

POLICIES OF THE IOWA STATE BRIDGE LEAGUE

The counties are divided for administrative purposes into the following seven areas:

Area 1: Winnebago, Worth, Mitchell, Howard, Winneshiek, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Chickasaw, Franklin, Butler, Bremer, Fayette, Hardin, Grundy, Blackhawk, Buchanan and Tama.

Area 2: Allamakee, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson, Clinton, Scott, and Rock Island.

Area 3: Benton, Linn, Jones and Cedar.

Area 4: Poweshiek, Iowa, Johnson, Muscatine, Keokuk and Washington.

Area 5: Louisa, Henry, Des Moines, Davis, Van Buren and Lee.

Area 2 will have three Board members, Areas 1, 3, and 4 will have two Board Members and Area 5 will have one Board Member.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive a salary of \$1000 per year.

The Secretary-Treasurer and President shall receive free entry to all Unit tournaments.

Each Board Member represents approximately ten percent (10%) of the ISBL membership (approximately 48 members).

Standing Committees

Sectional/Regional Tournament

Functions: Regional Coordinator

Sectional Coordinator

Grand National Teams Coordinator

North American Pairs Coordinator

Special Events Coordinator

Recruit chairs for all unit tournaments

Guide tournament chairs with flyer, partnership, prizes restaurant guide, seeding, scheduling, facilities and promotion

Finance

Functions: Audit

Budget

Equipment

Supplies

Insurance

Bonding

Manage tax exempt status

Membership

Functions: Recruit/retain members

Recognition of Milestones

Hall of Fame

Education

- Annual awards
- Charity events
- Mentor intermediate/newcomer players
- Youth development
- Welcome letters to new members

Communications

- Functions: Manage Unit 163 Website
- Newsletter
- Photography
- Promote tournaments/special events
- Goodwill events
- Manage electronic network to communicate with members/clubs
- Assist Webmaster and Newsletter Editor in gathering information
- Recognition, sunshine and goodwill
- Computer support
- Marketing
- Assisting columnists and reporters.
- New member welcome brochure

Laws

- Functions: Recorder
- Disciplinary Actions
- Conduct and Ethics
- Parliamentarian
- Maintain by-laws and policies, suggest changes
- Appeals
- Attorney/legal counsel
- Elections

The Board or President will select a Committee Chairperson for each committee.

Committee Chairpersons are responsible to ensure someone has lead responsibility for each function assigned to the committee. Members of the committee can be any Unit 163 member in good standing. Chairpersons will establish annual goals and objectives no later than January 31 each year. Chairpersons will monitor and track progress toward achieving these goals, objectives and plans of action. Committee Chairpersons will present a committee report at every board meeting. The committee is expected to accompany an issue with a recommended solution.

Area Representatives must serve on a minimum of 2 committees.

Unit President and Secretary/Treasurer must serve on all committees. He/She is responsible to monitor committees and ensure they are complying with these policies/by-laws. The President will develop the agenda for board meetings based on outcome/issues from the five committees. It is expected most issues are vetted in the committees before board discussion/decisions.

Grand National Teams

Any club holding a Grand National Team qualifying game will be responsible for the first four dollars in fees, the ISBL will pay the remainder provided the club holding the game sends the game file to the Secretary-Treasurer.

North American Pairs

The ISBL will reimburse each club for the second NAOP qualifying game of the month provided the club sends both game files to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Standing Rules for Tournaments

Starting Times for Sectionals

Weekday: 10:00AM and 3:00PM or 1:00PM and 6:00PM.

Weekend (not last day): 10:00AM and 3:00PM or 9:00AM, 1:00PM and 6:00PM or 1:00PM and 6:00PM

Last Day: 10:00AM

Entry fees

\$8.00 per player per session (non or unpaid ACBL members \$11.00).

For students below college level \$4.00 per player per session.

The Director shall not collect any additional fee associated with the tournament with the entry fee (e.g. meal fee).

20 Victory Point scale for all Swiss Team Events.

There will be no designated (smoking) breaks. The Director may call a break in order to allow participants to catch up.

The ISBL has no cell phone policy. The Director will gently remind the players to quiet their phone and to only use their cell phone outside the playing area. Any player needing to have their cell phone on should consult the Director prior to the game.

Players are expected to be courteous and respectful to players, opponents, Directors and anyone else attending the tournament.

Meal breaks and meals brought in should attempt to occur during normal dining times.

Member compensation

\$1000 per year will be allocated to help junior members of Unit 163 to participate at a National, Junior National, Junior Camp, or a nearby Regional. The allocation will be for individual members with a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$150 per Junior member. Future ISBL Board of Directors are not limited to this annual allocation should participation be larger than expected.

\$1000 per year will be allocated to help Unit 163 players who have earned the right to represent District 14 in the Grand National Teams at the ACBL Nationals. The allocation will be for

individual members with a minimum of \$200 and a maximum of \$500. Future ISBL Board of Directors are not limited to this annual allocation should participation be larger than expected.

\$500 per year will be allocated to help Unit 163 players who have earned the right to represent District 14 in the North American Open Pairs at the ACBL Nationals. The allocation will be for individual members with a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$250. Future ISBL Board of Directors are not limited to this annual allocation should participation be larger than expected.

\$100 per meeting to be split between the Unit 163 President appointed delegates to the District 14 board meetings.

ISBL Hall of Fame Procedures

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize those individuals whose contributions in and for Unit 163 greatly exceeded the expected. It is the object of the ISBL Hall of Fame to memorialize the deeds and achievement of these worthy members.

Each year five players will be nominated by the Hall of Fame committee for election in the ISBL Hall of Fame. Any of the five players receiving 60 percent of the Board Members vote at the Labor Day tournament will be elected to the ISBL Hall of Fame for the following year.

Any current or former eligible member of the ISBL may be nominated by anyone for consideration by the HOF committee. The eligibility requirements are (1) the rank of Life Master; and (2) ten years member of the ISBL. Players over 2500 masterpoints and all previous HOF nominees, who have not been elected into the Hall of Fame, shall be considered automatically.

The Hall of Fame committee consists of the President, the Secretary Treasurer, and the three senior representatives on the board who are neither President nor a junior member from the Area they represent. The President and/or the Secretary-Treasurer may let any Hall of Fame member vote for them at the Hall of Fame nominating committee meeting. The senior representative from each Area may designate any other representative from their Area or any Hall of Fame member from their Area to vote for them at the Hall of Fame meeting. All five members (or proxies) of the nominating committee must be present to hold a meeting.

The nominating committee shall meet as often as it deems necessary between April 1st and August 1st to determine a list of nominees to be submitted to the Board.

The nominating committee shall submit five names to be considered for election by the Board of Directors to the Hall of Fame.

The names of the selected nominees to be presented to the Board of Directors shall be made public. It shall be an honor just to be selected for consideration by the Board of Directors for induction. The nominating committee's list shall be published prior to the Labor Day Tournament meeting of the Board of Directors. This will allow time for members of the unit to express their opinion to their elected representatives upon the list of nominations selected by the nominating committee before the vote is taken.

The Hall of Committee shall compile materials on each nominee. The HOF committee will submit the materials to the Secretary who will disseminate the material to each Board Member at least seven days prior to the Board Meeting at the Labor Day tournament.

At the Labor Day Tournament, the ISBL Board of Directors shall meet to vote on the nominees of the Hall of Fame Committee. The Board shall allow up to 30 minutes for people to discuss the merits of each nominee, with precedence going to Board members, limited to two minutes for each speaker. At the end of the discussion the elected representatives (or proxies) of the Board of Directors shall vote on the list of nominees.

The vote shall be by secret ballot. Each voting member of the Board may vote for Two, One, or No nominee. Any nominee receiving 60 percent of the vote shall be elected to the Hall of Fame for the following year.

Those inducted into the ISBL HOF shall be honored in the Unit Bulletin and at a future tournament with an engraved plaque. In addition, as a continuing appreciation for the HOF member's contribution to the promotion of duplicate bridge in Unit 163, the HOF Member may play at no cost for six sessions at any Unit Sectional per year and two sessions at any Unit Regional Tournament.