

2016/2017 ACBL Collegiate Qualifier

Agreement of Fair and Sportsmanlike Participation

Dear Participant,

Welcome to the ACBL's online qualifying portion of the Collegiate Championship, to be played in Toronto, Ontario during the 2017 Summer NABC.

This letter contains details regarding the online qualifying and your agreement to abide by all conditions (as more fully described in the Conditions of Contest). To indicate your agreement, please sign below and either email (education@acbl.org), or mail to Education Department, 6575 Windchase Blvd, Horn Lake MS 38637.

- 1) All conditions of qualification and participation will be decided solely by the ACBL
- 2) I have read, and agree to comply with fully, all ACBL Conditions of Contest and participation in both the online and in-person portions of the Collegiate Championships
- 3) If I was born on or after 9/1/1998, my parent or legal guardian has co-signed below
- 4) If my team wins a qualifying spot for Collegiate Championship, I commit to the best of my ability to attend the Collegiate Championship finals in Toronto, Ontario
- 5) ACBL expects to send four teams and to subsidize them with economy round-trip airfare up to \$500 to Toronto, Ontario, lodging for three nights, double occupancy, and expense supplement for meals. I agree that all other expenses I incur are my responsibility

CONDITIONS FOR ONLINE PLAY (BBO)

- 6) I understand that while I am competing online, I am permitted to communicate only with the opponents at my table (solely through BBO), with a director of the event, and any ACBL designated officials. During sessions, I am forbidden to communicate with my partner, my teammates or anyone else, even if it is not bridge related, including communicating with others who are playing in the event between matches. Without limitation, it is impermissible to communicate with anyone via telephone or texts, via IMs, by using a secondary computer, by opening an additional window on the computer, or anything similar.

- 7) I understand that during the on-line sessions of this ACBL competition, I am not permitted to receive outside help of any kind. Without limitation, it is impermissible to do anything during this on-line competition that would not be permitted during a face-to-face tournament; for example: receiving “coaching,” receiving advice about what to play or bid, consulting a bridge book or a bridge-related website, consulting system notes or any other notes, keeping notes during a hand about which cards have been played, receiving information from any external source about what cards other players hold, or receiving information from any external source before the session ends about the results at other tables.
- 8) I agree to play at a location where I cannot see or hear my partner, teammates or their computer screens, unless the match can be arranged to be played face to face at an ACBL Club or Tournament.
- 9) I understand that the ACBL will use a variety of security procedures to monitor compliance with these rules during the BBO matches. I consent to the use of any surveillance or other monitoring methods that ACBL, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. I agree and understand that I have no expectation of privacy while I am participating in any session of this competition.
- 10) I understand that I am a representative of my school and team. I understand that any violation of the Conditions of Contest or Agreement of Fair and Sportsmanlike Participation may cause disqualification of any teams from my school, as judged solely by the ACBL.
- 11) I agree to participate in a friendly and sportsmanlike manner during all stages of the competition, including discussion of matches before, during and after they have been played.
- 12) The ACBL may, in its sole judgment, disqualify any team if it detects a pattern of actions that it believes are suspicious. The ACBL has discretion to disqualify a team if it has any plausible basis to believe that the team gained an unfair advantage. The ACBL may rely on the opinion of any bridge or IT expert it elects to consult. If the ACBL disqualifies any participant or team, they agree to accept ACBL’s judgment as final and binding.
- 13) The ACBL may, in its sole judgment, contact the school administration of the participating team, explaining the basis for disqualification. The ACBL may request the school administration to consider additional actions be taken against a participant or team.

I agree to all terms as stated above.

Date: _____

Participant name (print): _____

Participant signature: _____

Guardian's signature (if born after 9/1/1996): _____

Participants Preferred Email: _____

Participants School Email: _____

Participants Bridge Base Online Name: _____

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