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ACBL TOURNAMENT POLICIES

October regional and sectional tournaments that had previously been scheduled on the tournament calendar have been reviewed by ACBL management to determine the safety of staffing them.

[Here's the chart:](#) Green tournaments were approved to run. Yellow tournaments are tentatively approved to run, but masks will likely be required. This information is always subject to change, so check the tournament calendar for the most current status of tournaments.

Vaccination is required for all ACBL tournaments.

NEW WEBSITE

The ACBL launched a [new website](#) this month. Check it out when you have a minute. It's much cleaner and fresher than the old look and easy to navigate. Have patience, it's still a work in progress as the I/T department continues to update pages and provide new links. The next step in the process will be a better search mechanism.

ACBL BOARD REORGANIZATION

In 2019, I worked on the ACBL Board Reorganization Task Force, headed by David Lodge, that provided a plan to reduce the size of the Board of Directors by combining the 25 Districts into 13 geographic Regions for the purpose of representation on the national board.

The first elections for Regional Director were held this summer and in 2022, we will likely be a board of 20. Further reductions in board size will occur in 2022 and 2023 until the board is reduced to 13.

It's sad to see some of my colleagues leave the board, but a smaller board will be more efficient and is in the best interest of the organization as a whole.

KING OF PRUSSIA BRIDGE CLUB

One of the sad results of the pandemic has been that many face-to-face bridge clubs in the area have closed their doors. A group of players in the Philadelphia area have decided to buck that trend and open a member-owned bridge club in King of Prussia, PA on September 28th. Their goal is to provide a place to play now that the Valley Forge Bridge Club has closed its doors and moved solely online.

I wish them the best of luck in this endeavor. They have a brand new website that you can visit [here](#). If you have any questions, call Mark Cohen, the new club manager, at (610) 564-8444 or email him at markacohen@msn.com.

Stay well and please contact me anytime with any questions or concerns: joannglasson@msn.com

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Oh, and by the way, I am running for ACBL President next year - wish me luck!