

Regional Director Report- October 2024

This year the reorganization of the ACBL board was completed, reducing the number of board members from 25 to 13. As part of that reorganization, outside committees were formed to take over some of the jobs that were previously board responsibilities. Two of those committees that have been operating very successfully are the Competitions and Conventions Committee that is responsible for the NABC and national event schedules and conditions of contest, convention charts among other things, and the Masterpoint Committee, chaired by Rob Maier, that is responsible for all things masterpoints.

At the summer meetings in Toronto, the Competition and Conventions Committee brought a motion to the board that added a fourth flight in the North American Pairs and made both the number of flights and the masterpoint ranges the same for both the Grand National Teams and the North American Pairs events. The board approved this motion almost unanimously.

When the Advisory Council, an independent body, reviewed the motions that the board passed, they exercised their right to demand a reconsideration of this motion, requesting that a change be made to the 0-750 flight to only allow non-life masters to play.

The board listened to their arguments and reversed the original motion and then passed a new motion with the following flights for both GNT and NAP events.

Flight C: 0-750 Non-Life Master

Flight B: 0-3000 masterpoints

Flight A: 0-6000 masterpoints

Open: Unlimited

As my colleague, David Lodge, quickly pointed out, this was an example of the success of the different sectors of the ACBL working together.

Make your plans to participate in these events this year. Lou Glasthal is running both events and you can direct any questions to him at glasthal@comcast.net.

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