

David BRUCE (LM-5000) and Sally YOUNG (LM-1500) PAIRS  
SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

The General Conditions of Contest for pair events will apply to this event, subject to the following special conditions of contest.

These Conditions of Contest may not be changed at any level of play during the course of this event.

Lack of knowledge does not constitute cause for exemption.

1. Each event will consist of six sessions, two qualifying and two semi-final and two final. If either or both events having an original entry of less than 60 tables will consist of four sessions, two qualifying and two final.
2. Each event will consist of pairs of players each of whom is a paid up member of ACBL and an ACBL Life Master with fewer than 1500 masterpoints for the YOUNG Pairs (LM-1500) or 5000 masterpoints for the BRUCE Pairs (LM-5000).
3. For the two qualifying sessions the field will be divided into comparison/qualifying groups of two sections except that one three section group is permitted when necessary (N.B. Across the field scoring may be used). The matchpoints on each board will be calculated across each group for the two qualifying sessions. Approximately 50% (but in no case less than 40%) of the field in each group will qualify from the qualifying sessions to the semi-finals and from the semi-final to the final. For the semi-final and final sessions the matchpoints on each board will be calculated across the entire field.  
If the entry to either event is less than 60 tables, the following applies:  
For the two qualifying sessions the field will be divided into groups of two sections, one group of three sections may be necessary (N.B. Across the field scoring may be used). The matchpoints on each board will be calculated across the entire group. Approximately 50% (but in no case less than 40%) of the field in each group will qualify for the two final sessions. Ties for the last qualifying position will be broken as per ACBL regulation.
4. There will be a carryover from the qualifying sessions to the semi-final. The carryover will be calculated as per ACBL regulations but the spread from top to bottom can be no greater than two and one half boards.  
There will be a carryover from the semi-finals to the finals as well but the spread can be no greater than four boards.  
If the event is four sessions (see #3 above), the following applies:  
There will be a carryover from the qualifying sessions to the final. The carryover will be calculated as per ACBL regulations but the spread from top to bottom can be no greater than four boards.
5. For purposes of qualifying or for determining final overall ranking any fraction of a matchpoint difference will be sufficient separation.

6. The masterpoints award for each event will be calculated using the current formula for a National-rated event that has no pre-determined masterpoints award. There is a cap for the first place award in each Flight as follows:

	Cap - 6 sessions	Cap - 4 sessions
YOUNG (LM-1500)	50	40
BRUCE (LM-5000)	75	60

7. Regarding any of the above or any of the general conditions of ACBL pair events, the decision of the Director in Charge shall be final.