

0-10,000 (10K) Fast Pairs Special Conditions of Contest

The General Conditions of Contest for Pairs events will apply to this event, subject to the following special conditions of contest. These Conditions of Contest may not be changed at any level of play during the course of this event. Lack of knowledge does not constitute cause for exemption.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The 10K Fast Pairs is open to any two paid-up ACBL Members who each have fewer than 10,000 recorded masterpoints, including assigned eligibility points, as of the ACBL computer run immediately preceding the NABC. Eligibility points added at any time prior to the start of the event will be considered.

CONVENTIONS

Bidding and carding methods permitted, restricted or not permitted in this event are per the ACBL Open Convention Chart.

SCORING AND PLAY

- 1) This event will consist of four sessions: two qualifying and two final.
- 2) Playing time will be five minutes per board, plus one minute per round to score and move. For two-board rounds the clock will be set at 11 minutes and for three-board rounds it will be 16 minutes. There will be tournament directors (or other appropriate staff) assigned to monitor play for time.
- 3) The Director-in-Charge (DIC) is permitted to combine as many sections as is logical and practical for scoring. Approximately 50% (but in no case less than 40%) of the field will qualify for the two final sessions. The DIC may choose to qualify more pairs; e.g. in the case of a small initial entry. Ties for the last qualifying position will be broken as per ACBL regulation.
- 4) There will be a carryover from the qualifying sessions to the final. The carryover will be calculated as per ACBL regulation but the spread from top to bottom can be no greater than four boards.
- 5) Qualification for the final sessions shall be based on overall standing in the entire field, regardless of section or direction. For purposes of qualification or for determining final overall ranking, any fraction of a matchpoint will be sufficient separation.

- 6) The following penalties apply to a table finishing late. The portion of the penalty to each pair will be at the discretion of the time monitor/tournament director. These penalties may be appealed to the DIC of the event, but only the monitor/ tournament director may rescind or alter the penalty.

Penalties for late finishes are as follows:

- 0+ to 1 minute: warning
- 1+ to 3 minutes: 1/6 Board
- 3+ to 5 minutes: 1/4 Board
- 5+ to 7 minutes: 1/2 Board
- 7+ minutes: 3/4 Board plus referral to a penalty committee

Additional penalties to a pair culpable for more than one late finish are at the discretion of the monitor/director.

- 7) Regarding any of the above or any of the general conditions for ACBL pairs events, the decision of the DIC shall be final.