

DISTRICT 12 CONDITIONS OF CONTEST 2017-2018 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

See the ACBL Conditions of Contest in regard to qualifying at the club level. Any club may hold qualifying games. The district web site will list any dates when clubs report that they are holding qualifying games. If no club within a unit holds a club qualifying game, the unit is required to hold a club qualifying game. **One must qualify at the club level in order to play at the District Final.** After qualifying at the club level, there is no unit qualifying for District 12; the succeeding stage of qualifying is the District Final. Club qualifying games are prohibited during any Regional within the district and may not be held within 50 miles of any Sectional within the district.

The District 12 NAP Final will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at the Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, 4722 W. Grand River, Lansing, MI and will be a two session final. **The first session is to begin at 11 AM.** The second session starting time will be announced by the event Director-in-charge (DIC) at the end of the first session. A buffet meal will be served between sessions and that cost is included in the registration fee. Registration will open at 10:15 AM; pre-registered pairs should be checked in by 10:45 to preserve their reservation. **All partnerships are expected to play both sessions** and will not be permitted to withdraw except in cases of emergency as permitted by the DIC. There will be no refunds in case of withdrawal.

Partnerships are encouraged to pre-register for the event to help insure adequate seating. In order to pre-register, click on the link to the Registration Form, print out the second page, complete it in full, and send it to the District Coordinator with the entry fee which will vary based on the date of your pre-registration as indicated on the form. Partnerships which preregister, but do not include the correct entry fee based on the registration postmark will be required to pay the appropriate additional amount at the time of signing in at the playing site. There will be an attempt to accommodate partnerships which do not pre-register, subject to the limits of available seating and at the sole discretion of the District Coordinator. Walk-ins may have to wait until all pre-registered pairs are given table assignments to be seated. The fee for walk in partnerships will be \$96.

There is a reduced entry fee for Juniors (as defined by the ACBL). If you are a Junior and want to pre-register, please contact the District Coordinator by telephone (269-664-4802) or email (SusanBC99@aol.com) for information on Junior entry fees.

If you are unable to print the Registration Form from the web site, contact the District Coordinator (as above) to obtain a copy via email or US mail.

Conditions of play in the District Final of the North American Pairs

1. Each session must be at least 24 boards and no more than 30 boards
2. Only ACBL members in good standing may participate. Ineligible pairs playing to fill out the movement will receive any session awards, but do not receive overall awards and do not qualify to the next stage of the event.
3. Stratification at the District Final is NOT recommended, but a two session play through stratified event is allowed when attendance is insufficient to support separate flights.
4. For the A flight, the ACBL mid-chart conventions are permissible.
5. District Final competition is not permitted during an NABC.