

NABC Fast Open Pairs Special Conditions of Contest

The General Conditions of Contest for pair 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 NABC Fast Open Pairs is open to any two paid-up ACBL Members.

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 for two-board rounds will be 11 minutes in length and three-board rounds will be 16 minutes in length. There will be tournament directors (or other appropriate staff) assigned to monitor play for time.
- 3) For the two qualifying sessions the field will be divided into comparison/qualifying groups of two or three sections. The matchpoints on each board will be calculated across each group. Approximately 50% (but in no case less than 40%) of the field will qualify for the two final sessions. 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 regulations but the spread from top to bottom can be no greater than four boards.
- 5) For purposes of qualifying or for determining final overall ranking, any fraction of a matchpoint will be sufficient separation.
- 6) The DIC of the tournament is permitted to combine as many sections as logical and practical for scoring. Qualification of contestants for subsequent stages shall be based on overall standing in the entire field, regardless of section and/or direction.
- 7) 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 Director-in-Charge 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

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

- 8) Regarding any of the above or any of the general conditions of ACBL pair events, the decision of the Director in Charge shall be final.