

Board of Governors Motion Issue Sheet

Subject	203-BoG-001 Make Premier NABC Events (Platinum and Gold Point Events) Invitational Events
Issue	<p>These players may play in ACBL sanctioned events online or face to face:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-member players convicted of cheating by their NBOs and not suspended by the ACBL, • ACBL Players on probation for 1st degree violations or ethical violations • Players under investigation for cheating but not suspended by the ACBL • Players banned from online play due to cheating, but not suspended by the ACBL <p>This is unacceptable.</p>
Motion	<p>We move that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NABC and NABC+ events • Regionally Rated Events (<i>severable</i>) <p>be Invitational events by sanction, in which all ACBL members in good standing may play. Players residing outside the ACBL zone, and non-members with no past cheating history, play at the discretion of the DIC.</p> <p>Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No players may be banned without cause. • Tournament Chairs may disinvite any player expelled or suspended (≥ 2 years) in the past 10 years. (<i>Probation in the past 10 years does not disqualify a player</i>). • “Open events” at NABCs and Regionals are open to players in good standing or those not otherwise disqualified who receive permission from the DIC. <p><i>(The term of the suspension that disqualifies a player for 10 years is negotiable).</i></p>
Material impacts	<p>This bans a player who has received an expulsion, or a suspension (≥ 2 years) for ethical violations from the right to play in premier events for up to 10 years. This also bans players on probation from playing in premier events. A premier event awards platinum or gold points.</p> <p>The ACBL will provide DICs a current list of all players with suspensions (≥ 2 years) and expulsions in the past 10 years.</p>
Reasons	<p>First Degree Ethical Violations shall deprive players from all benefits from playing in premier ACBL events. Making NABC and Regional rated events invitational allows the ACBL and regional sanction holders the ability to disinvite people with a proven history of cheating, and people who are currently under investigation/adjudication elsewhere. Restricting bans to “for-cause” evidence (fact) allows fair administration. Members in good standing demand no less. A 10-year ban from premier ACBL events is essential to discourage cheating.</p>
Risks	<p>The ACBL and Regional Tournaments will have to admit cheaters from other NBOs, and players on probation. This sends the wrong message about the consequences of cheating, and is unacceptable to members in good standing.</p>

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