District 25 Grand National Teams
2025 Conditions of Contest

ACBL 2025 GNT Special Conditions of Contest are part of these conditions. In case of conflict, the ACBL Special Conditions will take precedence.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The qualifying events will be played in person at the Mansfield tournament in February of 2025. Any changes to these conditions to ensure smooth process of the events may be made by the GNT Coordinator and Director-in-Charge (DIC). Any such decisions will be final.

DESCRIPTION

This is a team event in which District 25 will name a team(s) district champion in each of four separate flights:

Championship – Unlimited
Flight A – Under 6,000 MPs
Flight B – Under 2,500 MPs (2 teams potentially named to the National Finals)
Flight C – Non LM – Under 500 MPs (2 teams potentially named to the National Finals)

Masterpoint requirements are based on what is reflected in the ACBL's September 2024 masterpoint cycle, which is established on or about August 6, 2024.

These district champions then may compete in the National Final of their respective flight.

LOCATION AND DATES

The Grand National Teams Qualification for All Flights will be held in person at the Mansfield, Ma. Tournament in February 2025.

Championship/Open Flight: February 20th, 21st and 22nd.

A flight February 18th and 19th

B flight February 21st

C flight February 20th.

Championship Flight will play a straight KO format based on the attached schedule. If too many teams sign up to allow for a straight KO format, day one will either be a round robin or a Swiss format to reduce the number of teams for day two to four teams. Each session will consist of 28 boards.

Flight A: Day one will be either a Round robin or Swiss with four teams going on to the second day. The semifinals will take place on the morning of day 2 and the finals that afternoon. Each session will consist of between 26-28 boards,

Flight B: The flight B qualifier will be a one day Swiss event. Each session will consist of 24 boards.

Flight C: The flight C qualifier will also be a one day Swiss event. Each session will consist of between 18-24 boards.

All starting times on all days will be 10AM. The second sessions of each day will start at a time TDB and will be announced near the end of each morning session.

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Event is open to teams of four, five or six players.

2. All players must be members in good standing of the ACBL.

3. All players must have residency in one of the 6 New England states as of September 1, 2024. A player who is a full-time student, a member of the armed services, has dual residency, or a person whose full- time employment requires temporary relocation, who is residing temporarily in District 25 may participate in the event. This player must get approval prior to entering the competition from the GNT Coordinator or the District Director. It is expected that there will be no exceptions to the residency requirements for participation in this event. Any player who has a question as to whether or not he/she is eligible to play in District 25 should contact the GNT Coordinator or the District Director as far in advance as possible.

   Under no circumstances may a player participate in the GNT District event in more than one district.

4. The contest is split into four flights as defined below. The player must meet the conditions as reflected in the ACBL's September 2024 masterpoint cycle, which is established on or about August 6, 2024. The limits apply to all players entering a particular flight, i.e., they are not "averages" of all the players on the team but the highest allowable masterpoints for any player on the team.

   Championship: Unlimited

   Flight A: Under 6000 masterpoints

Flight B: Under 2500 masterpoints

Flight C: Non-Life Master under 500 masterpoints

5. If a player has masterpoints won from other bridge organizations, such as the ABA or the WBF, he/she must make this known to the GNT Coordinator and/or the Director-In-Charge prior to the beginning of competing in the GNT. This information may be taken into account for placement in the flights. The Director-in-Charge is authorized to make the decision on the player's classification.

6. Each team must select a captain, playing or non-playing, who is the team's official representative. The captain is responsible for timely entry of the team.

7. **Pre-registration is required** in all 4 Flights. Pre-registration will close 2 days before the start of each event. Pre-registration will be available on the District 25 website at www.nebridge.org.

For Flight C, pre-registration is done by email to the Flight C Fairy GoldMother at inchair@nebridge.org.

For all other flights, pre-registration is done by filling out the registration form on the District 25 website at District 25 GNT Registration. Pre-registration requires the name, BBO id (the one the player plans to use for GNT play), ACBL player number, phone number and email address for ALL players on the team. Remember to include 5th and 6th members if your team will have them.

All entry fees will be collected before the start of play on the dates of the event. (There is no additional fee for 5th and 6th players.) Payment for subsequent rounds must be made after the team qualifies to move on to the next match. Additionally, the District standard discounts for juniors under 19 (free plays) and full-time students under 26 ($5/session, $10/session discount) will apply for the first event. Payment may be made individually, for a pair, or for a whole team.

All payment can be made by credit card or cash.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. ACBL requirements shall govern.

2. For any given overall award, a player must play at least 50% of each match of a KO (excluding the 1st round) and 50% of the total boards played by the team. No player may play any match after it has become mathematically impossible for him to play at least 50% of the boards (excluding play-off boards) played by his team or failed to play in at least half of each match other than the first. Team captains may apply to the GNT Coordinator for exemption from the 50% in semi-final and final match provision in the case of a medical emergency. An exempted player must still play 50% of the semi-final and finals combined.

3. Each team member must have played at least 50% of the boards, excluding playoff boards and disconnections from BBO, for as long as the team survived, to qualify for overall masterpoint awards and to be eligible for the monetary subsidy. No contestant may play any match after it has become mathematically impossible for him/her to play at least 50% of the boards (excluding playoff boards) played by his/her team.