

Ned Irving update for District 10

1-22-20

Important information for tournament chairs: Effective 4-1-2020, ACBL Director fees are going up 11% (purpose to balance out income and expense) and sanction fees up 6% (to help pay for the new credit card processing via “square”). The director fee increase could cost a regional around \$1000-1500 in expenses and the sanction fee increase could cost around \$ 200-300 in expenses. This should be considered for all upcoming tournaments.

In the 2020 budget, ACBL believes Regionals will show a 5% decline

In the 2020 budget, ACBL expects a 2% decline in face to face play, and a 4 % increase in online play.

The ACBL bulletin team suggests a simple line listing by District of all of the year’s regional locations and dates as an effective way to get the information out to members while not spending a lot to do it. Something for District 10 to consider.

We need to make certain that all “player memos” (conduct related) get to Robb Gordon, National recorder. Robb has asked District boards to emphasize the importance of getting this done. He and his team are increasing the quality of the process.

If you want the ACBL President Georgia Heth to attend your Regional this year, please let her know immediately.

ACBL is offering a “Best Practice Teacher Certification” Is this something District 10 wants to do? Could be held at one of our Regionals or we could support or encourage District 10 teachers to attend at a National or at Gatlinburg.

In addition to eliminating the Unit level disciplinary committee, the CDR for Club level discipline has been amended and you should take a look. (See codification Chapter VI Clubs, Section F: Discipline.)

I want you to know that I have asked for and have been appointed to 2 important Board committees this year: Strategic and Governance. Strategic will work on strategies to promote bridge, focusing on membership growth and participation, tournament efficiency, and social bridge. Governance will work on restructuring the ACBL Board to a smaller, hopefully more nimble and more strategic group.

I look forward to serving you for the next 3 years. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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