

CHAPTER XIII - GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

F. EVENTS

Section 1 – Tournament Events and Restrictions

1.1 The following event types and restrictions are authorized for ACBL Sanctioned Tournaments. Management is authorized to sanction other events on an experimental basis:

1.1.1 Type

- a. Individual
- b. Pair
- c. Team (Swiss, B-A-M, Knockout or any combination of these)
- d. Pair/Team (one-session event with masterpoints to be the greater of the pair event or team event)

1.1.2 Gender

- a. Open
- b. Women's
- c. Mixed

1.1.3 Age

- a. Open
- b. Junior (25 years and younger)
- c. Youth (19 years and younger)
- d. Senior (born prior to January 1, 1959)

1.1.4 Events

- a. Open: No masterpoint restriction
- b. Flighted (By masterpoints only.) Three flights event. Each flight may have two strats. Note: Flighted KO events at Regionals may be bracketed (but may not be randomly grouped) to finish in 4 sessions.

Note: Only flights/strats with 750 masterpoints or greater in two session regional events are eligible for Gold points.

- c. Stratified: (By masterpoints only.) Two or three strats. Up to five strats are permitted in a one-session event which has an upper limit of 300 or fewer masterpoints – specifically an IN event. Note: At sponsor option, the stratification level of a team in an Open Stratified Swiss Event may be determined by the average masterpoint holding of all team members.
- d. Stratiflighted: (by masterpoints only): Two flights with up to three strats in each flight. NOTE: Only flights/strats with 750 masterpoints or greater in two session regional events are eligible for Gold points.
- e. Handicapped: Based on masterpoint holding of entrants.
- f. Bracketed: (KO and Swiss Teams) Based on masterpoint holding of entrants.
- g. Masters: One member of each partnership must meet minimum limit.
- h. Non-Masters: All entrants must be under maximum limit.
- i. Life Masters: All entrants must meet Life Master requirement.
- j. Restricted: (Upper masterpoint limit) All entrants must be under maximum limit.)
- k. Side Game Series: (Open Pair game only) May not be restricted by age, gender, or masterpoint holding. (May be stratified for single side game session awards only.)
- l. Choice: (Pair game only) An event which is scheduled for three sessions during one calendar day (morning, afternoon and evening), and a pair must choose to play in only two of the three sessions. Concurrent event rule does not apply to any pair in this event during their unplayed third session.

1.1.5 Scoring Methods

- a. Individual: Matchpoint, IMP
- b. Pair: Matchpoints, IMP, Victory Points
- c. Team: Win-Loss, Victory Point, Total Points, Board-a-match
- d. Pair/Team: Matchpoints plus Board-A-Match Team (must be one session event only)

1.1.6 Regional Strat/Flight Upper Masterpoint Limits

Pairs may be flighted or stratified or a combination (stratflighted). If there are two flights, you are permitted up to three strata in each flight. If there are three flights, you are permitted up to two strata in each flight. Flight/strata limits are:

Flighted Pairs

Flight A	0-infinity, If stratified, the lower strata must be at least 500 above top of B and no more than 6000.
Flight B	Must be at least 500 above C top
Flight C	Can have up to two strata with the top masterpoint limit at least 500 under lower strata of B.

Note: Pairs can also be stratified by expertise with Strat A being both players over a certain masterpoint level, Strat B being one player over and one player under that level, and Strat C being both players under the level.

Stratified Pairs

Strat A	TOP "B" -UNLIMITED
Strat B	TOP "C" -750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2500, 2750, 3000
Strat C	0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000
Strat A	Both over 300, LM, 500, 750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2500, 2750, 3000
Strat B	One over and one under
Strat C	Both under

Stratflighted Pairs

Flight A	UNLIMITED – Up to three strats with bottom strat at least 500 higher than upper limit of B, Max 5000
Flight B	TOP OF "C" -750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 2000, 2750, 3000
Strat C	TOP OF "D" -300, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000
Strat D	0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500)

Flighted Knockout Teams

Flight A	0-infinity
Flight B	Must have upper level of at least 500 above top of C, if that flight exists.

Flight C	0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000
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1.1.6.1 Bracketed Knockout and Swiss Teams

Must be bracketed by either average MP's all team members or total of top two MP members.

Can be bracketed to end in three sessions

Swiss Teams can be flighted, stratified or a combination (stratiflighted)

If there are two flights, you are permitted up to three strata in each flight.

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Flights/strata are:

Flight A	0-INFINITY, or two strats (lower strat must be at least 500 above B and no more than 6000)
Flight B	Must be at least 500 more than top of C
Flight C	Can have up to two strata with the top MP limit at least 500 under lower strat of B

1.1.7 Sectional Strat/Flight Upper Masterpoint Limits

Same strat/flight rules apply to pair and team games in 1.1.6 with the exception that each flight can have only two strata when there are multiple flights.

1.2 In stratiflighted events the sponsoring organization may choose to stratify the top flight into two strata (A-1 and A-2).

Masterpoint awards for the second strat of the unlimited portion of a stratiflighted event (two-fold stratified event) shall be as follows:

a. Additional "M" factors are:

$$0-3000 = 0.90$$

0-5000 = 0.95
5000+ = 1.00

- b. Upper masterpoint limit for Strat A-2 is selected from among 1500, 2000, 3000, 5000 at sponsor option with the proviso that the limit is at least 500 points higher than Strat “B.”
 - c. For this type of event only, the upper three strats in regional events may award gold points for overall and section tops as long as the upper limit of each is at least 750 masterpoints.
 - d. Session and Overall Masterpoints.
 - 1. Session masterpoint awards for both strats will be calculated using the appropriate “M” factor and the number of pairs in the comparison group.
 - 2. Overall awards for the unlimited strat A-1 are calculated as now using the general formula based on the total number of tables in play in all strats.
 - 3. Overall awards for the second strat A-2 are calculated using the general formula (and the appropriate “M” factor) and based on the number of tables in A-2 plus the number of tables in the strats other than A-1 and A-2. Tables from other restricted events used in the calculation of strat A-1 overall award are not used in the calculation of the strat A-2 overall award.
 - 4. The depth of the A-2 award shall be a maximum of 35% of the A-2 field.
- 1.3 In strati-flighted and limited pair and team events, once the flight of the pair or team is determined, stratification within each flight may be based, at sponsor option, on the average masterpoint holding of the team or pair.
- 1.4 In stratified events, the stratification level of a team or pair may be based, at sponsor option, on the average masterpoint holding of the team or pair. This option may be exercised in both club or unit games, and tournaments but not in qualifying events.
- 1.5 Senior events may be held with minimum age restrictions of 60, 65, or 75. Such events may be stratified by masterpoints. The masterpoint awards will be 80% for 60+ and 70% for both 65+ and 75+.
- 1.6 At the local host organizations option, regional fast open pair events at NABCs may be 24, 26 or 27 boards.

- 1.7 At sponsor option, Classic Bridge sections may be scored separately from overall events. There may be separate winners for the open game and separate winners for Classic Bridge.

Classic bridge: Limited conventions and classic convention card used, available at clubs, sectionals, regionals, and NABCs, masterpoints same as open games, no Alerts, no appeals committees

- 1.8 Management's guidelines for holding Expert/Amateur events, whether stratified or not, at sectional and regional tournaments are approved.

(See Chapter IX C, Section 6)

- 1.9 The conditions of contest for Team of Two Pairs are amended to require the team's total matchpoint score to be calculated in determining all rankings.

Example: Each pair sits the same direction in different sections. The event is scored as a normal pair game. The matchpoint scores of each pair are added together. The sum is their team's score.