

2025 ACBL Collegiate Agreement of Fair and Sportsmanlike Participation

This is your agreement to abide by all conditions (as more fully described in the Conditions of Contest) for all Collegiate events. To indicate your agreement, please sign below and either scan and email (college@acbl.org).

- 1) All conditions of qualification and participation will be decided solely by the ACBL
- 2) I understand that the ACBL Zero Tolerance Policy will be in effect at all stages of this event. For information, please visit <https://www.acbl.org/ethics/>
- 3) By participating in any ACBL event, you are agreeing to abide by the event(s)'s Condition of Contest.
- 4) If I was born on or after 2/1/2007, my parent or legal guardian has co-signed below

CONDITIONS FOR ONLINE PLAY (BBO)

- 5) I understand that while I am competing online, I am permitted to communicate only with the opponents at my table (solely through BBO), with a director of the event, and any ACBL designated officials. During sessions, I am forbidden to communicate with my partner, my teammates or anyone else, even if it is not bridge related, including communicating with others who are playing in the event between matches. Without limitation, it is impermissible to communicate with anyone via telephone or texts, via IMs, by using a secondary computer, by opening an additional window on the computer, or anything similar.
- 6) I understand that during the on-line sessions of this ACBL competition, I am not permitted to receive outside help of any kind. Without limitation, it is impermissible to do anything during this on-line competition that would not be permitted during a face-to-face tournament; for example: receiving "coaching," receiving advice about what to play or bid, consulting a bridge book or a bridge-related website, consulting system notes or any other notes, keeping notes during a hand about which cards have been played, receiving information from any external source about what cards other players hold, or receiving information from any external source before the session ends about the results at other tables.
- 7) I understand that the ACBL will use a variety of security procedures to monitor compliance with these rules during the BBO matches. I consent to the use of any surveillance or other monitoring methods that ACBL, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. I agree and understand that I have no expectation of privacy while I am participating in any session of this competition.
- 8) I understand that I am a representative of my school and team. I understand that any violation of the Conditions of Contest or Agreement of Fair and Sportsmanlike Participation may cause disqualification of any teams from my school, as judged solely by the ACBL.

- 9) I agree to participate in a friendly and sportsmanlike manner during all stages of the competition, including discussion of matches before, during and after they have been played.
- 10) The ACBL may, in its sole judgment, disqualify any team if it detects a pattern of actions that it believes are suspicious. The ACBL has discretion to disqualify a team if it has any plausible basis to believe that the team gained an unfair advantage. The ACBL may rely on the opinion of any bridge or IT expert it elects to consult. If the ACBL disqualifies any participant or team, they agree to accept ACBL's judgment as final and binding.
- 11) The ACBL may, in its sole judgment, contact the school administration of the participating team, explaining the basis for disqualification. The ACBL may request the school administration to consider additional actions be taken against a participant or team.

I agree to all terms as stated above.

Participant name (print): _____ Date: _____

Participant signature: _____

Participant's Email: _____

Participant's ACBL Member Number: _____

Participant's Bridge Base Online Name: _____

Guardian's name (if born after 2-1-2006) _____

(print): Guardian's signature: _____

Where will you play the online tournament: _____

Who will be your proctor (print): _____

Proctor's telephone number: _____

Proctor's email address: _____