

CHAPTER VIII - NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

D. EVENTS / SCHEDULES

Section 1 – National-rated events

- 1.1 Any change made by the Board of Directors in the schedules of the Spring, Summer and Fall national-rated events will not be effective for at least six months.
- 1.2 The default starting times for the prime-time sessions at NABCs for all events are 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. After consultation with district and unit officials when circumstances (e.g., not many walking-distance restaurants of all types and insufficient cab service available) warrant, management may set the above times to 1 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Should management elect to institute the latter times, the ACBL Board of Directors will be informed 12 months before the NABC. Any other starting times are subject to ACBL Board of Directors approval.
- 1.3 The first session of each NABC+ event will have the same starting times each day throughout the length of the event. There may be an exception for the final Sunday of an NABC.
- 1.4 Except for the Reisinger, which will remain as is, approximately 50% of the field but no less than 40% of an NABC+ event's field will qualify from one level to the next (qualifying to final, qualifying to semifinal and semifinal to final).
- 1.5 For any NABC+ event with or without a set masterpoint award, whenever entry is fewer than 30 tables for three consecutive years, the ACBL Board of Directors must review continuing this event on the National schedule.
- 1.6 In order to participate in a national-rated event at an NABC, a person must be an ACBL member whose service fees or dues are current.
- 1.7 See Appendix 8-D for the schedule of national-rated events.

Section II – Other Events at an NABC

- 2.1 Regional events at NABCs will be treated as though they are being held at a regional tournament.
- 2.2 The regional-rated schedule and conditions at NABCs will be set by management after discussion with and input from the local organization. For example, reasonable suggestions of scoring method in Swiss Team events, selection of VP scale and length of KO matches.

- 2.3 On the first session of the first day of each NABC, there will be a one-session regional-rated red point event for the benefit of the International Fund. Proceeds shall be determined by subtracting actual expenses from revenues. A surcharge of \$1.00 will be made.
- 2.4 A regional-rated knockout team game, held in conjunction with the regular Thursday night Educational Foundation game, shall be added to the schedule for each NABC. Proceeds from the first session only shall benefit the ACBL Educational Foundation.
- 2.5 Management is authorized to set the times for all national-rated events with an upper masterpoint limit on the final Sunday to be concurrent with the scheduled regional event.
- 2.6 The choice as to number of boards played in regional-rated primetime knockout events at NABCs is up to the host organization. Management will make certain that the host organization's selection is requested and implemented.
- 2.7 All participants in any NABC event are required to have a valid ACBL member number (even if inactive). **(Effective March 1, 2018)**