

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (GNT) DISTRICT 15
2023-2024 Conditions of Contest
8/19/2023 revision

The following, in conjunction with the ACBL Conditions of Contest, shall constitute the District 15 Conditions of Contest. The ACBL National Conditions of Contest may be referenced on the ACBL website - <http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/coc/gnt/GNT2023-24.pdf>

Each Unit in District 15 shall appoint a Unit Coordinator. This person shall be responsible for arranging Unit GNT competition, reporting unit results, and aiding clubs within their Unit with questions about the conditions of contest (COC). **The name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of the Unit Coordinator shall be submitted to the District 15 Coordinator no later than September 1, 2023. If the Unit Coordinator does not have e-mail, an e-mail address of a contact person within the unit should be provided.**

SCHEDULE & FEE SUMMARY

Level	Dates	District fee/session	ACBL fee/session
Club	Sept 1, 2023 – Feb 4, 2024	\$8.00/table	\$2.35/table
Unit	Feb 5 – Mar 24, 2024	\$8.00/table	\$2.35/table
District	Apr 6-7, 2024	\$12.00/table	\$2.35/table

Checks for District fees should be made out to **District 15**. Checks should include your Club number and the number of teams.

Checks should be mailed to:

Henry Robin
101 W 128TH PL S
Jenks, OK 74037-4444
Phone: (918) 440-2686
E-mail: okrobin@sbcglobal.net

CLUB COMPETITION

Clubs may hold as many games as they wish. These games may be one or two sessions. Points awarded for club level games are half red and half black at Sectional rating. Club level games may be flighted or stratified; if stratified, the following master point limits must be used: Open / 0 - 2,500 / NLM<500. A team's flight eligibility is determined by the member with the most MPs.

REPORTING: Results of ALL club level games must be submitted to your Unit Coordinator; the District Coordinator DOES NOT need individual game results. Club level game fees are: \$2.35/table to the ACBL and \$8.00/table to the district. ACBL fees will be collected automatically, District fees should be submitted once all club games have been completed.

UNIT LEVEL COMPETITION

The Unit level of Competition is optional. If held, Unit level finals should be scheduled from February 5, 2024 through March 24, 2024. The Unit final can be one or two sessions; Unit level games of two sessions award some Gold points. The game should be flighted unless there are an insufficient number of teams to hold a particular flight. If stratified, the following master point limits must be used: Open / 0 - 2,500 / NLM<500

QUALIFICATION: All players must be ACBL members in good standing and a member of a Unit in District 15. A team's flight eligibility is determined by the member with the most MPs. Players may participate in a Unit final even if they have not played in a Club level game.

REPORTING: The Unit Coordinator must submit the results of the Unit Final to the District Coordinator. Unit level game fees are: \$2.35/table/session to the ACBL and \$8.00/table/session to the district.

DISTRICT LEVEL COMPETITION

The District 15 GNT Finals will be held at the Oklahoma City Regional.

Registration with the District GNT Coordinator for the GNT event will open starting Friday afternoon and close 30 minutes prior to the announced starting time on Saturday. All entrants must check in with the Director in Charge no later than fifteen (15) minutes before game time on Saturday.

QUALIFICATION: Participants must be members in good standing of the ACBL and members of District 15 to enter the District 15 GNT Final. A team's flight eligibility is determined by the member with the most MPs. A player may participate in the District final even if they have not played in a club or unit level game.

EVENT PLAYING CONDITIONS: If only one team enters a flight, that team automatically qualifies for the National final. All flights will play a two-session Round Robin/Swiss on Saturday. In flights of 8 or more teams, the top 2 teams in the Round Robin/Swiss will play a third session on Sunday. The 20-victory point scale will be used in all flights. Each flight will play separately. Teams will be ranked from first to last based on total victory points; ties will be broken using:

- 1) head-to-head results between tied teams
- 2) total wins
- 3) best record against common opponents (Swiss competition only)
- 4) a four or eight board match (at tournament director's discretion)

NATIONAL FINAL QUALIFICATIONS: The top team in each flight qualifies to the National Finals. In addition, if there are 8 or more teams in Flight B and/or C, the second-place team will also qualify. Those who qualify for participation in the national finals will be notified by the district secretary/treasurer of any district subsidy. If a team that qualifies for the National Finals chooses not to attend, the next highest finishing team may attend.

STIPEND: District 15 will provide stipends for each team representing our district at the National Finals to help cover travel expenses. The total amount of any stipend will be determined annually by the District Board, based on available funds collected specifically for this event. These funds will be shared equally among the four flights participating at the National Finals. If any team from any flight(s) does not participate in the GNT National finals, their stipend will not be awarded. Any stipend(s) not awarded will be rolled over for use in following years allocations. If the NABC is held online the stipend does not apply since the stipend is meant to assist with the players travel expenses.

AUGMENTATION/SUBSTITUTION: After a team has won their Flight at the District level, they may augment their team to a maximum of six (6) members, subject to the following provisions.

- There must be at least two (2) members of the original team remaining on the team.
- The player(s) must be a member in good standing of the ACBL and a member of District 15.
- The player(s) must meet the eligibility requirements of the Flight involved.
- Subsidies provided the District is for a team of four (4). No additional subsidy will be provided for teams with more than four members.