

ACBL DISTRICT 5

2019-2020 North American Pairs Conditions of Contest

A. General

1. National Conditions:

The 2019-2020 North American Pairs (NAP) Conditions of Contest as published by the ACBL

www.acbl.org/.../conditions-of-contest/conditions-of-contest-north-american-pairs) 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.

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 its geographical division of D5.

3. District Coordinator:

D5's coordinator for the NAP is Ronald Franck, 149 Hidden Valley Dr, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15202: rjtfranck@gmail.com: (412) 913-1505

B. Club Stage

Club qualifying games will be conducted in June, July, and August of 2019 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) Masterpoint (MP) limits for each flight are as of the ACBL 2019 June MP cycle which is run on May 6, 2019:

Flight A- Open to any player

Flight B- Players with less than 2500 Mps

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

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

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 be Saturday October 5th 2019, sessions at 1:00 and 7:00 PM and Sunday October 6th 2019, sessions at 10:00 AM and 2nd session time TBA. 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 12 dollars per session for each player totaling 48 dollars for 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 qualifying to the national finals, which will be held at the 2020 Spring NABC in Columbus, Ohio.

Pairs qualifying to the national finals qualify 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 and 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.