

# CONDITIONS OF CONTEST February 2018 Big Heart Charity Game

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## P L A Y

- 1 This event is open to all ACBL members. Non-ACBL members, unpaid ACBL members, and their partners will not be ranked beyond the club level.
- 2 This event is open to all registered clubs. (See Registration section below for details.)
- 3 Play will consist of a minimum of 18 boards during the ACBL-wide Charity Game on February 21, 2018.
- 4 Play will be conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.
- 5 Play will be conducted under the ACBL General Conditions of Contest for Pairs.
- 6 Play will be conducted under the ACBL General Convention Chart.
- 7 Play will be conducted using the electronic hand files provided for the ACBL-wide Charity Game
- 8 Ruling appeals may be submitted to the event Director in Charge for final adjudication by club managers. All such appeal rulings will be final.
- 9 Decisions / topics not covered hereon will be determined by the ACBL Director in Charge as designated by ACBL Headquarters in Horn Lake, MS

## R E G I S T R A T I O N

- 1 Clubs must register for this event by Monday, February 19 at midnight PST. A fee of \$10 per club is due at the time of registration. This fee will go to charity. For more information and registration visit [acbl.org/bigheart](http://acbl.org/bigheart).
- 2 Clubs may still participate in the ACBL-Wide Charity Game without paying the \$10 fee. Players at these clubs will not be eligible for the overall red-point awards.
- 3 Players need not register separately to be eligible for overall awards. Simply playing at a participating club is sufficient.
- 4 Both members of a partnership must be paid up ACBL members to be included in overall rankings. This does NOT apply to club awards.

## SCORING

- 1 This pair event will be rated as a Regional single-session game paying Red points
- 2 The rankings and awards for this event are in addition to standard club awards and standard club stratification.
- 3 This is a matchpoint event. Session scores will be based on percentages.
- 4 Clubs with multiple sections in play are encouraged to score 'across the field'.
- 5 If more than 100 sections are in play nationally, each section will be randomly assigned to a scoring pool of between 50 and 100 sections. There will be separate pools for Open, Limited and Invitational games.
- 6 All submitted club results will be 'scored across' their entire scoring pool. Club scores may be different than those scores shown after the entire field is amassed and rescored.
- 7 Clubs results must be submitted via email to the Director in Charge of the event not later than 10 PM CST on the day of the session. Club results not submitted within the time frame designated will not be accepted.
- 8 No game information, including scores, hand records, or any commentary may be posted online (on a club, Unit, or personal website) until the end of the afternoon play window, plus one additional hour in the Eastern time zone. Nothing goes online before 4:30pm EST, 2:30pm CST, 1:30pm MST or 12:30pm PST.
- 9 Score correction period expires 24 hours after the game session is completed.
- 10 This event is stratified Unlimited/2500/500.
- 11 Overall results will be published on this page not later than Noon on Sunday, February 28.
- 11 Items not covered above will be determined by the ACBL Director in Charge as designated by ACBL Headquarters in Horn Lake MS.

## AWARDS

This event will be rated as a Regional single-session pairs (red points). These awards are in addition to the club masterpoints earned. Awards will be calculated per the ACBL General formula with the following exceptions:

- 1 Maximum award for the Open group will be no larger than 30 Red Masterpoints, for the Invitational group 20 Red points, and for the Limited group 10 points.

2 Awards are determined by overall ranking across all scoring pools for each game type (Open, Invitational, or Limited).

3 Depth of overall awards will be 25% of the pairs scored within the group.

For a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the Big Heart Charity Game, please visit [acbl.org/bigheart](http://acbl.org/bigheart).