

**DISTRICT 10
2017-2018 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP)
CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

The following, in conjunction with the ACBL Conditions of Contest, shall constitute the District 10 Conditions of Contest for 2016-2017 North American Pairs (NAP). The ACBL National Conditions of Contest may be found on the ACBL website (<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf>).

The District 10 NAP Coordinator is: Jerry Burford. If there are any questions regarding the District 10 NAP contest, he may be contacted via e-mail at jerryburford6@gmail.com.

FLIGHT ELIGIBILITY

Flight A — Open to any player

Flight B — Less than 2500 MP

Flight C — Non-Life Masters with less than 500 MP

Masterpoint totals for flight eligibility are determined by the 2017 June masterpoint cycle run by ACBL data processing on May 6, 2017. Any points won prior to the NABC, but not included in this cycle do not affect eligibility.

CLUB LEVEL COMPETITION

Club level competition may be held only in June, July, and August of 2017. Clubs may hold up to two NAP Club qualifying games in each of these months for each weekly sanctioned session.

All games should be seeded, regardless of size. Club level NAP qualifying games, if stratified, must use these limits: Open/2500/NLM<500.

There is no qualification needed to play in a Club level game. All bridge players are welcome.

There is no District surcharge for games at the Club level. All reporting is done via the Club's monthly report to ACBL. (ACBL fees are \$5.00 per table.)

UNIT LEVEL COMPETITION

Unit level qualification is OPTIONAL for all flights. Unit level finals can be scheduled between September 1 and December 15, 2017. The Unit NAP Coordinator is responsible for sanctioning any unit finals through the ACBL website, with the date approved by the District NAP Coordinator.

New partnerships from Club level qualifiers may be formed at the Unit level.

The event should be two sessions, if possible. The game should be flighted, if possible, but may be stratified if there are an insufficient number of pairs to hold a particular flight. All players at the Unit level competition must have qualified at the Club level and be a 'paid up' member of the ACBL.

Advancement to Unit level, if applicable: For Units holding Unit level finals, eligible players finishing in the top 50% of their flight (rounded up and including ties) plus any pairs with "average" not in the top half of their flight at the Club level qualify to the Unit level of play. When an insufficient number of pairs (fewer than five pairs) enter a scheduled qualifying event, all players who pay their entry fee are qualified to the next level of competition. This also applies when an insufficient number of pairs enter the lowest strata of a scheduled stratified game.

New partnerships from Club level qualifiers may be formed at the Unit level.

Note: ALL PLAYERS who: 1) qualify at either the Club level or the Unit level (if a Unit final was held) AND 2) are 'paid up' members of ACBL may participate at the District finals. New partnerships from Club and/or Unit qualifiers may be formed to participate at the District level.

DISTRICT LEVEL COMPETITION

The District final for NAP Flight A will be held during the Tunica, MS Regional Tournament on Sunday, September 17, 2017. It will be a 2-session play-through event. ACBL Mid-Chart applies.

The District final for NAP Flights B and C will be held during the Jackson, MS Sectional Tournament on January 27-28, 2018. It will be a 2-session qualifying round with a 2-session final. ACBL General Convention Chart applies.

The different timing of these events allows for all district members in good standing who qualified for Flight A at the club level – regardless of masterpoint holdings - to be able to play in the Flight A Final, and if eligible based on their masterpoint holdings, to also play in the district final for a lower flight (either B or C) for which they are eligible.

The top three pairs in Flight A and the top four pairs in each of Flights B and C will be eligible to play in the National final. If a pair should qualify for the NABC in the District Finals in more than one flight, they must choose in which NABC flight they plan to compete. They will forfeit any subsidy earned from the other flight, and the next higher qualifier in that flight will automatically move up. The decision should be made as soon as possible, but not later than February 3, 2018. The eligible pairs will be notified by the ACBL Special Events Coordinator regarding any subsidy earned based on their finish in the District final. Qualifiers must play in the national level event until eliminated to receive the award.

No new partnerships may be formed between the District and National level competition. If a qualifying pair is unable to attend the NABC, the invitation will be passed to the next eligible pair based upon its finish in the District final.

NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION

The finals of the NAP will be held during the Philadelphia, PA NABC in March of 2018. The North American Pairs Flight A finals will be a four-session event, consisting of a two-session play-through to qualify twenty-eight pairs into a two-session play-through final with carryover as per ACBL formula. The North American Pairs Flights B & C finals will be four-session events, consisting of a two-session play-through to qualify approximately 50% of the entry field into a two-session play-through final with carryover as per ACBL formula. Please refer to the ACBL website for exact dates and times.

Note - There is no entry fee for the national level of the NAP.