

DISTRICT 16
2019-2020 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP)
CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

The National Conditions of Contest for the North American Pairs (NAP) are established by the ACBL and take precedence over District 16 conditions. The District 16 Conditions of Contest are solely intended to provide additional district specific information. The ACBL National Conditions of Contest may be found on the ACBL website (<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf>).

The District 16 NAP Coordinator is: Roxie Tom. If there are any questions regarding the District 16 NAP contest, she may be contacted via e-mail at rtom85@yahoo.com , or by phone at 210-508-4697.

FLIGHT ELIGIBILITY

Flight A — Open to any player

Flight B — Less than 2500 MP

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

Individual masterpoint totals for flight eligibility are determined based on the June 2019 masterpoint cycle run by ACBL data processing on May 6, 2019.

CLUB LEVEL COMPETITION

Club level competition may be held only in June, July, and August of 2019. Clubs may hold up to two NAP Club qualifying games for each weekly sanctioned session in each of these months.

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

You must provide the District Coordinator with a list of qualifiers to the District final by **December 10, 2019**:

- a. Go to DATA BASE at the screen with the Main Menu.
- b. Select REPORTS/EXPORT.
- c. Select #13, List of Qualifiers.
- d. Tag the group to include: 9NA 9NB 9NC for 2019 and hit F9.
- e. Answer the remaining questions appropriately.

Call the ACBLscore help desk at 855-275-7629, option 1 for assistance.

UNIT LEVEL COMPETITION

Unit level qualification is OPTIONAL for all flights. Unit level finals can be scheduled between September 1 and December 31, 2019. 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 support a game for a particular flight. All players at the Unit level competition must be 'paid up' members of the ACBL and have qualified at the Club level.

Advancement to Unit level, if applicable: For Units holding Unit level finals, eligible players finishing in the top 60% 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, B and C will be held during the San Antonio Winter Sectional, January 18 & 19, 2020. It will be a 4-session event, consisting of a two-session play-through qualifying into a two-session play-through final with a carryover as per ACBL formula.

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. 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 Spring NABC Columbus, OH in March of 2020. Please refer to the ACBL website for exact dates and times. Note - There is no entry fee for the national level of the NAP.