

District 20 NAP COC 2025-2026

General

(a) National Conditions of Contest: The 2025-2026 North American Pairs (hereafter, NAP) Conditions of Contest as published by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) govern this competition: <http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf>

(b) District Coordinator: The D20's coordinator for the ACBL-wide North American events is currently Hal Montgomery (hereafter "Coordinator"), 5533 SW Boundary st, Portland, Oregon 97221; e-mail: dewitt@imaginata.com; telephone number (503) 583-3717.

(c) Participation: To advance beyond the club level in this event, a player must be a member in good standing of both the ACBL and District 20 (D20).

(d) Club Stage: Club qualifying games will be conducted in June, July and August of 2025 as detailed in the ACBL National Conditions of Contest. With few exceptions, club qualifying is required. You may qualify in a NAP qualifying game in any ACBL district. Players qualify as individuals and may play with any eligible partner in the district finals.

(e) Unit Level: The Unit Stage of the NAP competition will not be conducted in D20. Players who qualify in club qualifying games advance directly to the D20 Finals.

Final Tournaments Eligibility:

(a) D20 players who qualified in a Club NAP qualifying game or are otherwise qualified by the ACBL National Conditions of Contest may compete in the D20 NAP Finals in the flight(s) for which they are eligible.

(b) Masterpoint (MP) limits for each flight are as of the June 2025 MP cycle.

Championship Flight	Open to any eligible player
Flight A	Players with fewer than 6,000 MPs.
Flight B	Players with fewer than 3,000 MPs.
Flight C	Non-Life Masters with fewer than 750 MPs.

Players with significant playing experience in non-ACBL events may have their experience considered when determining their appropriate flight.

Partnerships consisting of players at different experience levels are only eligible to compete in those flights for which both players are eligible. For example, a 1000-MP player playing with a 3500-MP player is not eligible for Flight B even though the average of the partnership is less

than 3000 MP. Players may participate in any flight for which they (and their partner) are eligible. However, a player may play in only one flight at the NABC Final.

Event Dates, Times and Locations:

(a) The Flight A and Flight C Finals will be held simultaneously on Saturday, October 25, 2025. The Championship Flight and Flight B Finals will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2025. Planned starting times for the two sessions are 11:00 am and 4:00 pm Pacific Time (8:00 am and 1:00 pm in Hawaii, 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm in Boise) The Director in Charge (DIC) will announce the exact starting time for the second session at the end of the first session.

(b) The dates, times, and locations for these Finals are subject to change by the Coordinator or Regional Director for good cause.

(c) Currently the ACBL requires that online district finals be contested on Bridge Base Online (BBO). Monitored venues are required in our district finals. However, it is anticipated that other online platforms will soon be approved. If Real Bridge, or some other platform, with integrated audio and video is approved we will use it and not require monitored sites.

Event Format:

(a) All four flights in the D20 NAP Finals will be conducted as one-day, two-session, play-through events supervised by the DIC who must have at least the rank of ACBL Tournament director. The national conditions of contest call for each session to be at least 24 but not more than 30 deals long. However, the DIC may adjust the session length to accommodate the number of pairs in each flight.

(b) Format Changes: The event format in all flights is subject to change for good reason by a committee consisting of the DIC, NAE Coordinator, and Regional Director.

District Finals Conditions of Play

(a) Pre Registration is required. You must pre-register by October 18th 2025 for Flights A and C and October 19th 2025 for the championship Flight and Flight B to assure participation in the finals. Registration(s) after this date may be accepted to improve the game movement or for other good reasons subject to approval by the DIC.

(b) Entry Fees: The entry fee for the District Finals for the championship flight and Flights A and B will be \$40 per person. The entry fee for the District Finals for Flight C will be \$36 per person. Currently the procedure is that players will pay the entry fee to BBO on the day of the event. Players must have the funds in their account. If a different platform than BBO is used the registration form will have payment instructions.

(c) Seeding: It is intended that pairs play against the other pairs in an equitable movement. The DIC will balance the field by taking into account the players' Masterpoint holdings and recent accomplishments. The DIC may consult with the Regional Director, District President, and NAE Coordinator regarding the seeding.

(d) Slow Play: A maximum of 7.0 minutes per board is permitted in each segment of play, unless play is delayed for a technical difficulty. The DIC will monitor play and may add additional time in the case of technical difficulties.

(e) Kibitzing: Kibitzing is prohibited.

(f) Scoring: The contestants within each flight will be scored via match point scoring with every other competitor within their flight to determine the overall rankings.

(g) Ties: Ties for advancement positions in any flight Finals will be broken as follows. The boards played in common will be scored board-a-match versus average, with 1 point for above average, $\frac{1}{2}$ point for average, and no points for below average. If the pairs are still tied then a coin flip will determine the placing.

Online Competition

(a) Provisions for On-line Competition: This event will be played on-line to provide broad accessibility for players in all parts of D20 and to select the representatives to the National Finals in the fairest way possible. The ACBL regulations for on-line play govern this event and are contained in the National Conditions Appendix I : Online Events Special Conditions of Contest <https://web2.acbl.org/coc/AppendixI.pdf>

Electronic Device Policy

The ACBL electronic device policy applies to this event. The URL is copied below.
<https://web2.acbl.org/coc/AppendixJ.pdf>

Conventions

(a) Contestants are required to post a complete convention card, in ACBL format, including any supplemental notes.

(b) The ACBL Open+ Chart applies to the Championship flight.

(c) The ACBL Open Chart applies to Flight A..

(d) The ACBL Basic+ Convention Chart applies to Flights B and C.

(e) If players have questions regarding the permissibility of their own or their opponent's conventions they should contact the DIC.

Advancement

(a) Ranking of Pairs: Pairs will be ranked by their overall score, within each flight, for overall masterpoint awards and for pair advancement eligibility.

(b) Subject to the tie-breaking procedure, the top three pairs in the championship flight and flight A and the top four pairs in flights B and C will be eligible to advance to the National Finals.

(c) If a pair declines the opportunity to advance, the vacant position will be offered to the next highest pair. Note: pairs must declare intention to advance within two weeks of notification or risk having their status deemed "declined."

(d) If additional pairs (other than the previous year's winner in The championship flight and Flight A) are eligible to advance per Appendix II of the National Conditions of Contest, they will be the pair or pairs with the highest score not otherwise qualified to advance.

Subsidies

(a) Subsidy awards for those who qualify for participation in the National Finals will be based on a pair's position.

(b) The ACBL offers travel expense subsidies only for the top two pairs in each flight. D20 may provide additional subsidies from the general fund or with a portion of the net funds generated by the North American Events and Grass Roots Fund games (if any) at the discretion of the D20 Board as recommended by the NA Events Committee. Participants in any Flight may conduct fundraisers, all proceeds of which will be used to supplement the ACBL and D20 subsidies of that Flight.

(c) The subsidies provided by the ACBL and D20 for the NAPs will be posted on the D20 website once the D20 board has determined the subsidy amounts. The D20 portion varies from year to year. For the 25-26 cycle, D20 will award a subsidy of up to \$100 per player for the pairs in third place in flight A and third and fourth place in Flights B and C. No D20 subsidy is awarded for players in the championship flight.

Publicity

(a) D20's representatives in each Flight will cooperate reasonably in promoting the event by supplying a short written report of the D20 and National Finals for publication in the D20's newspaper; and by making public appearances.

(b) The Coordinator will promote the event to the D20 Units, Clubs and individuals with general information for club qualification and dates, times and locations of the Finals by providing fliers and/or advance email notifications; and by publishing schedules and reports in the D20's newspaper and on its web site.

Contingencies

(a) The Coordinator will resolve all contingencies or ambiguities relating to Club Qualifying Events, publicity, playing sites and dates that are not specifically addressed by these conditions. Also, in consultation with the NA Events Committee if feasible, the Coordinator will resolve all contingencies or ambiguities relating to the format or playing conditions of the finals that are not specifically addressed by these conditions and which arise before October 25th, 2025. If such a matter should involve his or her partnership, then the Coordinator shall defer to a member of the NA Events Committee to act in his or her stead.

(b) The DIC will resolve all contingencies or ambiguities relating to the format or playing conditions of the Finals that are not specifically addressed by these conditions and which arise on or after October 25th, 2025.

Security

The ACBL online security requirements as detailed on the ACBL website at: <http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf> are part of these conditions. However, in D-20, when the finals are contested on BBO, Monitors are required for all venues. The following conditions are required for play on BBO and are in addition to the security provisions in appendix VII of the national COC.

(a) The Tournament Organizer will designate or approve at least one Monitor for each playing venue. The DIC shall be informed, no later than 2 days after the close of registration, of the proposed Monitors for each venue and their contact information. Family members are permitted as Monitors only when no other Monitors is practical.

(b) Monitors, if necessary, shall ensure the enforcement of these COC and will be primarily responsible for the enforcement of any security-related issues at their designated location.

(c) The goal of the district is to have many locally organized venues, permitting players to play locally with as little travel as possible.

(d) One person venues must be approved in advance. When one member of a pair is permitted to play from a one person venue the other player must be playing from a multi person venue.