

# **STAC Conditions of Contest, Setup and Reporting Instructions**

## **IMPORTANT**

**Club Managers must pre-register at the ACBL website prior to conducting a STaC Game. The website will only accept the ACBL number of the ACBL-registered club manager.**

**All events in the STaC will be stratified by average masterpoints. For limited masterpoint games, both players must have fewer points than the masterpoint limit, and their strat within the event will be determined by average masterpoints.**

**A reminder: STaC games must play a minimum of 20 boards (assuming no sit outs). That and previous changes are on the District 5 STaC website: <http://www.d5bridge.com/STaCnp.htm>**

**A summary of the conditions follows. Please also review the Conditions of Contest at <http://www.d5bridge.com/STaCCoCs.pdf>**

### **A. Types of Games Allowed**

- 1. Stratified Open Pairs** — combined for overall awards (see masterpoint limits below).
- 2. Stratified Swiss Teams** — Swiss Team overall awards are based only on the entry at each individual site.
- 3. Novice, 99er, 199er or 299er Games** or any Intermediate/Novice game or other game with an upper masterpoint limit. For these games, strata can be set at club discretion.
- 4. Invitational Games** – use same limits as for open pairs, will be combined for overall ranking.

### **B. Participating Club Rules**

- 1.** Any club within District 5 may hold a STAC game in lieu of its regularly scheduled club game. Additional games may be held subject to the rules for additional games as documented in the general STaC conditions of contest.
- 2.** The ACBL General Convention Chart will be used. Conventions and systems not allowed by the General Convention Chart will not be allowed.
- 3.** Invitational games will be scored and ranked as sectionally rated Championship events with 1 restriction unless these games are opened to all players and advertised as such.
- 4.** Limited masterpoint games will be scored and ranked alone unless a like limited masterpoint game is held at one or more other STAC sites. In this case, these games will be scored together for overall rankings and masterpoint awards.
- 5.** Non-playing directors are encouraged but not required for games with no more than one section of 17 tables or less. **Non-playing directors are required in games larger than 17 tables or with two or more sections.**
- 6.** District 5 is not using hand records.
- 7.** Each club must report its results to the DIC, **within 24 hours** from the end of the game (12 hours for the final session). Send results to [results1211@d5bridge.com](mailto:results1211@d5bridge.com). You are encouraged to send results as soon as possible to allow time to solve problems. You will receive a confirmation email from Mary by early evening for results sent during the day, or by noon for results sent at night. ***Please do NOT send results directly to Mary or they may not be properly recorded.***

**NOTE: PLEASE READ THIS:** Club games not reported within the 24 hour time limit will be scored, ranked, and issued masterpoints as a sectionally rated side game and will not be included in the Overall Awards. Any game not reported within 12 hours of the final session will be returned to the club to be rescored as a club game.

A club must post a copy of the recap for inspection at the end of each session. The correction period is 24 hours, the same as the limit for reporting results.

Reporting will be by e-mail attachment of the game file. Results will not be received by voice or by postal mail. Reporting procedures are as follows:

From ACBLSCOR, copy your gamefile to a disk or flash drive (stick) and email your results by attaching the file to your email.

**Only send ACM, ACA, or ACE files.**

**No LZH, TXT, BWS or HTM files please.**

**Include your club number in the subject line**

[see note 4, below, if you have problems or need troubleshooting help]

## GAME SETUP

Use Club Mode for STaCs. In defining the specific parameters of your game:

Set up as usual until you get to event rating.

Choose Option (9) Sectional Tournaments at Clubs for game rating.

Associate with club (y)

Number of strata-3-average of both players (use strat limits below)

Choose proper event restrictions.

Choose the proper status (usually: 1=Championships)

Played sessions (1) (unless setting up a two session swiss)

Enter strat limits (list below)

Multi site (Y) (unless swiss team event)

Enter tournament data

Use the sanction number **ST1112011**

Enter the EVENT CODE. From the list below

### Strat Limits:

**A= 2000+**

**B= 500 - 2000**

**C= 0 - 500**

**Note: there are 3 sessions per day. Morning and afternoon games will not be combined for scoring purposes.**

## Event Codes for Open Games:

Morning (start prior to noon)

Afternoon (start prior to 6 PM)

Evening (start after 6 PM)

Day	Date	Event Code Morning (before noon)	Event Code Afternoon (12PM- 6PM)	Event Code Evening (after 6PM)
Mon	12/5	01OP	02OP	03OP
Tues	12/6	04OP	05OP	06OP
Wed	12/7	07OP	08OP	09OP
Thurs	12/8	10OP	11OP	12OP
Fri	12/9	13OP	14OP	15OP
Sat	12/10	16OP	17OP	18OP
Sun	12/11	19OP	20OP	21OP

For games other than Open Games, please substitute the last two letters of the event code as follows:

- 1) Invitational games should use IP (e.g., 04IP for a Tuesday morning invitational game)
- 2) Masterpoint limited games should use LP
- 3) Swiss team games should use T1 (for one session Swiss events) or T2 (for two session Swiss games)
- 4) If unsure, please use XX.

Director in Charge: Peter Marcus  
Phone: 817-879-2971 please only phone in an emergency, and only during STaC week  
E-mail: [results1211@d5bridge.com](mailto:results1211@d5bridge.com)

STaC Organizer: Mary Paulone Carns  
Phone: 412-436-0948  
E-mail: [STaC1211@d5bridge.com](mailto:STaC1211@d5bridge.com)

The per table sanction fee of \$6.00 is to be remitted within 24 hours of the conclusion of the tournament to:

Mary Paulone Carns  
1010 Old Trail Ct.  
Trafford, PA 15085

Make check payable to **ACBL District 5**. Please do NOT make check out to Mary.  
**Please note that Mary has a new mailing address.**

# NOTES

1. **The ACBL website page for the District 5 STaC is**  
[http://www.acbl.org/stac/Stac\\_Contact\\_info.php?tnum=1112011](http://www.acbl.org/stac/Stac_Contact_info.php?tnum=1112011)
2. **It may also be accessed by going to acbl.org and then clicking on**
  - a. **“Calendar and Events” (under “Tournaments”), then**
  - b. **“GO” next to “STaC’s”, then**
  - c. **“Link” (right column) on the line of “D-5 STaC”**
3. **If you have trouble registering**, please see the instructions on the ACBL website. For further help, see the help page on the District 5 STaC website: <http://www.d5bridge.com/STaCh.htm>

If you still can't register, contact Mary at [STaC1211@d5bridge.com](mailto:STaC1211@d5bridge.com). If you normally register on behalf of someone else, and that person can't register for himself/herself, please contact Mary for instructions.

4. **If you have trouble generating the gamefile or attaching it to email**, see the help pages on the District 5 STaC website:  
<http://www.d5bridge.com/STaCh.htm>