

Collegiate Conditions of Contest

ACBL Collegiate Conditions of Contest is changed as follows:

2016/2017 North American Collegiate Bridge Bowl Conditions of Contest

REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION

- A. Any number of teams from a college or university in North America may enter the Qualifying Events, which will be held in October 2016 and February 2017.
- B. Eligible students must be currently enrolled at the start of the qualifying event in which they play and be born no earlier than January 1, 1992.
- C. Each team must consist of four to six players from the same college
- D. Each team will select a team captain, who will submit an entry form to education@acbl.org containing the full name of the school; school address; and the team roster including the team name, name of the captain, players' full names with addresses and e-mail addresses plus registered Bridge Base names for each. Those who do not have a Bridge Base account can sign up for free.
- E. Each participant will sign the "Agreement of Fair and Sportsmanlike Participation." All forms must be completed and submitted before a team is considered registered.
- F. The ACBL reserves the right to adjust the result on any board or the result of a match under the laws of duplicate bridge and/or these Conditions of Contest of the Collegiate Bridge Bowl. Teams may request in writing to education@acbl.org to the Director in Charge, the review of a hand or match where an allegation of an irregularity has occurred. All written requests will be reviewed by the Director in Charge and/or an ACBL designated Committee.

QUALIFYING STAGE

- A. Two qualifying events will be created. Qualifying Event I will be October 22 & 23, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. PT. Qualifying Event II will be February 4 & 5, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. PT. Each event is two days long.
- B. The ACBL General Convention Chart will govern play.
- C. Qualifying Event I and Qualifying Event II will award regionally-rated red masterpoints for both overall and match awards.
- D. Qualifying Event I (October 2016):

1. Teams will log in to Bridge Base. An ACBL Tournament Director or Representative will set up team matches to be played. No kibitzers will be allowed to watch the match.
2. The same four players who start a match, must finish that match; no substitutions of players may take place in the middle of the match.
3. There is no minimum number of boards a player must play to qualify.
4. Day 1, each team will be included into random round robin brackets and will play live on BBO. Each match will consist of a minimum of 12 boards and game results will be converted to the 20 Victory Point scale. Total number of rounds will be decided based on the number of teams entered and published at least 24 hours in advance of this Qualifying Event. The top team from each bracket will qualify to day 2. Other teams with the highest VP totals may also qualify based on the number of brackets and teams entered. A total of 8 teams will qualify to Day 2.
5. Day 2, the top 8 teams will be put into two brackets of 4, avoiding as many replays as possible. Each team will play three matches of 12 boards. The top two teams from each bracket will qualify for the finals at the Summer NABC in Toronto 2017.
6. Remaining teams from the two brackets who did not qualify for the finals at the Summer NABC in Toronto 2017 may play again in Qualifying Event II in February.

E. Qualifying Event II (February 2017):

1. Conditions of Contest for Qualifying Event I, paragraphs D1 through D5, will govern this second qualifying event.
2. All teams who participated in October 2016 are automatically entered in Qualifying Event II. Any changes in the team rosters, including contact information, must be reported to education@acbl.org prior by January 31.

FINALS STAGE

- A. Teams attending the Collegiate Bridge Bowl Finals must comprise four to six original members of the team. Teams of only four members may have one replacement, which must be an eligible student from the same participating college. A replaced player forfeits all rights earned in the competition. The ACBL invitation is extended specifically to players, not teams. Therefore, a player being replaced must be unwilling or unable to participate in the finals, and the replacement must be approved by the ACBL. No team shall have the right to replace a player who is willing and able to participate in the finals.

- B. No teams will be given the ability to augment additional players.
- C. Each member of the qualifying teams must be an ACBL member with a membership date not later than June 1, 2017.
- D. Eligibility for awards and masterpoints will be as prescribed by the general Conditions of Contest for KO events
- E. Qualifying players will be invited to the Summer NABC in Toronto to compete in the finals of the Collegiate Bridge Bowl. Each participant receives:
 - a. Economy round-trip airfare up to \$500
 - b. Lodging for three nights, double occupancy
 - c. Expense supplement for meals
- F. Day 1-Session 1, teams will be randomly split into two 4 team brackets. Each team will play 8-boards against each other team in the bracket. Matches will be converted to the 30 VP scale. The team with the lowest VP total from each bracket will be eliminated.
- G. Day 1-Session 2, teams will be randomly split into two 3 team brackets. Each team will play 12 boards against each other team in the bracket. Matches will be converted to the 30 VP scale. The team with the lowest VP total from each bracket will be eliminated.
- H. Day 2-Session 1, teams will be assigned to a head-to-head match. If possible, both matches will comprise teams that have not played each other. If this is not possible, matches will be decided by random draw. Each team will play 24 boards.
- I. Day 2-Session 2, the winning teams from the first session will play for first and second. The losing teams will play for third and fourth.
- J. Scholarship prizes will be awarded to first and second place the amount to be determined based on the total scholarship monies available. The prizes for 2016-2017 and 2017/2018 are \$12,000 for first place and \$8,000 for second place.
- K. The ACBL General Convention Chart will govern play.
- L. The Collegiate Bridge Bowl Finals will award 30 gold masterpoints for first place, 20 for second, 10 for third and 5 for fourth. The match for third and fourth must be played in order to receive masterpoints.