



District 8's Grand National Team Event

Organize your team now and plan to join in for great bridge competition! Win your flight, receive a minimum travel stipend of \$1000 per team and represent District 8 in the National Championships in Las Vegas, Nevada this July 2019! It doesn't get any better than this!

The District 8 event will be held on May 4 – 5, 2019 in Sherman IL (just north of Springfield.) The event will be held in the United Community Bank's Community Building, just west of the bank. The address is 121 Illini Blvd, Sherman IL. (Off I-55, take exit 105.)

All ACBL players in good-standing are eligible to enter and flights are as follows:

<u>FLIGHT</u>	<u>MASTERPOINTS*</u>	<u>CONVENTION CHART ALLOWED</u>
Championship	(Open)	Open
Flight A	(<6000 MPs)	Open
Flight B	(<2500 MPs)	Basic +
Flight C	(NLM & <500)	Basic

*Masterpoints are per individual player, and are as printed in the September 2018 Bulletin.

Start times will be 1:00 pm and TBA on Saturday and 10:30 am and TBA on Sunday. All teams will play a minimum of two sessions, more if attendance warrants. Cost is \$52 per session per team.

Flights A and B: Play will begin on Saturday and the length of the event will depend upon number of teams entered. The event could end on Saturday, or play Saturday with qualifying players playing on through Sunday.

Flights Open and C: Play will begin and end on Sunday.

To play, you need to select a team captain, and **pre-register** your team (4- 6 players) before the final **deadline of April 29, 2019**. Call or text player names to GNT coordinator Carole Sholes at 217-622-1955. (Players are allowed to compete in two different flights, as schedules and masterpoints allow. If your team decides to enter a second event on Sunday, no pre-registration is required for the second event.)

Conditions of Contest are located on line at ACBL for review.

Note: Central Illinois tournaments support a fragrance-free environment for the comfort of all players. Your cooperation is appreciated.