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Chapter 6 - TOURNAMENTS

ACBL sanctions three levels of tournaments - North American Bridge Championships, regionals, and sectionals. This Chapter describes each level of tournament and the corresponding rules and regulations which apply.

SECTION ONE: NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS (NABCs)

Each year the American Contract Bridge League sponsors and conducts three North American Bridge Championships. Sites are selected by ACBL management with the approval of the ACBL Board of Directors. These tournaments are rotated around the United States and Canada. ACBL runs one tournament each year in each of three zones, Eastern, Central and Western, and tries to arrange that each zone has a spring, summer and fall tournament within a three-year period.

I. OPERATIONS

Once an area has been selected for an NABC, the district organization is assigned the responsibility of arranging for volunteers and hospitality. The district, at its option, may assign the responsibility to a local unit, but the district organization retains overall accountability to ACBL.

The ACBL Headquarters Meeting Planner coordinates all aspects of the tournament and is the liaison for ACBL with the host organization. *The NABC Operations Manual for Tournament Chairpersons* is available from the ACBL Meeting Planner. The purpose of the manual is to delineate the various areas of responsibility and financial obligation for the host organization and ACBL Headquarters in order to provide ACBL members with an enjoyable and memorable NABC. The division of responsibility for an NABC is as follows:

- ACBL Headquarters provides the staff and equipment necessary for the technical operation of the tournament.
- The host organization is primarily responsible for arranging all entertainment and hospitality and for providing volunteers.
- Funds are provided by the ACBL to the host organization based on ACBL's estimate of attendance for the implementation of the activities and services provided by the host organization. Additional funds may be provided by the host organization to enhance the hospitality or provide special events.

II. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Each day of the tournament there are at least two National Championship sessions scheduled. In addition, every day has a schedule of various two-session regional events as well as Intermediate/Newcomer events. There are also non-championship one-session events.

A. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

The schedule of national events is established by the ACBL Board of Directors. The following chart is a listing of the National Championship events by NABC.

SCHEDULE OF NATIONAL-RATED EVENTS AT NABCs

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Wednesday	NAP – Flight A	GNT – Championship Flt GNT – Flights A/B/C	
Thursday		GNT – Championship Flt	

	NAP – Flight A	GNT – Flights A/B/C	
Friday	Platinum Pairs IMP Pairs 10K Swiss Teams	GNT – Championship Flt GNT – Flights A/B/C LM Pairs Mini LM Prs (LM-5000) Mini LM Prs (LM-1500)	LM Open Pairs Senior KO Teams
Saturday	Platinum Pairs IMP Pairs 10K Swiss Teams	GNT – Championship Flt GNT – Flights A/B/C LM Pairs Mini LM Prs (LM-5000) Mini LM Prs (LM-1500)	LM Open Pairs Senior KO Teams 0-10K Swiss
Sunday	Platinum Pairs Silver Ribbon Pairs NAP – Flights B & C	GNT – Championship Flt GNT – Flights A/B/C LM Pairs Mini LM Prs (LM-5000) Mini LM Prs (LM-1500)	Open BAM Women’s BAM Senior KO Teams
Monday	VANDERBILT Silver Ribbon Paris 10K KO Teams NAP – Flights B & C	SPINGOLD/Mini-Spingolds Women’s KO Senior Swiss Teams	Open BAM Women’s BAM Super Senior Pairs Senior KO Teams 0-10K Swiss
Tuesday	VANDERBILT Mixed Pairs 10K KO Teams	SPINGOLD/Mini-Spingolds Women’s KO Senior Swiss Teams	Blue Ribbon Pairs Senior KO Teams Mini Blue Ribbon Women’s Pairs 0-10K IMP Pairs
Wednesday	VANDERBILT Mixed Pairs 10K KO Teams	SPINGOLD/Mini-Spingolds Women’s KO Open Pairs Mixed BAM	Blue Ribbon Pair Mini Blue Ribbon Senior KO Teams Women’s Pairs
Thursday	VANDERBILT Open Pairs Women’s Pairs 10K KO Teams	SPINGOLD/Mini-Spingolds Women’s KO Mixed BAM Teams Open Pairs	Blue Ribbon Pairs Mini Blue Ribbon Senior Mixed Prs 10K Fast Pairs
Friday	VANDERBILT Open Pairs LM Women’s Pairs 10K KO Teams	SPINGOLD/Mini-Spingolds Women’s KO North American Swiss Red Ribbon Pairs	REISINGER Open Swiss Teams Senior Mixed Prs 10K Fast Pairs
Saturday	VANDERBILT Open Swiss Women’s Swiss	SPINGOLD/Mini-Spingolds Women’s KO North American Swiss Red Ribbon Pairs 10K Mixed Swiss	REISINGER Open Swiss Teams Mixed Swiss Tms
Sunday	VANDERBILT Open Swiss	SPINGOLD/Mini-Spingolds North American Swiss 10K Mixed Swiss	REISINGER Open Swiss Teams Mixed Swiss Tms
Note: In order to participate in a National-rated event, you must be an ACBL member whose service fees or dues are current.			

B. REGIONAL EVENTS

ACBL management is responsible for scheduling all events except charity and national-rated events which are set by the ACBL Board of Directors. For regional-rated events, input from the host organization is requested to ensure that local preferences are considered. The regional schedule must include an Open Pair event opposite any Swiss Team event, except for the final Sunday.

Sessions including gender-restricted pair events must contain events in which any combination of genders may play. This means that a Mixed or Open Pair event must be scheduled concurrently when both a Men's and Women's Pair event are scheduled, and an Open Pair event must be scheduled concurrently when either a Women's or Men's Pair event is scheduled.

C. INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER EVENTS

The ACBL Education Department in conjunction with the host organization is responsible for developing a complete Intermediate/Newcomer schedule of events. ACBL Headquarters has the primary responsibility for this program including fliers, ads, special club or teacher incentives, mailings, newcomer program speakers, etc.

The North American Bridge Championships Operations Manual for Tournament Chairpersons provides guidelines for host organization input to help ensure a successful program.

III. CONVENTION CHARTS

The ACBL Super Chart is authorized for use in all sessions of National championship events with no upper masterpoint limit (NABC+) when at least 12-board segments are played.

The ACBL Mid-Chart is authorized for use in:

- All NABC+ events
- All unrestricted Flight A regional-rated knockout events conducted at an NABC
- Any bracket of a bracketed knockout event at an NABC which contains no team with a bracket designator (average masterpoints for the entire team or the top two players) of less than 1500 masterpoints.

In all other events conducted at an NABC, unless otherwise specified, only conventions on the ACBL General Convention Chart are authorized. See Appendix A.

IV. SMOKING POLICY

Smoking, including e-cigarettes, is not permitted during bridge play or within playing areas at an NABC. Distinctly separate smoking areas will be provided at NABCs as allowed by state and local ordinances. These areas will not be the hallways immediately outside the playing area, near rest rooms or snack bars or in any area where non-smokers may be exposed.

All pair events at an NABC will have two hospitality breaks per session of at least five minutes.

V. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The purpose of the Zero Tolerance (ZT) policy is to create a much more pleasant atmosphere in our NABCs. This is an attempt to eradicate unacceptable behavior in order to make the game of bridge more enjoyable for all.

The following are some examples of behavior which will not be tolerated: badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence; negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding; gloating over good results; constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table; and loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling.

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director must be called immediately. Annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A. Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties.

VI. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

The following applies to all events at an NABC other. Except for health-related equipment, or by permission of the Director-in-Charge of the tournament cell phones, audible pagers or similar equipment may not be operated or operable in any manner in the playing area during a session of play. Any such equipment must not be visible during the session. Sponsoring organizations of other ACBL-sanctioned events are encouraged to adopt a similar policy.

These restrictions apply to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, play recorders except those designated by ACBL and spectators and are in force throughout any actual playing session or segment of play.

A violation of any of the restrictions above will result in a disciplinary penalty of one full board (12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team. Spectators violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

SECTION TWO: REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

I. TOURNAMENT ALLOCATION

Regionals are allocated to ACBL Districts. A District may conduct its Regionals or allocate them to Units within the District. Additionally, the WBF, the CBF and the USBF may be awarded a Regional according to regulations occurring later in this document.

- Each District is allocated four annual Regionals which may be open or senior. Each District is allowed to split one Regional. In addition, a District is allocated the following tournaments annually:
 - a. One Junior Regional
 - b. One Youth Regional.
 - c. One 0-199er Regional, or one 0-299er Regional, or one Non-Life Master Regional or one Non-Life Master Regional with an upper limit of 500 MPs.
- Upon request and verification, a District with 9,000 to 12,000 ACBL members is allowed one additional Regional each year; a District with 12,000 to 15,000 members is allowed two additional Regionals each year; a District with 15,000 to 18,000 members will be awarded three additional Regionals each year, and a District with 18,000 or more is allowed four additional Regionals. Membership qualifications for such additional Regionals will be based on a calendar year's average of the four QUIP reports of 3/31, 6/30, 9/30, 12/31. For example, a District earning a qualification based on 2010 QUIP reports may schedule the additional Regional beginning 2012.
- Any annual Regional held at, or near, the same site that reaches 3,000 tables for the tournament three out of four consecutive years will be awarded to its District and this will not count against the District's base allocation. This tournament must remain in the same locality unless there are extraordinary circumstances verified by Management. Any additional Regional earned by consecutive table counts in excess of 3,000 will entitle the qualifying District to conduct the additional Regional in the year immediately following the qualification.

- If a District fails to maintain the requirements for an additional Regional (either by a drop in total membership or by the failure of a 3000 table-plus tournament to maintain such size), the District will be entitled to keep its additional Regional(s) for two years. If, within the two-year period, the District again meets the requirements, the additional Regional (s) may continue to be scheduled without interruption.
- In addition, the following Off Shore and Special Regionals are allocated:
 - a. Alaska – D19
 - b. Bermuda – D2
 - c. Hawaii – D20
 - d. Mexico(2) – D16
 - e. Arizona Seniors – D17
 - f. Cape Cod Seniors – D25
 - g. New England Individual – D25
- The following Regionals are not allocated to any specific District:
 - a. Canadian Bridge Federation (one per year)
 - b. United States Bridge Federation (one per year)
 - c. World Bridge Federation, when a WBF championship is held in Zone 2, such regionals to be held at the site where the championship is being held.
- An annual Regional is awarded each year to the USBF for the purpose of supporting teams representing the United States in international competition, and to the CBF for the purpose of supporting teams representing Canada in international competition. Depending on the location the affected District and the USBF or the CBF must agree on the specifics (e.g. date, schedule and fund-sharing). The normal conflict rules shall apply to the scheduling of the tournament.
- No District may be awarded more than nine Regionals in a calendar year under this allocation formula.

II. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

- The minimum/maximum number of days a Regional may be held is as follows:
 - a. Open or Senior Regional – minimum of three days.
 - b. Youth Regional, Junior Regional and masterpoint limited Regionals – minimum of two days.
 - c. Individual Regional – no more than two and one-half days. In addition one-session charity or fund game may be held the afternoon of the first day
- A Regional may not be more than seven days in duration.
 - a. A regional tournament may start on any day of the week and (with the exceptions of Regionals at Sea) must be scheduled on consecutive days until its conclusion; provided that a tournament that starts on Sunday must end no later than the following Friday.
 - b. A two-session event that is run for the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, or the Canadian equivalent of

these may be held the first day of a seven day Regional. The current formulas will be used to determine the minimum monetary contributions for these games.

- A Regional running concurrent with a World Bridge Championship may be of a length equal to the WBF Championship.
- Only events scheduled for two or more sessions at Regionals may award gold points.
- A District may join with other Districts to co-sponsor a Regional or to hold a split Regional. If co-sponsored, but held at one site, the tournament will count against one District's allocation. If co-sponsored but held at two different sites the tournament will count against both Districts' allocations. A District may, with permission, hold a Regional in a contiguous District.
- Exclusive of Knockout Teams and Side Game Series events, a Regional may schedule up to four gold point sessions per day. For purposes of this regulation overlapping schedules are deemed to be the same two sessions since participation in one of the events preclude entry into the other. For example 10:00 a.m./3:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m./7:30 p.m. Management may, with cause, disallow more than two gold point sessions per day.
- A District may move a Regional from the calendar year in which it hosts an NABC to any of the three prior years or any of the three succeeding years providing the Regional meets with all requirements under "Scheduling of Regional Tournaments." This regulation extends to include Acts of God or hotels canceling contracts. Other unforeseen circumstances may be included as determined by the Arbitration Panel.
- Whenever the ACBL Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee, is considering holding a special event at a Regional, or any other District function, that District's president and District Director must be notified, and such event(s) must not be scheduled without permission of the District through such notice from the District Director.
- The Regional Tournament Allocation Plan will be reviewed at least every five years.

III. SCHEDULING OF REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- A sanction application to hold a Regional must be submitted to the ACBL Tournament Department three years in advance in order to protect the dates. If a sanction is not submitted at least three years in advance, the District may lose its claim to the dates.
- A District that holds a Regional on the same dates and at the same sites/areas two out of three years will be placed on the traditional date list for Regionals. The tournament schedule is available on the ACBL website. Easter week and other fluctuating holidays are noted as exceptions.
- The dates are protected except for one day at either the beginning or end of the tournament. A tournament with a two or more day encroachment on a traditional date tournament will not be sanctioned.
- If a District has a traditional annual date but the site/area does not remain constant, it is no longer a traditional date.
- Regionals in the schedule for a specific date and location that move their location more than 50 miles within one year from this date will be subject to the "New Tournament Rules" (in other words this move will be treated as a new tournament).
- A list of scheduled tournaments can be found on the ACBL website.

- A Regional appearing on the traditional date list which is not held for two years within a three year period will be removed from the list.
- A Regional may be scheduled and sanctioned at any time provided the tournament can be included in the tournament listing in the Bridge Bulletin at least two months prior to the tournament and all rules and regulations regarding conflicts are met.
- A Regional scheduled and sanctioned more than a year in advance takes precedence over a Sectional regardless of when the Sectional was sanctioned.
- All tournament sanction applications must be submitted electronically.
- A sanction application to hold a Regional will automatically be forwarded through TourneyTRAX to the District Tournament Coordinator (DTC). Once the DTC approves the tournament it is automatically forwarded to the ACBL Tournament Department.

IV. TOURNAMENT CONFLICTS

- If the ACBL Tournament Department anticipates a possible conflict with a tournament already sanctioned or a Traditional Date tournament the Department should immediately notify the person applying for the sanction, and the District Tournament Coordinator.
- If a District Tournament Coordinator believes that a tournament request is in conflict with one of its tournaments, he must first notify ACBL Tournament Division and endeavor to resolve the conflict with the District in question. The District Director(s) from the Districts involved in a possible conflict will be notified by Management of the possible conflict as soon as Management is aware of it.
- An Arbitration Panel is established. All panel members will be District Directors or their designees.
 - a. The Panel will consist of five people, two from each zone without the conflict and one from the zone with the conflict. No one from the Districts involved may sit on the Panel.
 - b. If there is a conflict between two Districts or more in different zones, three people from the third zone and one from each of the two zones with a conflict will be on the Panel. Again, no one from the Districts involved may be on the Panel.
 - c. For the selection process, the zonal representatives will pick the members of the Panel from their zones as long as their zone is not involved. The ACBL President or Chairman of the Board will appoint the person from the “conflict” zone. Since the list of District Directors is updated each year, the list will be automatically current.
 - d. For timely sanction applications, if the parties involved cannot resolve the conflict, both applications will be sanctioned with the following proviso: the timely application of a traditional tournament date will take precedence over the timely application of a non-traditional tournament date.
 - 1) In cases where there are a timely and an untimely application: If the District with the timely application claims there is a conflict, the Arbitration Panel agrees there is a conflict and the conflict cannot be resolved, the untimely application will not be sanctioned.
 - 2) For equally untimely sanction applications, both applications will be sanctioned. For the purpose of defining “equally untimely,” applications received that would be listed on consecutive bi-weekly updates will be so deemed.

- 3) The cases where there are non-equal untimely applications will be treated the same as timely/untimely with the earlier application being timely and the other untimely.
- e. The Arbitration Panel will make a determination that a conflict exists after a request from Management or a District holding, or applying for, a sanction. Decisions will be reached after consulting internal resources, demographics of tournament attendance (if available), usual tournament size, data from involved parties, etc. The decision of the Arbitration Panel will be FINAL.

V. SANCTION FEE

There is a per table fee due ACBL (for a listing of fees charged for each type of tournament, See Appendix G).

VI. CONVENTIONS

The ACBL General Convention Chart applies unless it is noted on the sanction application that additional conventions may be used. See Appendix A. Tournament sponsors may apply to use the SuperChart or a part thereof for any event with no upper masterpoint limit when at least 12-board segments are played, provided notice is included in the tournament advertising.

Tournament sponsors may use the Mid-Chart or a part thereof for any unrestricted Flight A event or any bracket of a bracketed knockout event which contains no team with a bracket designator (average masterpoints for the entire team or the top two players) of less than 1500 masterpoints, provided notice is posted at the tournament.

VII. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT TYPES

OPEN: Any ACBL member or any non-member may participate in an open tournament unless expressly prohibited from doing so by a judicial body of the ACBL.

SENIOR: Only players born before January 1, 1959 may participate.

OPEN/SENIORS: Permits the scheduling of only senior events for days of an otherwise open regional.

JUNIOR: All participants must be 25 years of age or younger.

LIMITED: Limited regionals may be held specifically as a 199er, limited to players with fewer than 200 masterpoints; 299er, limited to players with fewer than 300 masterpoints; or Non-Life master, limited to players who are not Life Masters. The upper limit for a Non-life Master Regional can be no more than 750 masterpoints.

- A Non-Life Master Regional with an upper limit of 750 MPs shall award 10% gold for overall awards and section tops in the top bracket, flight or strata of two-session or longer events. All other masterpoint awards shall be red points.

SPLIT SITE: A District may split one of its Regionals and hold it at two sites on the same dates.

- The same events will be played simultaneously at both sites and will be played throughout. Upon request, management may approve different starting times for the same session at the two sites for the same events.
 - a. Knockout Teams will be the only championship event to have first and second overall positions at both sites. There must be at least three teams for there to be an event, and if there are fewer than eight teams, there will be at least a three session round robin. If entry consists of five, six or seven teams, only the team finishing in first place will earn Blue Ribbon

qualification. If fewer than five teams enter the event, none will earn Blue Ribbon qualification.

- b. Masterpoints shall be awarded as follows: All awards shall be multiplied by .80. For all events other than KO, overall masterpoints for first and second (and ties for second) will be awarded based on the total attendance at both sites. Overall awards for other than first and second (and ties) will be made at both sites based on attendance at the respective sites (the depth of the awards shall be similarly based).
- c. Identical hand records must be used at both sites, for all events with one overall winner unless Management authorizes the use of different hand records due to significant differences in starting times or other special circumstances.
- d. At Split Regionals, Swiss Teams events will be separate and overall winners will be declared at both sites. Only first place overall winners at each site shall earn Ribbon qualification.

REGIONALS AT SEA:

- The ACBL and only the ACBL shall be permitted to sponsor Regionals at Sea (“RAS”).
- The ACBL may sponsor up to four RaS per year.
- Three of the four RaS should depart from different geographic “areas.” The areas are defined as East Coast (Atlantic other than Florida), West Coast (Pacific) and Gulf Coast (Gulf of Mexico plus the entire Florida coast.) ACBL Management shall, to the best their ability, attempt to avoid conflict with land-based Regionals.
- Except as specified in this motion, RaS must conform to the same rules and regulations as land-based Regionals.
- RaS are exempt from the rules regarding maximum tournament sessions and days. The tournament schedule will be determined by the tournament manager subject to the approval of the ACBL staff.

VIII. TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR DUTIES

Every district must have a Tournament Coordinator. Sanction applications must be submitted by the District Coordinator to the ACBL Tournament Department using the online sanction application. An example sanction application form with instructions for completion is provided at the end of this Chapter.

A. Sectional Applications

- Prior to approving, check the tournament schedule posted on the ACBL’s website for possible conflicts, including adjoining district(s). If there is a possible conflict with a tournament in an adjoining district, contact their District Tournament Coordinator for approval. Any intra-district conflicts should be resolved internally.
- Check sanction applications for valid dates, unit number, unit coordinator, city and state.
- Once the DTC approves the tournament in TourneyTRAX it will be sent to the ACBL Tournament Department for approval.
- Approve date change for previously approved applications (check for conflicts).

B. Regional Applications

- Check the tournament schedule available on the ACBL web site for a possible conflict with any regionals in neighboring districts.
- Approve the tournament.

IX. MASTERPOINT AWARDS

Masterpoints at regionals are red except for overall and section tops in certain events. Refer to Chapter 2 for masterpoint information.

X. STARTING TIMES

Selection of tournament event starting times are routinely approved unless they are unrealistic, out of the ordinary or violate the four gold point events per day rule (exclusive of knockouts and side game series). The sponsor should take care to choose times which accommodate the majority of their players and consideration should be given to out-of-town as well as local players.

SECTION THREE: SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

I. TOURNAMENT ALLOCATION

Sectional tournaments are allocated to units. Units are required to hold a sectional tournament every two years, unless exempted from this requirement by the district. While there are no restrictions on the number of sectional tournaments a unit may conduct, a district must approve the Sanction Application before it can be acted upon by ACBL.

- Sectionals must be at least two days and no more than five days in duration, with the following exceptions: Limited/Junior Sectionals and Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs). Limited/Junior Sectionals must be at least one day and no more than five days in duration. A Limited Sectional is defined as a sectional with a masterpoint limit of no more than 0-500. A Unit may not schedule more than three Limited Sectionals in any calendar year. STaCs must be at least two days and no more than seven days in duration. A unit may not attempt to circumvent this rule by scheduling back-to-back sanctions that run consecutively.
- With Management approval, a Sponsoring Organization may run a Limited Sectional with a maximum of 500 Masterpoints using directors who are not ACBL employees.
- The Las Vegas Unit 373 is grandfathered permission to run:
 - a. Two, and only two, Sectionals per year which may be up to six and one half days in length; or
 - b. One six and a half day Sectional and up to two Sectionals not to exceed five days; or
 - c. An unlimited number of standard Sectionals.
- Sectionals may be Open, Senior, Limited by masterpoints (specifically, 0-100; 0-200; 0-300 or 0-500, Junior, Youth, Progressive Style or STaC. Sectional senior, youth or junior tournaments may be combined with limited-by-masterpoint tournaments. In these instances the higher sanction fee will apply.
- A Unit may join with another Unit(s) to run a Sectional or a STaC. A Unit may, with permission of the Unit and District(s), hold a Sectional in a contiguous Unit.
- A Sectional may schedule up to four sessions of championship rated events per day with no decrease in masterpoint awards. Management may, with cause, disallow more than two (2) championship

sessions per day.

- Sectionals at Sea are allocated only by the ACBL.
- An open Sectional may be run concurrently with a Regional restricted by age or masterpoints, with the permission of the Unit in which the Regional is being held.

NOTE: A sectional sanction may be awarded to a non-ACBL sponsor to conduct a tournament in other than ACBL territory under special circumstances. Contact the ACBL Tournament Department for further details.

II. SCHEDULING OF SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- A Sectional may be scheduled and sanctioned at any time provided the tournament can be included in the tournament listings in the Bridge Bulletin at least one month prior to the tournament and all rules and regulations regarding conflicts are met.
- If a sanction application is submitted less one year in advance, the Unit loses its claim to the dates.
- All Sectionals have the same status and the same rules and regulations apply.
- A sanction application to hold a Sectional will automatically be forwarded through TourneyTRAX to the Unit Tournament Coordinator (UTC). Once the UTC approves the tournament it is automatically forwarded to the DTC. Once the DTC approves the tournament it is automatically forwarded to the ACBL Tournament Department.
- Approval of Sectional sanction applications will be made one year out, or immediately upon approval if received less than one year out.
- Questions concerning scheduling and other conflicts for Sectionals will be resolved by the Unit(s) and the District Organization involved.
- Districts and Units perceiving a conflict with other Units or Districts must notify Management or the Arbitration Board within 30 days of the tournament posting on the website.
- When a Unit perceives a conflict between its Sectional and a tournament in another District, the Unit Tournament Coordinator shall work through his District Tournament Coordinator to initiate the processes of conflict resolution in the same manner that Regional conflicts are resolved.

III. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT TYPES

OPEN: Any ACBL member or any non-member may participate in an open tournament unless expressly prohibited from doing so by a judicial body of the ACBL.

SENIOR: Only players who were born before January 1, 1959 may participate.

JUNIOR: All participants must be 25 years of age or younger.

UNIVERSITY: Only registered college students and ACBL juniors may participate. Each University may hold one such tournament per year.

LIMITED: Limited sectional tournaments may be held specifically as 0-100, 0-200, 0-300, or 0-500 masterpoints. The per table sanction fee for a limited sectional will be \$1 less than the fees for an open sectional.

PROGRESSIVE: A progressive tournament consists of one week of qualifying sessions in participating clubs, with a single-session final held at a central site after completion of club play. The sponsoring unit

should hold the one-session final within two weeks after completing the last club qualifying game. Two separate qualifying events may be held, with the single-session final of each event held on the same day.

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT AT CLUBS (STaC):

- A STaC may be scheduled for up to seven consecutive days, but may include only one weekend -- however, Management may grant an exception to the weekend requirement for cause. A sanction application must be sent to the appropriate District Tournament Coordinator at least 12 months prior to the scheduled tournament date. The ACBL may sanction a STaC when it receives the sanction application with fewer than 12 months advance notice if there are no scheduling conflicts and the STaC can be advertised in the Bridge Bulletin calendar schedule at least one month prior.
- While only Units may apply for a sanction to hold a STaC there is no objection to a Unit nominating a District or Districts to conduct the tournament. In District-wide STaCs all clubs within the District(s) must be offered the opportunity to participate. Participation is at the club level when sponsored by a District. If a Unit outside of the sponsoring District chooses to participate, all clubs within that Unit must be invited to participate.
- The organization receiving the sanction (sponsoring organization – ‘SO’) is responsible for the collection of any fees due from a participating ACBL sanctioned game.
- A sponsor may schedule morning, afternoon and/or evening sessions. For the purpose of determining in which session a club should participate, use the standard club session designations. Many STaCs schedule only two sessions per day. The local sponsor must designate the sessions to be scheduled. As an example: Morning games would be those starting prior to 12:00 local time, afternoon games start prior to 18:00 local time, and evening games 18:00 and later. Morning and afternoon games may not be combined as day games.
- When a club wishes to participate in a STaC for a session other than their regularly scheduled game, the unit may decide these cases. This authority to disallow a club from participating in a STaC extends only to games which conflict with another game for that session and only to games being conducted at other than their regularly scheduled time. Any club desiring to participate at their regularly scheduled time must be permitted to do so.
- In order to be eligible for overall awards in a STaC, or any event that is scored across more than one club, the minimum number of boards played is set at 20.
- Playing directors in STaC games and their partners are ineligible to receive overall STaC masterpoint (silver point) awards, but are eligible to receive section awards.

NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SECTIONAL: A unit of 200 or fewer members or a sectional tournament which averages 15 or fewer tables per session may run up to three non-championship sectionals a year.

- a. This sectional is not required to use a tournament director.
- b. A club or higher rated director may be used.
- c. This sectional will award silver points.
- d. The M value will be no more than .65 of an open sectional.
- e. This sectional must have a sanction and meet all other requirements.
- f. This sectional will be listed in the Bridge Bulletin with an * that it is non-championship with silver points at .65 of an open sectional award.
- g. The sanction fees will be the same as for an open sectional.

0-99ER SECTIONAL: A Unit not running at least two 99er Sectional tournaments per year is encouraged to grant approval to any club within its jurisdiction that applies for a sanction to run such a tournament. Sanction notification/application per existing regulations will be forwarded to the District's tournament coordinator for his or her approval.

SECTIONAL AT SEA:

- All Sectionals at Sea (SAS) shall be subject to the following regulations:
 - a. An application for sanction should be submitted through TourneyTRAX to the ACBL at least three months in advance.
 - b. The application will contain the following information:
 - 1. Ship's name and Cruise Line, departure/arrival dates, and ports. Plus the Sponsor or Unit/District name, address and email.
 - 2. A schedule of all ACBL events with scheduled lectures.
 - 3. The schedule must meet the criteria as for a land-based Sectional.
 - 4. The schedule and any advertising must be approved by ACBL.
 - 5. A list of directors who will be operating the games.
 - 6. Directors must be approved by ACBL.
 - 7. ACBL may require the director(s) to take a certification test.
- Masterpoint awards
 - a. 80% of Open Sectional if an active tournament director is requested and assigned.
 - b. 65% of Open Sectional (non-championship) if an active ACBL tournament director is not utilized.
- There should be adequate playing space for all sessions scheduled and expected attendance.
- The SAS bridge package may be purchased in advance or on board, albeit at different prices, subject to available playing space and staffing.
- Sectional at Sea sanction fees can be found in Appendix G.
- If an active tournament director is assigned, the tournament director per-session fee will also be payable to the ACBL. There will be no sectional surcharge. The sponsor will be responsible for the director(s) transportation costs.
- Sectionals at Sea will be subject to the same general conflict rules as land-based Sectionals. Currently, no SAS may depart from a port within 25 miles of a concurrent land-based Sectional or Regional.

OTHER SPONSORSHIP

- Management is authorized to award a sectional sanction to a non-ACBL sponsor to conduct a tournament in other than ACBL territory as long as:
 - a. the NBO (if no NBO, the appropriate WBF zonal representative) gives written permission,

- b. tournament directors meet ACBL standards,
- c. normal per table sanction fees are paid to ACBL,
- d. the sponsoring organization will abide by all ACBL regulations then in effect,
- e. the host country's laws are not contrary to ACBL regulations then in effect.

IV. TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING

Every unit must have a Unit Tournament Coordinator who approves sanction applications for Sectional Tournaments.

A. UNIT TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR DUTIES

1. Sectional Tournaments

- The Unit Tournament coordinator is the recipient of Sectional applications for tournaments to be held in the unit.
- Check the tournament schedule found on the ACBL website for possible conflicts within your district and any adjoining district.
- Approve the application. The form is automatically forwarded to the appropriate District Tournament Coordinator for approval.
- Submit applications for special requests, such as, but not limited to, Senior Olympic Games scheduled in your unit.

B. SANCTION REGULATIONS

Sectional sanction applications must be submitted one year in advance to be timely. However, a sectional may be scheduled and sanctioned at any time provided the tournament can be included in the tournament listing in the Bridge Bulletin at least one month prior to the tournament and any rules or regulations regarding conflicts are met.

Sectional sanction applications received are issued a sanction number.

A sectional tournament scheduled and sanctioned one year in advance takes precedence over other sectional and regional tournaments not sanctioned one year in advance. Any unit attempting to obtain a sanction for a sectional tournament less than one year out must abide by the rules and regulations governing conflicts. See C. following.

All sectional tournaments of five days or less have the same status and the same rules and regulations apply.

Only units may apply for a sanction to hold Sectional Tournaments. However, there is no objection to a unit nominating another organization to conduct the Sectional, provided that it does so in writing and provided there is no objection (for cause) by ACBL Management to the sponsor nominated. If the district within which the unit is situated is the nominated sponsor, the foregoing right of objection by management does not apply.

A unit not running at least two 99er Sectional tournaments per year is encouraged to grant approval to any club within its jurisdiction that applies for a sanction to run such a tournament and forward the sanction notification/application to the District tournament coordinator for approval.

C. TOURNAMENT CONFLICTS

When a sectional tournament is in conflict with another sectional or regional tournament within the same district, that district is the final authority as to whether any or all tournaments thought to be in conflict will be sanctioned.

In situations where more than one district is involved, ACBL management will make a determination that a conflict exists, either on its own initiative or after a request by a party holding a sanction or applying for one. This determination will be reached by consulting internal resources, demographics of tournament attendance (if available), usual tournament size, data from involved parties, etc. If there is a disagreement with management's determination of conflict, either party may request arbitration for the purpose of determining conflict. The arbitrator's decision will be final.

For information regarding the arbitration of tournament conflicts and the effect of the timeliness of tournament sanction applications as it applies to the sanctioning of tournaments, See Section Two, IV.

D. SANCTION FEES AND SURCHARGES

For all sectionals, except progressive, STaCs and Sectionals at Sea, there is a surcharge in addition to a per table sanction fee due ACBL. For the amounts of these fees and charges, see Appendix G.

E. CONVENTIONS

The ACBL General Convention Chart applies unless it is noted on the sanction application that additional conventions may be used. See Appendix A. Tournament sponsors may apply to use the SuperChart or a part thereof for any event with no upper masterpoint limit when at least 12-board segments are played, provided notice is included in the tournament advertising.

Tournament sponsors may use the Mid-Chart or a part thereof for any unrestricted Flight A event or any bracket of a bracketed knockout event which contains no team with a bracket designator (average masterpoints for the entire team or the top two players) of less than 1500 masterpoints, provided notice is posted at the tournament. They may apply to use the Mid-chart for all events.

V. MASTERPOINT AWARDS

All masterpoint awards at sectionals are silver. For further information on masterpoints, See Chapter 2.

VI. STARTING TIMES

For sectional tournaments, selection of tournament event starting times is almost 100% within the purview of the sponsor. Unless the starting time for an event is unrealistic (second session scheduled to start before the first session could be reasonably completed) or out of the ordinary (3 p.m. and midnight), starting times are routinely approved. The sponsor should take care to choose times which accommodate the majority of players.

SECTION FOUR: EVENTS AND RESTRICTIONS

Formulating a tournament schedule is one of the most important functions of the tournament committee. A successful tournament needs a well thought-out schedule. Events must be included for players of greatly different abilities, levels of experience, and objectives while keeping in mind the delicate balance between the number of events and anticipated attendance.

Events may be held as either playthrough or qualifying. In a playthrough event all participants are expected to play for the duration of the event. The total scores of the participants determine the overall rankings.

Qualifying events reduce the field after specified sessions. In general, the carryover scores of the qualifiers are reduced after each elimination.

Consultation with the ACBL Field Supervisor for the district and/or the tournament director in charge of the tournament is highly recommended in the planning of the tournament schedule. Other resources available to the tournament committee include the ACBL Tournament Department, the area intermediate/newcomer coordinators, and *The Resource Guide for Planning Sectional and Regional Tournaments* found on the ACBL web site.

A chart containing complete information on permissible events (including restrictions and scoring methods) is provided at the end of this Chapter.

I. TYPE OF EVENT

The event types and restrictions authorized for ACBL-sanctioned tournaments are listed in the “Permissible Event Types and Restrictions” chart found at the end of this Chapter.

II. KINDS OF EVENT

Following is a description of various events which may be held. Events not specifically listed may be approved on an experimental basis by the ACBL Tournament Department.

A. OPEN EVENT

There are no restrictions on age, gender or masterpoint holding on players either individually or collectively as members of a pair or team in open events.

For the purpose of computing masterpoints, open events may receive credit for tables entered in a concurrent same type event that is restricted. See Chapter 2, Section Three.

B. FLIGHTED EVENT

Individual, pair or team events may be subdivided into two or three “flights” having designated upper masterpoint limits. Approved masterpoint limits are listed at the end of this Chapter.

Participants may enter any flight for which they are eligible, playing only against players in their own flight. Masterpoints are awarded based on the number of tables in the flight entered added to the number of tables in all lower flights. These events may be playthrough or qualifying. However, it is recommended that only the top flight be run as a qualifying event. Flight C events may also be stratified.

C. STRATIFIED EVENT

Individual, pair or team events may be subdivided into two or three strats with specific lower and upper masterpoint limits. Participants enter the lowest strat for which they are eligible as they compete for awards in their own strat and all higher strats. Awards are based on the number of tables in the strat entered added to the number of tables in all lower strats. Stratified events may be run as playthroughs only.

In stratified events, the stratification level of a team or pair may be based, at sponsor option, on the average masterpoint holding of the team or pair. This option may be exercised in both club or unit games, and tournaments but not in qualifying events.

D. STRATIFLIGHTED EVENT

A stratiflighted event is a combination of flighted and stratified. The first group would have no masterpoint restrictions, unless the sponsoring organization chooses to stratify the top flight into strats (up to three, A-1, A-2, A-3). When the top flight has two or three strats the A-1 strat will have no masterpoint restriction while the A-2 or A-3 strat would have no lower masterpoint limit and an upper masterpoint limit of 1250, 1500, 2000, 3000 or 5000 (at least 500 points higher than the lower flight) at sponsor option.

The second group would be subdivided into two or three strats with specific lower and upper masterpoint limits. Participants may enter either the unrestricted group or the lowest strat for which they are eligible in the second group. Only the unrestricted group may be run as a qualifying event. At a sectional tournament the A and B flights can be combined into a group to play together with the C flight playing separately.

In stratflighted and limited pair and team events, once the flight of the pair or team is determined, stratification within each flight may be based, at sponsor option, on the average masterpoint holding of the team or pair.

E. HANDICAP EVENT

Matchpoints or IMPs are given to participants as handicap points based on a predetermined scale for the type of event. Information for methods of computing handicaps may be obtained from the ACBL Tournament Department, the area Field Representative, or the director assigned to be in charge of the tournament.

F. BRACKETED EVENT

Knockout Team and Swiss Team events are divided into groups based on either the average or total masterpoints of the top two masterpoint holders or on the average masterpoints of the entire team. The tournament director-in-charge may be consulted for further information.

G. MASTERPOINT-RESTRICTED EVENT

All masterpoint-restricted events having an upper masterpoint limit require that all entrants be below that masterpoint limit. If an event has a lower masterpoint limit, one member of each partnership must meet or exceed the minimum limit. In an event designated as a Life Master event, all entrants must have attained their ACBL Life Master status. Exceptions may be made for entrants from other recognized organizations.

H. SIDE GAME SERIES

A side game series may be held as a pair game only. It is a series of at least three one-session games which may not be restricted by age, gender or masterpoint holding. The event may be stratified for side game session awards only, and may not be flighted. Participants may enter as many scheduled sessions as they wish, playing with the same or different partners each session. Overall ranking is done on an individual basis by computing the sum of each participant's two best games. Awards are computed on the average number of tables entered in the two largest sessions. Gold points are awarded at regionals to overall winners at 80% of an open pair event. Gold points are awarded for section top placing only to participants who enter at least two sessions of the same event. Each session of the side game series will award single session side game overall awards (red points only). Each individual session may be stratified.

I. CHOICE PAIRS EVENT

A Choice Pairs event may be held as a pairs event only. It is an event scheduled for three sessions during one calendar day (morning, afternoon and evening) and a pair must choose to play in only two of the three sessions.

J. COMPACT KNOCKOUT EVENT

A bracketed knockout event in which each match is half the normal length (i.e., at least twelve and probably not more than fourteen boards) is an approved tournament event. This event is permitted at sectionals, for silver points, and at regionals for red and gold points (a minimum of nine teams is necessary to award gold points).

SECTION FIVE: TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

I. FACILITY

Comfortable playing conditions at a tournament are essential for all participants. Handicapped players must be allowed to use any special equipment they require, such as Braille cards, bidding boxes, or special chair. However, the tournament is not required to supply such equipment.

A. PLAYING SPACE

The floor space required is 64 to 81 square feet per table. Estimates when calculating the amount of space required should be very optimistic. Additional space will be needed for scoring tables, water stations, supplies, etc. Office and/or supply storage rooms near the playing area are highly recommended. For example, if the expected attendance is 100 tables in any one session, the minimum amount of space required would be 6600 square feet. This leaves some amount of space in the playing area for the items mentioned above.

B. LIGHTING

The facility must have acceptable lighting for all tables. At least 10 foot-candles of illumination 30 inches above the floor is necessary for all tables.

C. VENTILATION

The sponsoring organization must see that the playing areas are well ventilated with proper heating or cooling available. Designated smoking areas should be located away from the playing areas.

D. SERVICES

The sponsoring organization must see that adequate drinking water is provided and that the playing area is cleaned between sessions. Caddies can help keep the room clean during play. Trash bags attached to tables and/or trash receptacles conveniently located will prove very beneficial. The facility must have adequate rest rooms.

II. EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES

A. TABLES AND CHAIRS

The sponsoring organization must arrange for sufficient tables and chairs. Tables are usually provided by the sponsoring organization, but hotels and convention centers usually have a sufficient number of chairs. However, arrangements to rent chairs may be necessary. If the space used is uncarpeted, rubber-tipped chairs should be used.

B. SUPPLIES

All essential supplies such as playing cards, boards, conventions cards, etc., are the responsibility of the tournament sponsor. The sponsor can make arrangements with the DIC to order supplies.

C. HAND RECORDS

Hand records are routinely provided by the Director in Charge for a fee. They are brought to the tournament by the director in charge. There will be a charge on the tournament invoice for only those hand records used.

D. PRINTOUTS OF THE HANDS

Copies of the hands, available for distribution to the players at the end of the session, are almost universally expected by tournament players. Printouts are routinely provided by the Director in Charge for a fee.

E. COMPUTERS

ACBL will provide the computers and printers used at tournaments through the tournament directors. There are no additional fees for the provision of this equipment.

F. BIDDING BOXES

ACBL encourages units and districts to provide bidding boxes. Bidding boxes are the responsibility of the sponsoring organization. They are not included with ACBL supplies. Units or districts wishing to have bidding boxes available for use at their tournaments may purchase them from Baron Barclay. Bidding boxes are used in all events at NABCs with the exception of the Intermediate/Newcomer Program where they are optional.

Handicapped players requiring bidding boxes will have preference when availability is limited. Non-handicapped players may use bidding boxes, if available, in events where such use is not mandated as long as no player at the table objects.

G. TIME CLOCKS

Any clocks available at regionals or sectionals for the convenience of the participants are the property of individual units or districts. They are available for purchase from Baron Barclay.

III. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SECTIONAL/REGIONAL TOURNEYTRAX APPLICATION

Sanction applications must be submitted by the appropriate coordinator and must include the following information:

BASIC TOURNAMENT INFORMATION: *Enter the* start and end date, tournament name, category, type, MP Restrictions, conventions allowed, and unit or district.

TOURNAMENT SITE: *Enter the* name, address, city, state, zip code, and telephone number of tournament location.

TOURNAMENT APPLICANT: *Enter* the ACBL number, name, email and phone number of the person submitting the application.

REQUESTED DIRECTOR-IN-CHARGE (DIC): This information is mandatory.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR: Enter the name and player number of the person in charge of the tournament. Note if this person is to be listed in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin and on the ACBL web site for players to contact regarding tournament information.

TOURNAMENT CORRESPONDENT: Enter the name, player number and email address of the person who will receive all correspondence (electronically) from ACBL concerning the tournament (must have email access. Note if this person is to be listed in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin and on the ACBL web site for players to contact regarding tournament information.

APPROVAL: The completed Sanction Application will be transmitted to the appropriate Unit and/or District Tournament Coordinator for approval and then forwarded to ACBL for sanctioning.

PERMISSIBLE EVENT TYPES AND RESTRICTIONS

The following event types and restrictions are authorized for ACBL sanctioned tournaments. Management is authorized to sanction other events on an experimental basis.

EVENTS and RESTRICTIONS

- I. TYPE:**
 - INDIVIDUAL
 - PAIR
 - TEAM (SWISS, B-A-M, KNOCKOUT or any combination of these)

PAIR/TEAM (one-session event with masterpoints to be the greater of the pair event or team event)

II. GENDER:
OPEN
MEN'S
WOMEN'S
MIXED
UNMIXED

III. AGE:
OPEN
JUNIOR (25 years and younger)
SENIOR (55, 65 or 75 years and older)

IV. EVENTS:

OPEN: (No masterpoint restriction.)

FLIGHTED: (By masterpoints only.) Three flights event. Each flight may have two strats. Note: Flighted KO events at Regionals may be bracketed (but may not be randomly grouped) to finish in 4 sessions. **NOTE:** Only flights/strats with 750 masterpoints or greater in two session regional events are eligible for Gold points.

STRATIFIED: (By masterpoints only.) Two or three strats. Up to five strats are permitted in a one-session event which has an upper limit of 300 or fewer masterpoints - specifically an IN event. Note: At sponsor option, the stratification level of a team in an Open Stratified Swiss Event may be determined by the average masterpoint holding of all team members.

STRATIFLIGHTED: (by masterpoints only): Two flights with up to three strats in each flight. **NOTE:** Only flights/strats with 750 masterpoints or greater in two session regional events are eligible for Gold points.

HANDICAPPED: Based on masterpoint holding of entrants.

BRACKETED: (KO and Swiss Teams) Based on masterpoint holding of entrants.

MASTERS: One member of each partnership must meet minimum limit.

NON-MASTERS: All entrants must be under maximum limit.

LIFE MASTERS: All entrants must meet Life Master requirement.

RESTRICTED: (Upper masterpoint limit) All entrants must be under maximum limit.)

SIDE GAME SERIES: (Open Pair game only) May not be restricted by age, gender, or masterpoint holding. (May be stratified for single side game session awards only.)

CHOICE: (Pair game only) An event which is scheduled for three sessions during one calendar day (morning, afternoon and evening), and a pair must choose to play in only two of the three sessions. Concurrent event rule does not apply to any pair in this event during their unplayed third session.

NOTE: SIMULTANEOUS SPLIT REGIONALS SHALL HAVE THE SAME CHAMPIONSHIP PAIR EVENTS PLAYED SIMULTANEOUSLY AT BOTH SITES. THESE GAMES CANNOT BE QUALIFYING EVENTS.

V. SCORING METHODS:

INDIVIDUAL: Matchpoint, IMP

PAIR: Matchpoint, IMP

TEAM: Win-loss, victory point, total points, board-a-match

PAIR/TEAM: Matchpoints/board-a-match (must be a one-session event only)

VI. REGIONAL STRAT/FLIGHT UPPER MASTERPOINT LIMITS

FLIGHTED
PAIRS

FLIGHT	A	0-INFINITY, or two strats (lower strat must be at least 500 above B top to 5000)
	B	Up to two strats using 0-750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2500, 2750, 3000, with at least 500 above C top
	C	Up to two strats using 0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000

STRATIFIED
PAIRS

STRAT	A	TOP "B" -UNLIMITED
	B	TOP "C" -750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2500, 2750, 3000
	C	0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000
STRAT	A	Both over 300, LM, 500, 750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2500, 2750, 3000
	B	One over & one under
	C	Both under

STRATIFLIGHTED
PAIRS

FLIGHT	A	UNLIMITED - Up to three strats with bottom strat at least 500 higher than upper limit of B, Max 5000
FLIGHT	B	TOP OF "C" -750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 2000, 2750, 3000
STRAT	C	TOP OF "D" -300, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000
STRAT	D	0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500)

FLIGHTED
KNOCKOUT TEAMS

FLIGHT	A	0-INFINITY
	B	0-750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2500, 2750, 3000
	C	0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000

BRACKETED
KNOCKOUT &
SWISS TEAMS

Must be bracketed by:
Average MP's all team members
Average or total of top two masterpoint holders

FLIGHTED SWISS
TEAMS

FLIGHT	A	0-INFINITY, or two strats (lower strat must be at least 500 above B top to 5000)
	B	Up to two strats using 0-750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2500, 2750, 3000, with at least 500 above C top
	C	Up to two strats using 0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000

STRATIFIED
SWISS TEAMS

STRAT	A	TOP "B" -UNLIMITED
	B	TOP "C" -750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2500, 2750, 3000
	C	0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000

STRATIFLIGHTED
SWISS TEAMS

FLIGHT	A	UNLIMITED - Up to three strats with bottom strat at least 500 higher than upper limit of B, Max 5000
FLIGHT	B	TOP OF "C" -750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 2000, 2750, 3000
STRAT	C	TOP OF "D" -300, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000
STRAT	D	0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500)

VI SECTIONAL STRAT/FLIGHT UPPER MASTERPOINT LIMITS

FLIGHTED

<u>PAIRS</u>	FLIGHT	A	0-INFINITY, or two strats (lower strat must be at least 500 above B top to 5000)
		B	Up to two strats using 0-750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2500, 2750, 3000, with at least 500 above C top
		C	Up to two strats using 0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000

<u>STRATIFIED PAIRS</u>	STRAT	A	TOP "B" -UNLIMITED
		B	TOP "C" -750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2500, 2750, 3000
		C	0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000
	STRAT	A	Both over 300, LM, 500, 750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2500, 2750, 3000
		B	One over & one under
		C	Both under

<u>STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS</u>	FLIGHT	A	UNLIMITED - Up to three strats with bottom strat at least 500 higher than upper limit of B, Max 5000
		B	TOP OF "C" -750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 2000, 2750, 3000
	STRAT	C	TOP OF "D" -300, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000
	STRAT	D	0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500)

<u>FLIGHTED KNOCKOUT TEAMS</u>	FLIGHT	A	0-INFINITY
		B	0-750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2500, 2750, 3000
		C	0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000 Note: may be bracketed to end in 3 sessions.

BRACKETED KNOCKOUT & SWISS TEAMS

Must be bracketed by:
Average MP's all team members
Average or total of top two masterpoint holders

FLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS

FLIGHT	A	0-INFINITY, or two strats (lower strat must be at least 500 above B top to 5000)
	B	Up to two strats using 0-750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2500, 2750, 3000, with at least 500 above C top
	C	Up to two strats using 0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000)

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

STRAT	A	TOP "B" -UNLIMITED
	B	TOP "C" -750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2500, 2750, 3000
	C	0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000)

STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS

FLIGHT	A	UNLIMITED - Up to three strats with bottom strat at least 500 higher than upper limit of B, Max 5000
FLIGHT	B	TOP OF "C" -750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 2000, 2750, 3000
STRAT	C	TOP OF "D" -300, NLM (max 500), 500, 750, 1000
STRAT	D	0-100, 200, 300, NLM, NLM (max 500)