

December 2018 bylaw changes:

- Amendment 1 Correct awkward wording

Article III - Membership and Dues

Section 1

Current wording: The GBC is deemed an open Club in accordance with the rules of the ACBL. No restrictions for membership can be made that are not in accordance with the rules of the ACBL. Therefore, any person may make application to the Treasurer for membership in the GBC **will become a member upon payment of the annual dues established by the GBC.** Membership in the GBC may be revoked on in accordance with the rules given in the following sections: 2 and 3.

Section 1

Suggested wording: The GBC is deemed an open Club in accordance with the rules of the ACBL. No restrictions for membership can be made that are not in accordance with the rules of the ACBL. Therefore, any person may make application to the Treasurer for membership in the GBC. **S/he will become a member upon payment of the annual dues established by the GBC.** Membership in the GBC may be revoked in accordance with the rules given in the following sections: 2 and 3.

- Amendment 2 Establishing the Disciplinary Committee

Article IX - Committees

Section 2

i) The Disciplinary Committee will adjudicate discipline issues as described in Article III, Sections 2, 3, and 4. Any action of the committee requires 3 members to vote, carried by a majority of voters.

Old text: N/A

Change: **Text is entirely new.**

- Amendment 3 Explaining the Responsibilities of the Disciplinary Committee

Article III - Membership and Dues

Section 2

Current wording:

Any person deemed guilty of obnoxious behavior during a duplicate game by the Weekly Game Director and/or Club Manager may be suspended temporarily for up to seven days, pending adjudication by the Disciplinary Committee. Other matters will be referred to the Recorder in concurrence with the ACBL procedures.

Section 2

Suggested wording:

Any person deemed **by the Weekly Game Director and/or Club Manager to be** guilty of obnoxious behavior during a duplicate game may be suspended, temporarily, for up to seven days pending adjudication by the Disciplinary Committee. **Within 48 hours, the Recorder (see Reference Documents) must be notified by the Director or Club Manager, and the Disciplinary Committee will be notified immediately by the Recorder. The accused will have the opportunity to respond to the Recorder and Disciplinary Committee prior to the final adjudication. The Disciplinary Committee has the authority to rescind the suspension or extend it to at most 60 days. The accused may appeal any extension to the Disciplinary Committee. In the event of an extension, the Club Recorder will forward a report of the case to the accused, the District 9 Recorder, and to the ACBL Recorder.**

- Amendment 4 Explaining Repeated Recordings

Article III - Membership and Dues

Section 3

Current wording:

Any person deemed guilty of conduct detrimental to the welfare of the club (e.g. felonies) may be suspended for not more than one (1) year by a majority vote of the Disciplinary Committee.

Section 3

Suggested wording:

Any player who in a 12-month period has had three recordings adjudicated as unethical by the Club Recorder will likewise be referred within 48 hours of the third recording date to the Disciplinary Committee. That committee has the authority to suspend the player or players for a period of up to 60 days. The player or players may appeal the decision to the Disciplinary Committee. Further, the Disciplinary Committee has the authority to disallow a pair from playing together for a period of up to 60 days, in lieu of a full suspension. The Club Recorder will forward a report of the case to the accused, the District 9 Recorder, and the ACBL Recorder. (All new text)

- Amendment 5 Formerly Section 3

Article III - Membership and Dues

Section 4 (formerly Section 3)

Any person deemed guilty of conduct detrimental to the welfare of the club (e.g. felonies) may be suspended for not more than one (1) year by a majority vote of the Disciplinary Committee.

- Amendment 6 Clarifying Board Members Terms of Office

Article VII - Board of Directors

Section 1

Current wording:

The Board of Directors shall consist of Officers and five (5) members elected by the GBC. The Club Manager shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The immediate Past President and Tournament Chairperson shall serve as ex-officio members without voting power. The term of the Board of Directors shall be two (2) years, with no more than 3 director seats up to election in any given year. There shall be no limit to the number of terms that the five (5) elected Board of Directors or the Club Manager may serve.

Section 1

Suggested wording:

The Board of Directors shall consist of Officers and five (5) members elected by the GBC. The Club Manager shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The immediate Past President and Tournament Chairperson shall serve as ex-officio members without voting power. The term of the Officers on the Board of Directors shall be one (1) year. The term of the remaining board members shall be two (2) years with no more than 3 of those seats up for election in any given year.

- Amendment 7 Clarifying Board Members' Duties

Article VII - Board of Directors

Section 3

Current wording:

a) Appoint the Club Manager.

Section 3

Suggested wording:

a) Appoint the Club Manager and Club Recorder. Both the Club Manager and Club Recorder fulfill their ACBL specified duties.

- Amendment 8 Consistency in Wording

Article VIII -- Nominations and Elections

Section 2

Current wording:

The report of the Nominating Committee shall be received at the annual meeting in October **for the election of Officers and Board members**. Nominations from the floor shall be received at this meeting provided the nominee has agreed to serve if elected.

Section 2

Suggested wording:

The report of the Nominating Committee shall be received at the annual meeting in October. Nominations from the floor shall be received at this meeting provided the nominee has agreed to serve, if elected.

- Amendment 9 Clarifying Tie-Breaking

Article VIII -- Nominations and Elections

Section 4

Current wording:

A plurality vote shall elect the Officers and Board of Directors.

Section 4

Suggested wording:

A plurality vote shall elect the Officers and Board of Directors. **The current Board of Directors will break ties.**

- Amendment 10 Adding New Committee Names to the Appointment Process

Article IX -- Committees

Section 1

Current wording:

In January, the current President shall appoint, with prior approval of those elected to serve as members of the Board of Directors during the ensuing year, Chairpersons of the following committees: Audit, By-Laws, Membership, Publicity, Social and Tournament.

Section 1

Suggested Wording:

In January, the current President shall appoint, with prior approval of those elected to serve as members of the Board of Directors during the ensuing year, Chairpersons of the following committees: Audit, By-Laws, Social, Membership, Publicity, Tournament, **Education, and Development. At the same time, the Club Recorder shall appoint the chair of the Disciplinary Committee.**

- Amendment 11 Clarifying Committee Chairperson Duties

Article IX – Committees

Section 2

Current wording:

Each committee chairperson shall select members of his/her committee without restriction to number and shall immediately file a list of such members with the Secretary.

Section 2

Suggested wording:

With the exception of the Disciplinary Committee, each committee chairperson shall select members of his/her committee without restriction to number and shall immediately file a list of such members with the Secretary. **The Club Recorder will select the four members of the Disciplinary Committee.**

- Amendment 12 Describing the Development Committee

Article IX -- Committees

Section 2

Current wording: committees a-g have not changed

h) The Development Committee is charged with development (strategic planning and fundraising) for the Gainesville Bridge Club, responsive to members' interests, including but not limited to, work on the charitable organization status of the club, work on funding and fundraising for a permanent home for the club, and providing members with information about the long-term implications of decisions in front of the GBC. (All new text)

- Amendment 13 Describing Ad Hoc Appeals Committees

Article IX -- Committees

Section 2

Current wording:

A Protest Committee, appointed by the Weekly Game Director, shall hear all protests made by any player concerning a Weekly Game Director's ruling and shall be composed of experienced bridge players who were present at the game.

Section 2

Suggested wording:

j) An ad hoc Appeals Committee, appointed by the Weekly Game Director, shall hear all appeals made by any player concerning a Weekly Game Director's ruling and shall be composed of experienced bridge players who were present at the game. They have the authority to award adjusted scores and to report unethical conduct to the Club Recorder.

- Amendment 14 Appointment of the Weekly Game Director

Article X -- Weekly Game Directors

Section 1

Current wording:

The Weekly Game Director (or Directors) shall be appointed by the President.

Section 1

Suggested wording:

The Weekly Game Director (or Directors) shall be appointed by the President with input from the Club Manager.