

## **Regional Director Report – November 2024**

I hope we are spending time together in Lancaster as you read this. The Lancaster Regional Tournament is always so much fun – we call it “bridge camp”. We play bridge together, enjoy meals together and enjoy dining in the wonderful restaurants in beautiful Lancaster County. It is a highlight of our bridge year.

### **EDGAR and the Code of Disciplinary Regulations**

Since early this year ACBL has used an online detection tool called EDGAR that provides great accuracy in finding players who are exchanging information inappropriately online. When players are flagged as collusively cheating with EDGAR, they are subject to discipline under the CDR (Code of Disciplinary Regulations).

Last month, the ACBL Board of Directors approved a revised CDR (Code of Disciplinary Regulations) that you can access in the Discipline Section of the ACBL website.

The reason for the current revisions is to increase the masterpoint levels for receiving a warning and/or “Fast Track Discipline”. Fast Track Discipline offers the player the ability to accept the penalty for their infractions while also allowing the player the right to appeal the case to the IBA (Institute for Bridge Arbitration) if they feel that their rights have been violated in any way.

These masterpoint level adjustments were necessary because the number of cases that were being processed by ACBL under the former CDR became an administrative burden and management realized that changes needed to be made to complete the goal of cleaning up the online game.

There are two other changes that have been made to the CDR. One is the elimination of additional discipline for ACBL officials that have been found to be cheating and the other is to base discipline on the masterpoint level of the player at the time the cheating occurred instead of when the charges were brought.

All these changes will facilitate the efforts to provide a clean online game for all players.

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