

ACBL-WIDE INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME CONDITIONS OF CONTEST & FORMAT

Wednesday Afternoon, October 25, 2017

STARTING TIME:

- The Instant Matchpoint game is sanctioned for Wednesday Afternoon, session 8
- This game may only be started during session 8 (after noon local time).
- Only games reported under session 8 will be included in the overalls.

ACBLScore INSTRUCTIONS AND SCORING FILE:

- ACBLScore instructions and the matchpoint scoring file will be sent by email on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.
- Installation of the scoring file is required for this game.
- Dealing machine files will also be sent by email on October 4th.
- Please watch for these important emails.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

- At least five FULL tables are needed for open championship eligibility.
- A Mitchell movement may be used for five or more tables.
- Boards must be pre-dealt for any Howell movements.
- Howell winners will be considered to be in the North-South field.
- MINIMUM BOARDS: All pairs must play a minimum of 18 boards.
- A club or higher rated director is required.
- Games with 17 or more tables or events of more than one section must have a non-playing director.
- The game must be seeded with an equal number of strong and weak pairs in both directions.
- An open event with 14 or more tables may be separated into two sections. Each additional section must be at least 7 FULL tables. Seeding must be equal across all sections.
- One gold point will be awarded for section winners in each direction. The remaining awards will be ½ red and ½ black sectional-rated.
- In stratified games, ONLY those pairs placing first in the “open” field are eligible for gold points. There are separate overall awards for each direction. Howell movements of five or more tables will receive a gold point for first place.
- Games may be stratified. (Stratification may be according to your regular club games, **top strata may not be limited.**)
- Half tables are allowed.

SECONDARY CONTEST

The secondary contest is for invitational clubs, newcomer games, and limited masterpoint games.

- Must be at least **five FULL tables**.
- At an Invitational club with **no masterpoint restrictions**, the section winners will receive **0.80 gold points** for a section top in Mitchell movements or Howell movements of five or more tables.
- Events with any upper masterpoint limit do not receive gold points.

- A club or higher rated director must direct the game.
- Games with 17 or more tables or events of more than one section must have a non-playing director.
- Masterpoints for this event will be awarded at sectional rating and will be 50% red and 50% black.
- A partnership must play a minimum of 18 boards.
- Howell winners will be considered to be in the North-South field.

SANCTION NUMBER

- Your sanction number is your **club number**.
- For unit-sponsored events or Unit Bridge clubs, enter “U” followed by the unit number.

SANCTION FEES and MASTERPOINTS

- \$12.00 US per table
- ACBLscore users: masterpoints and table fees are due to ACBL by November 6, 2017. Please include game with your club’s October monthly report.
- Manual clubs only: Please send table fees along with the manual reporting form to ACBL by November 6, 2017.

Overall and District awards are determined in the OPEN championship category as follows:

- Overall: First Place: 20 points Depth of awards: 10 places
- District: First Place: 10 points Depth of awards: 5 places
- Winners will receive the greater of the nationwide and the district awards, in addition to masterpoints won at the game itself.

Overall awards for Invitational Games are determined as follows:

- First Place: 7.50 points

WEB-SITE RECOGNITIONS

- High percentage scores per-district and overalls will be listed on the ACBL web site no later than November 20, 2017.
- Results may be found at www.acbl.org. **Click on Clubs, click on the plus sign next to Special Events, then click on Special Events Results.**

AVERAGES AND PENALTIES

- Calculated on the basis of 100 top.