

ACBL-WIDE INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME CONDITIONS OF CONTEST & FORMAT

WEDNESDAY evening, September 9, 2009

The ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game will be played simultaneously at clubs throughout ACBL. Local starting time is approximately 6 p.m. There are two categories, the Open Championship and the Secondary Contest.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. At least five FULL tables are needed for open championship eligibility.
2. A Mitchell movement may be used for five or more tables.
3. Boards must be pre-dealt for any Howell movements.
4. Howell winners will be considered to be in the North-South field.
5. All pairs must play a minimum of 18 boards.
6. A club or higher rated director is required.
7. Games with 17 or more tables or events of more than one section must have a non-playing director.
8. The game must be seeded with an equal number of strong and weak pairs in both directions.
9. 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.
10. One gold point will be awarded for section winners in each direction. The remaining awards will be ½ red and ½ black sectional-rated.
11. 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.
12. Games may be stratified. (Stratification may be according to your regular club games, **top strata may not be limited.**)
13. Half tables are allowed.

SECONDARY CONTEST

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

1. Must be at least **five FULL tables.**

2. An Invitational club with **no masterpoint restrictions**, the section winners will receive **0.80 gold point** for a section top in Mitchell movements or Howell movements of five or more tables.
3. Events with any upper masterpoint limit do not receive gold points.
4. A club or higher rated director must direct the game.
5. Games with 17 or more tables or events of more than one section must have a non-playing director.
6. Masterpoints for this event will be awarded at sectional rating and will be 50% red and 50% black.
7. A partnership must play a minimum of 18 boards.
8. Howell winners will be considered to be in the North-South field.

SANCTION NUMBER

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

SANCTION FEES

1. \$11.00 US per table
2. ACBLscore users table fees are due to ACBL by October 6, 2009.
3. Manual clubs/hand scorers' please send table fees along with the manual reporting form and recap sheet to ACBL by October 6, 2009.

MASTERPOINTS

1. ACBLscore users masterpoint report is due by October 6, 2009.
2. Manual clubs/hand scorers' masterpoints will be processed by ACBL. Please send recap sheet, table fees and Manual Report Form by October 6, 2009.

HIGH SCORES

High scores are no longer reportedly separately. All scores must be included in your September club report. Your September report must be received no later than October 6, 2009.

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.

Invitational clubs with five full tables receive name recognition only.

WEB-SITE RECOGNITIONS

High percentage scores per-district and overalls will be listed on the ACBL web site shortly after the October 6, 2009 closing date. Results may be found through www.acbl.org click on **Tournaments**, then place cursor over **Special Events**, and click on **Results**.

AVERAGES AND PENALTIES

Are calculated on the basis of 100 top.