

# 2017-2018 North American Pairs (NAP)

## District Three

### Conditions of Contest

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#### INTRODUCTION

The, NAP, a major national pairs event sponsored by the ACBL, is a grass-roots event that is played in three stages and culminates at the Spring NABC, where representatives from all 25 ACBL districts compete.

The event is played in three flights and all players must be members of

District 3 and paid-up members of the ACBL:

Flight A	Open
Flight B	Less than 2,500 Master points
Flight C	Non life Master with fewer than 500 points

\*All strata are determined by recorded Master points as of June 1, 2017

Players attempt to earn qualifications at a club in North America. Eligible players than compete at the district level in the fall. Winners at the district level earn a place at the national finals.

The NAP final for all flights will be held at the Spring NABC in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in March of 2018.

#### CLUB QUALIFICATION

A player may qualify at a club in North America to be eligible to play in the District finals. Club qualification games are played at local clubs during June, July, and August. Each club decides when to run its NAP qualifying games. You can qualify in more than one flight and play in any flight for which you qualify. Qualifying at a club level is in an individual basis-that is, if you qualify with one partner, you may play with anyone else at the District finals as long as both players reside in District 3 and are paid up members of the ACBL.

## **DISTRICT FINALS**

The District finals determine which pairs will advance from each flight to the NAP finals. District finals will be held Saturday, October 7, at the Guardian Angel Auditorium, East Allendale Avenue & Franklin Tpk., and Allendale, New Jersey 07401.

### **Flight A**

The top three finishers in Flight A are eligible to play in the national event. In the event that any of the top three pairs cannot attend the national event, they are replaced with 4<sup>th</sup> and lower placed finishers down the line. The final for Flight A will be held, Wednesday, and Thursday, March 7 and March 8, 2018.

### **Flights B and C**

The top four finishers in Flight B and flight C are eligible to play in the national event. In the event that any of the top four pairs cannot attend the national event, they are replaced with 5<sup>th</sup> and lower finishers down the line. The finals for Flight B and Flight C will be held Sunday, and Monday, March 11 and March 12, 2018.

ACBL provides free entries for all participants at the NAP finals and first place winners in every flight will receive a stipend of \$700 each to compete at the National Finals, second place winners will receive \$300 each and D3 provides an additional \$100 to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place participants.

## **Reference**

**ACBL 2017-2018 Conditions of Contest for the North American Pairs Contest** is part of these conditions. To view the ACBL North American Pairs National Conditions of Contest, go to:

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentationlibrary/play/NAP/Co.C.pdf>.