctioned games	1/1/2025	12/31/2026
Forfeiture of 10% of total Masterpoints		

CDR 404(A) Probation. A determination that a Disciplined Person has committed an offense such that any further violation of the CDR, whether similar or different, may result in Suspension or Expulsion. A Disciplinary Body may impose a prohibition on playing with a particular partner as a condition of the Disciplined Person's Probation.

CDR 404(B) Suspension. The Disciplined Person is ineligible to participate in any ACBL sanctioned event or activity for a specified period.

CDR 403(C) Limits on participation following discipline. While serving a Suspension or while expelled, a Disciplined Person may not participate in any online, national, District, Unit, club or other ACBL sanctioned activity, including, but not limited to

(i) acting as non-playing captain, (ii) kibitzing any game or event, (iii) being physically present in the playing area of a tournament, or (iv) participating personally or through a corporation or other

entity, agent, “doing business as” or other device in bridge-related affairs of the ACBL or of any ACBL affiliated organization.

However, the Disciplined Person may engage in volunteer activities as requested by their Unit or District Board while serving a suspension. Those Disciplined Persons must be “active” in that their dues are paid while volunteering.

Disciplined Persons may not be appointed to serve on either Unit or District Boards or engage in fiduciary activities while serving their suspension and all prohibitions for a Member Not in Good Standing remain in place.

¹ Discipline was reduced per Board action (AI24S4-01).

ACBL member not in good standing. An ACBL member shall be deemed to be in “good standing” when such member’s dues, if dues are required, are current and such member is not currently:

1. serving a term of Suspension;
2. serving an indefinite Probation;
3. serving a Probation, the initial term of which was 24 or more months; or
4. serving a term of Probation following a Suspension, the initial term of which was more than 90 days.

Players who (a) have been expelled, (b) have resigned to avoid possible disciplinary action, or (c) are ACBL members not in good standing (as defined herein) shall not be entitled to:

1. Serve in any elected or appointed position in ACBL;
2. Receive any subsidy or remuneration from ACBL;
3. Participate in Masterpoint races;
4. Receive recognition for Masterpoint rank promotion;
5. Publish an article in any ACBL publication;
6. Vote in any election in which general membership is electorate;
7. Serve as a club manager or director;
8. Participate in events where such participation is prohibited by Conditions of Contest;
9. Vote in a Hall of Fame election; and/or 10. Membership on the Goodwill Committee.

Notification to:

Disciplined Party	Jane Clark	ACBL Board of Directors	BOD
Disciplined Party	N/A	Advisory Council Chairman	Doug Couchman
Disciplined Party’s Advocate	N/A	American Bridge Association	ABA
Charging Party	Jeff Edelstein	Online Platform	BBO
Charging Party’s Co-Advocates	N/A	District President, Secretary, Recorder	District 10

Attachment # 7

January 2025 ACBL BOD Update



ACBL BOD Update District 10 Board Meeting January 21, 2025

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Agenda



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- Pre-Fall NABC Activities
 - Update from Fall NABC (Las Vegas)
 - Post-Vegas Activites
 - EDGAR Status/Results



Pre-Fall NABC Update



- Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) modified on Nov 1
 - Most changes related to Computer-Based Cheating Detection (CBDC) and discipline imposed as a result
 - Eliminated increased discipline for District/Unit officials
 - All player levels will not be eligible for Fast Track Discipline (FTD), and expedited process
 - Players can still elect to file with Institute for Bridge Arbitration (IBA), if they choose not to accept FTD
 - Suspension times generally reduced
 - I voted for this change. There was a lot of give and take, and I was not happy with some of the changes, but believe it will help complete screening all online players faster and reduce workload for staff.
 - Players currently under suspension were “rescored” based on the new CDR and eligible for possible reduction in suspensions (on a case-by-case basis)



FTD Changes – Nov 1 CDR



Qualification	May 8, 2024 Masterpoint Range	Nov. 1, 2024 Masterpoint Range	Discipline	Standard FTD w/out EC/FPP	EC/FPP Reduction	Multiple Partners to final discipline	(added)
WARNING	0-300	0-500 NLM	Suspension	FTD L1 - Standard	Warning	N/A	
			Probation	FTD L1 - Standard	Warning	N/A	
			Masterpoints	FTD L1 - Standard	Warning	N/A	
FTD L1	0-599	0-999	Suspension	6	3	Plus 3 months	
			Probation	48	24	No change	
			Masterpoints	20%	10%	No change	
FTD L2	600-1499	1000-2499	Suspension	12	6	Plus 3 months	
			Probation	48	24	No change	
			Masterpoints	20%	10%	No change	
FTD L3	1500-2499	2500-4999	Suspension	24	12	Plus 4 months	
			Probation	48	24	No change	
			Masterpoints	20%	10%	No change	
FTD L4	N/A	5000-9999	Suspension	36	18	Plus 6 months	
			Probation	48	24	No change	
			Masterpoints	30%	15%	No change	
FTD L5	N/A	10K+ NOLM	Suspension	48	24	Plus 6 months	
			Probation	60	36	No change	
			Masterpoints	40%	20%	No change	
FTD L6	N/A	10K+ GLM	Suspension	60	36	Plus 12 months	
			Probation	60	36	No change	
			Masterpoints	50%	25%	No change	

EC/FPP = Ethics Certification and Fair Play Pledge



Key Actions from Fall NABC (1 of 3)



- **Finance: YTD (thru Sep 30) Gain of Assets of ~\$1M**
 - Much better than budgeted loss of \$400K
 - We passed budget for 2025
 - Projected revenues: \$18.5M
 - Projected expenses: \$18.2M
 - Projected gain: \$300K
- **Membership:**
 - 128,622 paid ACBL members, as of Nov 1 – decrease of 1984 year-over-year
 - Of the 4386 players who became guest members, 1181 have converted to full memberships. 1578 remain active guest members.
 - Membership retention efforts are yielding excellent results, but new member additions not keeping up with losses



Key Actions from Fall NABC (2 of 3)



- **Management is moving (almost) all pigmented games to ACBL Clubhouse as of 2025**
 - I fought a losing battle against this, but did not have much support
 - \$1.25 of each player entry for Clubhouse games will be returned to their home club
 - NAP Qualifying games will continue to provide half red points. I was promised that the multiplier for these games would be reinstated.
- **NABC Task Force**
 - This TF operated for ~10 months and reported out in Las Vegas.
 - We looked at what we need to do to maximize player experience and attendance.
 - We will be returning to well attended sites more frequently. We also will strive to provide geographic balance.
 - Also looking at new formats and schedules (e.g., Fall NABC over a single weekend – not Thanksgiving)
- **Online Provider Task Force**
 - BBO contract ends 6/30/25.
 - Negotiating with a number of providers. We will not have a contract exclusive to just one.



Key Actions from Fall NABC (3 of 3)



- Management wanted to repeal “Goppert Rule,” where Masterpoint® awards for one-day team events are prorated based on percent of matches played.
 - This was primarily aimed at pro teams, where the client plays only half-time.
 - I saw no need to make this change, so voted against it. It failed 5-8.
- We received a briefing on a potential new Bracketed Pairs event for Regionals
 - Constructed similarly to Bracketed Teams
 - Idea is to have a number of different brackets of ~9 tables. Bracketed based on MP totals. Pairs allowed to “play up.”
 - Vision is not to replace Stratified Open Pairs – just to run 1 or 2 days per Regional
 - Was run as an experiment at 2 D25 Regionals in 2024. Feedback was very positive.
 - Management given action to coordinate with requisite committees and personnel to figure out how/how soon it might be implemented.



Post-Fall NABC Activities



- Approved use of Bracketed Pairs starting this year
 - Will require experienced, approved DIC (must be approved on case-by-case basis) as is not simple to implement
- Goodwill reception for 2025 will now be in Memphis. It is now an annual event, to be held at the Summer NABC, but there was not sufficient space to hold it there this year.
- Online provider contracts are being negotiated and should be signed soon.



CBCD Statistics as of 11/19/24



REQUEST					EXAMINATION			CHARGE					RESOLUTION					YELLOW			
Date Requested	Date Returned	Players Requested*	Reds from players Requested	% of Reds from Players Requested	Players Examined*	Reds from Players Examined	% of Reds from Total Players Examined	Reds Charged (excluding Stripes)	Red Stripes Charged	Y or G partners of a Red/Stripe Charged	Reds Charged w/ Multiple Partners	EDP	FTD	IBA	NR	RTAD	Warning	Pending	Yellows from Players Examined	Yellows w Red Partner	Y/G Stripes
1/31/24	2/14/24	190	1	0.53%	834	2	0.24%	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2/1/24	2/14/24	168	0	0.00%	558	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
2/9/24	2/16/24	205	4	1.95%	458	4	0.82%	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
2/14/24	2/26/24	894	18	2.01%	3137	36	1.15%	25	0	0	7	0	4	3	12	4	2	0	28	0	6
2/22/24	3/9/24	961	20	2.04%	3171	56	1.77%	53	0	0	16	1	27	1	7	0	12	2	60	7	0
3/7/24	3/8/24	11	0	0.00%	32	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4/8/24	5/2/24	1196	50	4.18%	4065	83	2.04%	73	1	1	4	3	42	2	7	0	14	7	36	3	12
5/2/24	5/21/24	8	8	100.00%	17	8	47.06%	8	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	0
6/13/24	6/20/24	1559	36	2.31%	4649	54	1.16%	51	1	0	5	1	27	2	5	3	10	4	48	4	0
7/26/24	8/7/24	2013	59	2.93%	6273	100	1.59%	86	3	2	7	2	43	2	11	4	19	10	55	9	6
9/16/24	10/10/24	6	0	0.00%	15	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		7231	196	2.71%	23239	343		300	5	3	39	9	144	12	45	11	57	27	237	23	24

Notes:

- Date Requested: 2/9/2024 - Players requested on 2/9/24 run were previously disciplined for an Ethical Violation. The date range for each player varies based on the date of their previous violation. Player requested on 5/21/2024 were the rerun of player from 2/14/24 who were not charged pending further investigation.
- Players Examined: Excludes partners of players with no ACBL # associated w the online handle. Includes Reds identified as Stripe.
- Reds Charged: The following reasons are why a player may not be charged: deceased, previously charged on prior examination, player RTAD prior to examination, or the matter is pending further investigation.
- Y or G partners of a Red Stripe Charged: Player listed are also included in "Yellows from Player Examined" and in "Y/G Stripes".
- EDP: The EDP on 2/9/ resulted in expulsion of both players.
- Yellows w Red Partner: Includes Yellow with a Red Stripe.



CBCD Bottom Line (as of 11/19/24)



- ~2000 Players have been processed in last 5+ months
 - Most were submitted before Toronto
 - We had a long hiatus during coordination of CDR changes
- New, large batch (submitted early Nov) is being processed
- Rate of Reds holding at something over 2%
 - Rate for subjects of Player Memos is much higher: ~30%
- 30 cases (players) pending before IBA
 - 4 are RTADs contesting guilt (2) and publication of names (2)
- ~260 Yellows awaiting further investigation when time permits