

## Board of Governors Motion Issue Sheet

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- Subject Matter of Motion (insert a short phrase)

Modification of Jane Johnston Club Appreciation Game for Teams (CA Teams) an October only game to other times of the year.

- Statement of Issue (one or two sentences)

The CA Team which provides a small Gold point award has been a great way to get newer players ACBL exposed to IMP scoring and allowing them to play up into Open club team games. The current October only schedule for this team game limits its usage.

- The motion itself:

**Have the BOD consider a change the wording of ACBL Codification**

**CHAPTER VI – CLUB SANCTIONED GAMES**

**D. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Section 4 – Other Frequent Club Events**

**4.3 Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Games**

4.3.1 October has been designated as Club Appreciation Month. During this month, club managers may run one Club Appreciation Pair Game ~~and one Club Appreciation Team Game~~ in place of a regularly scheduled session

4.3.2 Club Appreciation Team Games may be run under the same restrictions as Membership Games defined in Section 3.

- Material impacts (what the change causes and who it affects)

Club event scheduler  
ACBLscore changes.  
Handbook documentation.

- Reasons why the Board of Governors should adopt the motion (Please attach a succinct summary on a separate sheet of paper)
- Risk if the motion is not approved  
Continued shrinkage of GNT C participation and tournament lower level Team events.

## **Reasons why the Board of Governors should adopt the motion**

The Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Game for Teams (CA Team) provides for the club to issue a small amount of Gold to its players – 5% of masterpoint award not to exceed .25. This has allowed several clubs to advertise and use these CA Team games to introduce new players to Team game, allow Open CA Team games to attract lower masterpoint players to play up into Open team games, and for some players to obtain needed Gold Points for Life Master or other rank status.

To many new older aged players this is their first Gold and gives them a feeling of Life Master or lower Gold requiring rank possibilities.

The problem in limiting this type game to October only makes it difficult to schedule mostly due to other ACBL events in October.

- Scheduling of Club Appreciation Pair Games
- Units NAP events
- In many districts having club GNT qualifiers
- Nearby ACBL bridge tournaments
- The annual Fall Instant Matchpoint Game.
- Possible REACH game in 2019.
- District special charity and Grass Root games.

If several clubs implement this event then the players get “Swiss Teamed out” due to all the team games being concentrated in just a few weeks..

The purpose of this motion is to allow clubs to spread their allocation of CA Team games throughout the year providing more opportunities to schedule CA Team games.