



Dear District Presidents, Unit Presidents and Tournament Chairs,

In February, the ACBL announced that the sanctions for all regionals and sectionals scheduled through July 2021 were canceled and outlined a plan for the return to face-to-face play. Click [here](#) to see the original communication.

Consistent with that announcement and the requirements for staffing tournaments that begin after July, due to the risk posed by the coronavirus Delta variant, the ACBL will not staff any open regional or sectional tournaments that begin between August 1-31, 2021, and the sanctions for those tournaments are therefore canceled.

If you are sponsoring an I/N tournament in August using a local director (not an ACBL Tournament Director), while ACBL management encourages you to cancel the event, you may make the decision in your own discretion.

If you are sponsoring an open sectional tournament in August where you expect fewer than twenty tables per session, you may downgrade it by staffing it with a local director (not an ACBL Tournament Director). While ACBL management encourages you to cancel the event, you may make the decision to downgrade an open sectional in your own discretion.

ACBL management continues to closely monitor the situation and will communicate a decision regarding September tournaments by August 16, 2021.

This was not an easily made decision, but it is a necessary one. We are disappointed with this turn of events, particularly because we were optimistic just a few short weeks ago. We remain hopeful that we can all meet at the table again soon.

Thank you for your continued support of our great game.

Sincerely,
Joseph Jones
ACBL Executive Director
July 30, 2021



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