

## **2018 Collegiate Bridge Bowl Teams Conditions of Contest**

The General Conditions of Contest will apply to this event, subject to the following specific Conditions of Contest (CoC). These CoC are in addition to, or supersede, the General Conditions of Contest, and may not be changed at any level of play during the course of this event.

Unlike previous years, the 2018 Collegiate Bridge Bowl will not have any qualifying stage prior to the Summer NABC. The entire three-day event will be held in Atlanta, August 2-4, 2018. Any eligible college team is welcome to register and participate. For an updated schedule and registration forms, please visit [acbl.org/bridgebowl](http://acbl.org/bridgebowl).

The ACBL Educational Foundation will award financial scholarships to the top teams. Visit [acbl.org/bridgebowl](http://acbl.org/bridgebowl) for more information.

### **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- A. Teams from any accredited college or university in the USA, Canada, Mexico or Bermuda may enter this event, to be held during the Summer NABC.
- B. Each team must consist of four to six members, all students from the same accredited college or university.
- C. Eligible participants must be:
  - a. A student regularly enrolled in a degree-seeking college program (associate, bachelor's, master's or doctoral) as of March 1, 2018; and
  - b. an ACBL member in good standing; and
  - c. Born no earlier than July 25, 1990 (under 28) or have fewer than 5,000 ACBL eligibility points.
- D. Each team will select a team captain, who may be a player or a non-playing coach. The team captain is responsible for all representations to the TD or committees.
- E. The team captain must submit an entry form containing: team name; captain's full name, DOB, ACBL member number, phone and school email; college/university's full name and address; The registration form can be found at [acbl.org/bridgebowl](http://acbl.org/bridgebowl). Deadline to register is June 15, 2018.

### **CONVENTIONS**

- A. Bidding and carding methods permitted, restricted or not permitted in these events are per the ACBL General Convention Chart.

### **QUALIFYING SWISS STAGE**

- A. This event consists of three qualifying Swiss sessions and three KO sessions. All participating teams shall play in the three qualifying sessions.

- B. Every team member must play at least half the matches in each Swiss session (rounded down if odd number of matches) in order to continue participating on that team for the remainder of the event and be eligible to overall masterpoint<sup>®</sup> awards.
- C. The same four players who start a Swiss match must finish that match: no substitutions in the middle of the match.
- D. Pairing and scoring is done according to the *General Conditions of Contest for Swiss Teams*. The IMP result of each match shall be converted to Victory Points (VPs). The Director in Charge (DIC) will stipulate the VP scale before the matches begin.
- E. The number of matches per session and boards per match will be defined by the DIC, based on the total number of teams registered.
- F. Swiss matches will award regional-rated red points awards.
- G. At the end of the qualifying sessions, teams will be ranked according to their VP totals. When two or more teams are tied, the following progression of tie-breakers will apply:
  - a. Matches won: a win = 1, a tie = 0.5, a loss = 0.
  - b. The result of the match(es) between the tied teams. If more than two teams are tied this will apply only if they have all played each of the other teams.
  - c. The VP totals of opponents played in the third session.
  - d. The VP totals of opponents played in the second and third sessions.
  - e. The VP totals of opponents played in all qualifying sessions.
  - f. Coin flip.

### ***KNOCKOUT STAGE***

- A. Scoring and play is done according to the *General Conditions of Contest for Knockout Teams*.
- B. Session 1: Head-to-head elimination matches. The top eight qualified teams will be bracket-seeded according to their rank in the qualifying Swiss stage (The top three seeds will be allowed to choose their opponents from the bottom four seeds). The four winning teams advance to session 2.
- C. Session 2: Head-to-head matches: Highest remaining seed chooses their opponent from the two lowest remaining seeds.
- D. Final session: Head-to-head matches. Winning teams from session 2 will play for first and second positions; losing teams will play for third and fourth positions.
- E. The Collegiate Bridge Bowl Teams tournament will award the following:
  - a. First: 30 gold masterpoints
  - b. Second: 22.5 gold masterpoints

- c. Third: 16.50 gold masterpoints
  - d. Fourth: 13.50 gold masterpoints
  - e. 5/8: 7 gold masterpoints
- F. Any player winning overall masterpoint awards in both the Collegiate Bridge Bowl Teams and the Collegiate Bridge Bowl Individual events will receive the greater of those awards, not both.