

ACBL DISTRICT 5
2024-2025 North American Pairs
Conditions of Contest

A. General

1. National Conditions:

The 2024-2025 North American Pairs (NAP) Conditions of Contest as published by the ACBL govern this competition. These ACBL District 5 (D5) Conditions of Contest cover circumstances that are unique to D5 and clarify options available under the National Conditions of Contest. They may be found at >>

[CoC.pdf \(acbl.org\)](https://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf)

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2. Participation:

To advance beyond the club level to the D5 Finals, a player must be a member in good standing of both the ACBL and it's geographical division of D5.

3. District Coordinator:

D5's coordinator for the NAP is Ronald Franck, 149 Hidden Valley Dr, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237:
rjtfranck@gmail.com: (412) 913-1505

B. Club Stage

Club qualifying games will be conducted in June, July, and August of 2024 as per the ACBL National Conditions of Contest. Clubs may hold two NAP games per each sanctioned session each of these months. The use of Bridge conventions is also per the National Conditions of Contest. Club managers must submit the ACBL Score game files (or equivalent) to the D5 Coordinator via e-mail by the first week of September.

C. Unit Level

The Unit stage of the NAP competition will NOT be conducted in D5. Players who qualify at the club level can advance directly to the D5 Finals.

D. District Finals

1. Tournament Eligibility:

a) All strats are determined by recorded masterpoints as of June 1, 2024.

Flight A- Open to any player

Flight B- Players with less than 2500 Mps

Flight C- Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 Mps

b) Players MUST have qualified at the club level to play in the District Final.

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2. Event dates and Location:

D5 will have one site for the District Final. It will be played in Erie Pa at the Erie Bridge Club, 1221 Grant Ave. Erie, Pa. 16505. The finals will be a 2-day event, two sessions each day. The finals will start at 11 AM Saturday October 5th 2024, and at 10 AM Sunday October 6th 2024, followed by a light lunch and a 2nd Session directly after lunch. The finals will be a 4 session play through.

3. Event Format:

All three flights in the D5 Final will be conducted as a 4 session play through Saturday and Sunday.

4. Entry Fees:

The entry fees will be 15 dollars per session for each player totaling 60 dollars for the 4 session event.

5. Bridge Conventions:

The ACBL Basic+ Convention Chart applies for Flight C, the Basic+ Convention Chart for Flight B, and the Open+ Convention Chart for Flight A.

6. Advancement to the North American Finals:

The top three eligible pairs in Flight A, and the top four eligible pairs in Flight B+C, qualify to the national finals, which will be held at the 2025 Spring NABC in Memphis, TN. Pairs qualify to the national finals as a pair, and no new partnerships may be formed.

E. Subsidies

Travel expense subsidies for those who qualify for participation in the National Finals are administered by the ACBL. D5 will not provide any additional subsidies.

F. Contingencies

The Director in Charge (DIC) will resolve all contingencies or ambiguities relating to the format or playing conditions of the D5 Finals that are not specifically addressed by these conditions.

G. Pre-Registration is required

Pairs who have qualified at the club level and are competing in Erie must register by Wednesday, October 2nd at 5pm. Pairs should register via email: rjtfranck@gmail.com.

Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the DIC, and only if they fill a half-table.