

July 2019 District Director Update



Greetings and Happy 4th of July to everyone!

The Las Vegas NABC is just around the corner, if you have not made plans yet its not too late!

There are many hotels nearby and the playing site is awesome! No coffee maker in room be forewarned!

Join me in wishing our GNT teams' success in Las Vegas!

Here is an overview of the hot topics in Las Vegas meetings:

(For a more complete list please go to <https://district25director.org> at any time)

1. Cheaters, Cheating and Ugliness

In Memphis we passed a motion to allow people on a team with known "Collusive Cheaters" to allow the team to self-forfeit their titles.

In Memphis we voted that no readmission to "Collusive Cheaters" to the ACBL be allowed if the transgression is during a NABC+ Event or equivalent.

In Las Vegas we are voting to clarify "Collusive Cheaters" in the following manner":

192-06 The following be added to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations Definitions (CDR):

Collusive Cheating

1. An agreement made between contestants that encodes signals or exchanges information, or an agreement not to disclose a method, treatment, or convention, for the purpose of deceiving opponents.
2. An agreement made between two or more people, at least one of whom is a contestant, to exchange or pass information illicitly. This section includes agreements made by persons who are not partners or contestants, including, but not limited to kibitzers or teammates.

This motion looks to pass easily.

There are 2 other motions that were deferred from Memphis about Cheating:

In Las Vegas:

192-02 A motion to vacate the titles of convicted cheaters and reapply awards to teams and pairs that may have won (example Second place to first) many feel this is right and management feels that there are many variables such as a KO event that different matches would have yielded different finalists completely and awarding a win to the second place team may not always be fair and equitable.

192-03 Is a companion motion that removes titles and just vacates them, not reapplying master points or titles.

These will be discussed and be certainly a hot button as several players are already threatening to sue if their titles are taken (and yes, they were convicted of cheating).

I am leaning toward Vacating titles and moving the second-place team and pairs up, the loss of prestige and income to these players is significant.

192-10 Changes the statute of limitations for cheating that should pass easily, currently the limitations are 180 days and 5 years this motion removes those limits.

2. Seniors: There is a motion that will almost certainly pass to raise the "Senior Age" to 65 and the Super Senior to 75.

There is some discussion of how to do this, the prevailing theme is to match the WBF formula to make it the same for all and raise it 1 year every two years until it reaches 65. I plan to vote for this motion and match the WBF.

3. **192-37** Creating of a Free Guest Membership, is from Marketing and basically we assign everyone who asks an ACBL# and give them access to the Bulletin online only. This basically ends the "Temporary Membership" and replaces it with a Free membership. Note that Guest members will have to pay \$4 per session premium at all tournaments.

4. **192-24** A motion to more significantly limit the use of TA's in place of ACBL Tournament Directors.

5. **192-63** A motion to increase awards for new players at clubs. The multiplier for players with fewer than 5 masterpoints (currently 0.3) and between 5 and 10 masterpoints (currently 0.4) in club games and/or within strata for limited or open games both be changed to 0.5;

The depth of session awards for players with fewer than 10 masterpoints in newcomer club games and/or within strata for limited or open games (currently 40%, as all other games) be changed to 60%; and These changes will apply to both regular club games and to special games held at clubs. This one is easy and a good idea in my opinion.

6. **192-40** NABC Regional Fees were raised to \$20 per session starting in Las Vegas, our Canadian District Directors have asked that this be repealed back to \$16 if not for all NABC's at least for the Montreal NABC as the push back has been affecting their ability to even get volunteers for the NABC.

I have a survey posted to get your opinions: Please go [here](#) and let me know what you think about NABC Regional Event Pricing.

There are many motions and my post NABC report will include many more and the decisions on the above.

Locally we have changed the Mid-Week KO to smaller brackets and basically 80% of the teams entering will make the overalls (A few brackets will be 67%). This is a loophole created by a recent change that I expect may go away but for now if you need GOLD Points do not miss this event in Warwick August 29TH AND 30TH. The Flyer is attached for this tournament! Make your reservations NOW! This hotel will sell out.

The top bracket(s) will remain unchanged, this applies to teams with 0 MP to 10,000 MP total, the brackets will be small, so your competition will be all teams similar to yours!

You can add comments to the survey or if you have opinions you would like me to consider please feel free to email me at bob.bertoni@acbl.org

I am happy to hear from you.

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