

## 2012 Great Western Holiday STaC

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**Please note the contact information. It has changed since the SPRING STaC (it remains the same as the summer STaC).**

Download the instructions and hand records from

[Http://www.acbl.org/tournament-calendar/stac/](http://www.acbl.org/tournament-calendar/stac/)

after you register.. If you have any problems, let me know. **YOUR HAND RECORDS WILL NOT BE EMAILED TO YOU.**

All e-mail communications and gamefile submissions are to use the email address of: [stacman592@yahoo.com](mailto:stacman592@yahoo.com). *Submissions to older email addresses may not be included in overalls or answered.*

Phone contact will be: Bill Michael, (719) 660-6168. This is my cell number. If I don't answer, please leave a message, and I'll get back to you as quickly as possible.

Swiss team events are allowed in any session. You may stratify them as you wish. Overall awards for team events will be for that site.

All Gamefile submissions **must** be submitted to [stacman592@yahoo.com](mailto:stacman592@yahoo.com) within 24 hours of the completion of your game. If I do not have your gamefile within 24 hours of the conclusion of your game, **it will not be included in the main event!** Per our conditions of contest, any such games will be combined in a separate *side game rated* event, and awards will be based on this much smaller award calculation. If you attempt to submit your gamefile, and have a problem, please CALL me, and let me know that something's wrong. I will acknowledge, by e-mail, all gamefile submissions, as quickly as possible, definitely within 2 hours of receipt (for evening games; by 9:00AM M.S.T the next day), as long as you have included your club# in the subject line. If you don't get this acknowledgement, please CALL me to verify receipt of your gamefile. Gamefile submissions without the club # included in the subject line will be handled after all other gamefile submissions are processed, therefore may be considered too late for inclusion in the main game.

It is my intention to have all overalls finalized and posted within 48 hours of the conclusion of any session. In order to do this, I must be draconian about the the above listed deadlines.

**Please be sure to include your club # in the subject line of all e-mails, both questions and gamefile submissions.** There are over 300 clubs involved in the WC STaCs, and I use your club # to reference our communications and keep your gamefiles uniquely

yours. **If your club # is not in the subject line for submissions, your communication may not be answered in a timely manner, and your game may not be included in the main events.**

Gamefile submissions must be the ACBLScore gamefile. This is the file that ends with a .ACM for morning games, .ACA for afternoon games, or .ACE for evening games. If you don't change the ACBLScore defaults, the rest of the gamefile name will be based on the date: YYMMDD.AC?. If you need help retrieving and emailing this file, I will be available for the entire tournament and can help step you through it on the phone. Please be in front of your computer when you call me for this, or any other computer related questions. If you are using the DOS version of ACBLScore, tell me that right away, otherwise I'll assume you are using the windows version. Do not send files that end with ".htm", ".txt", ".lzh", or any other extension. These are not gamefiles and will not be processed, **nor do they constitute submission within the 24 hour period.**

Score corrections will be accepted up to 44 hours after completion of your game. After that, I may be unable to keep to my 48 hour finalization goal. If you submit a score correction before I've posted the final results, I will still make that change, even if it's beyond the 44 hour cutoff period, so if you have a late attempt at a score correction, do try to send it. Name changes will be accepted until 6:00 PM the Monday evening following the end of the STaC tournament.

Score corrections should be submitted in the following manner: Attach an updated gamefile to an email to me. Include both your club # and the words "REVISED GAME" in the subject line of your email. It is not necessary, but would be helpful, for you to also identify what session this applies to (Mon Aft, Sat Mrn, etc...)

**All** games are to be stratified by average. There will be a consistent stratification breakdown for all frequently held games. The event codes have been expanded to reflect these common game limits and are outlined on the next page. If you wish to run a limited game with different strat break points than indicated, it will be a standalone game, so overall awards will only be awarded based on the tables at your own site. If this is your actual intent then two additional things need to be done by you.

1 - When you setup your gamefile, answer "no" to the question about whether this is a multi-site event.

2 - add a note to me in the gamefile. In DOS, the command is "NOTE", in windows, use the command list (<F11> or "Alt-L" and select the command "NOTE". Just say something like "I want these strats". If this is the case, the overall awards will only be calculated on your local table counts.

The sanction fee is \$7 per table. Clubs in Districts 17, 21, and 22, receive a \$1 per table discount (\$6/table). Sanction fees are required for fill in pairs.

Mail your check made out to **Western Conference, ACBL**

to:

**Teri Atkinson**

**9911 Artistry Rose Ct**

**Bakersfield, CA 93311-3728**

Sanction fees are to be mailed within 48 hours of the completion of your last session. Please be prompt and remember to use and include the STaC report form on the last page of this guide.

**Event Codes (note: these are expanded from prior STaCs)**

XX01 - Open Pairs. Strats are +/-2000/750

XX02 - 749er pairs 750/300/100

XX03 - 499er pairs 500/200/100

XX04 - 299er and NLM pairs. NLM/200/100

XX05 - 199er pairs. 200/100/50

XX06 - 49er pairs. 50/20/10

XX07 - Newcomer pairs. 20/10/5

XX08 - 99er pairs 99/50/20

XX10 - Auxiliary pairs. +/-2000/750. These are open games with less than 10 pairs.

XX11 - Any Invitational Pairs\*. (If you have more than one invitational pairs events at the same time, keep adding 1, so a second event will be XX12, etc...)

XX99 Any team game. (If you run more than one team game at the same time, count down from 99, so a second team game will have the event code of XX98, etc..)

XX50 - For any games not listed above (keep adding 1 if you have more than one event that's not listed above - 51, 52, etc...)

\* Invitational games are limited by age, address, or other restriction. Games that allow anybody to play in them, except for people with more than a specified number of masterpoints, are not invitational, but are "limited", (299er, or non-life master).

Replace the "XX" with the session number. Session numbers are:

01 - Monday Morning	02 - Monday Afternoon	03 - Monday Evening
04 - Tuesday Morning	05 - Tuesday Afternoon	06 - Tuesday Evening
07 - Wednesday Morning	08 - Wednesday Afternoon	09 - Wednesday Evening
10 - Thursday Morning	11 - Thursday Afternoon	12 - Thursday Evening
13 - Friday Morning	14 - Friday Afternoon	15 - Friday Evening
16 - Saturday Morning	17 - Saturday Afternoon	18 - Saturday Evening
19 - Sunday Morning	20 - Sunday Afternoon	21 - Sunday Evening

(example: A Thursday afternoon 499er game would be event code: 1103)

If you have any questions, or problems determining your event code, please call me before or during your game, and I'll be happy to help. Bill (719) 660-6168.

**To be eligible for the Open Pairs (XX01), there must be a minimum of 10 pairs in the game.** If your game is an open game with less than 10 pairs, your event code will be XX10.

### **Game Setup Instructions**

Start setting up your gamefile normally. When you select that it is a stac game (option #9 in the event rating segment), there will be a few different questions.

Select option #1 "Sectional Tournament at Clubs".

Then, "yes" to the question Associate the STAC game with a club.

**Select the 5th option for number of strata "three strata - average of both players"**

Then, "Championship Rating"

All pairs games are 1 session, team games may be held as a 2 session event

Select the appropriate masterpoint rating - the open game will be "no limit", 2000, 750.

When the computer asks if this is a multi-site event, for pairs games the answer is "YES".

For team games, or games that are intentionally not participating in the big events, the answer is "NO".

When the tournament information box pops up, fill in the blanks.

The sanction number is the entire sanction number, *including the letters*; "ST1208017".

Select your event code from the list on the previous page. All four digits are important - make sure you select the proper session number when you enter the event code.

Example: an open pairs game run on Wednesday afternoon will have the event code of: "0801".

Games with a standardized top m.p. holding (including unlimited) will be re-stratified automatically by me. Therefore, it behooves you to enter my standardized strats from the outset, as your section awards will then match what is ultimately submitted to ACBL. Corrected gamefiles will not be returned, or noted to you.

**Helpful Errata - from questions I've had in the past.**

"Limited" means a game that is restricted only by masterpoint holding.

"Invitational" means a game that is restricted by gender, address, age, or some other restriction that bars specific people from playing, regardless of how many masterpoints they hold.

"Auxiliary Pairs" are otherwise open pairs games that have less than 10 pairs in the game. This is a separate championship event that will have the overall awards based on the total number of tables from open games with less than 5 full tables.

Section awards are awards that are paid to players who sat in the same direction in the same section. This would be all pairs in a one-winner movement. If you have more than one section, and you combine the rankings between the multiple sections, there will only be one section 1st awarded; won by the highest ranking pair in each direction of all combined sections. These awards are calculated locally - based on the number of pairs in your own game - irrespective of what anybody else's game has. Because of this, your players may, with a good game and a lot of pairs in their strat, achieve a higher section award than overall award. In all cases, the final award to your players will be the highest of all awards won. Your players may see pairs who ranked lower in the overalls earn a higher award. This is pretty much always because the pair earned a higher section award than the overall award would have been. Don't hesitate to drop me a line to double check that everything is on track, if this occurs.

Overall awards are awards that are paid after all gamefiles are processed for a specific event. These are ranked based on all pairs, sitting any direction. The awards are calculated based on the total number of tables from all submitting clubs. Because of this, the overall awards will take awhile to be calculated, and will be changing until finalized.

If you hold games with more than one section, it is more likely that your players will have a higher score if you do not score across the field. It is your choice whether you score across the field.

## MOVEMENTS WITH HAND RECORDS

<u># Tables</u>	<u>BDs/Round</u>	<u>How to start the game</u>
5	6	Move boards down 1 table & move players up 1 table.
6	5	Move boards down 1 table (skip after round #3)
* 7	4	Move boards down 1 table & move players up 1 table
8	4	Move boards down 1 table (skip after round #4)
* 9	3	Move boards down 1 table & move players up one table
10	3	Move boards down 1 table (skip after round #5)
11	3	move boards down 2 tables
12	3	Move boards down 1 table (skip after round #6)
* 13	2	Move boards down 1 table & move players up 1 table
14	2	Move boards down 1 table (skip after round #7)
15	2	Move boards down 2 tables
16	2	Move boards down 2 tables (skip after round #7)
17	2	Move boards down 2 tables
18	2	Move boards down 2 tables (skip after round #7)

\*Asterisked movements will result in 24 board movements, unless you preduplicate the boards.

**ALWAYS PLAY YOUR NORMAL NUMBER OF BOARDS, UNLESS LIMITED BY THE ASTERISKED MOVEMENTS ABOVE. IF YOU PREDUPLICATE YOUR BOARDS, YOU CAN PLAY ANY MOVEMENT NORMALLY, HOWELL OR MITCHELL.**

If you expect a Howell movement, you should make up the boards in advance, so your players can play the optimum number of boards and opponents.

If you have any questions or problems, please call me.

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Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs) provide bridge players with the opportunity to win Silver Points at their local clubs. All of the ACBL's rules, regulations, and procedures for running a Sectional tournament apply to the organization and management of a STaC. ACBL's current STaC guidelines and fees will apply.

Sponsoring organizations may, with ACBL approval only, amend these conditions for a specific event. Such amendments should appear in all printed tournament schedules and be posted prior to the start of event.

The Director in Charge shall make the final decision on any item in these conditions. Furthermore, the Director in Charge will resolve any issue not specifically covered.

**SPONSORING UNIT**

1. 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 Bulletin" calendar schedule at least one month prior.
2. 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 wants to participate, all clubs within that Unit must be invited to participate (The unit must receive approval from its district coordinator).
3. 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. 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 nor may afternoon and evening games be combined.
4. STaC sessions may be scheduled at any participating club for any session that the club has a regularly sanctioned game at that club. Additional games may be held at the option of the sanctioned club. However, when a scheduling conflict exists, preference shall be granted to the club that holds a regularly scheduled game (within a 25 mile radius) at the time in question. The STaC sponsor has the final decision.
5. Each Sponsor must develop a schedule of games and Conditions of Contest. This schedule and the CoC will be posted on ACBL's web site. Open and limited Stratified Pair and Swiss team events may be scheduled. All pair events are single-session events. Team games shall be stand-alone events at the site played.
6. All masterpoints awarded are silver and sectionally rated. Overall awards are based on the total entry in each event except that Swiss Team overall awards are based only on the entry at each individual

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site. Open events do not receive credit for other concurrent events.

7. The use of hand records is encouraged but not required. For a STaC using hand records, games at sites not using hand records will be entered as a side game for ranking and masterpoint awards (65% of sectional rating).
8. Masterpoint levels and strat limits will be set by the STaC sponsor. The strat levels will be the same for all open pair games and for like limited pair games. Swiss team events are at club option.
9. The sponsor is responsible for notifying all club managers to register for the upcoming STaC. An e-mail blast may be requested for those managers with an address on file. Snail mail notification will need to note that they must register online and submit results by e-mail to participate.
10. The organization receiving the sanction (sponsoring organization – ‘SO’) is responsible for the collection of any fees due from a participating ACBL sanctioned game. Each participating club is responsible for submitting all fees to the sponsoring organization in a timely manner. The ‘SO’ is also responsible for ensuring that all fees due the ACBL are remitted in a timely manner. Should a participating club owe a debt to a unit, district, conference or ACBL, the ‘SO’ may ask Management for assistance in collection as permitted by ACBL regulations.

**PARTICIPATING CLUBS**

1. Any club within the area of the participating Unit may hold a STaC game in lieu of its regularly scheduled club game. Additional games may be held, as noted above.
2. The ACBL General Convention Chart will be used unless the sponsor specifies and advertises otherwise.
3. A minimum section size of 10 pairs is needed to be included in the Championship session. Sections with fewer than 10 pairs may be reported, combined, and included as a separate Sectionally rated Championship event. This restriction may be modified or waived, prior to the start of the tournament, at sponsor option.
4. Invitational (not masterpoint limited) games will be scored and ranked as stand alone sectionally rated Championship event with 1 restriction (80% sectional rating) unless these games are opened to all players and advertised as such. Invitational clubs will use the same limits as the open event and will be combined for overall ranking.
5. 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.
6. Playing directors may not duplicate the boards in games using hand records. The club director of such a game may play only with the consent, in advance, of the DIC of the STaC.

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7. Non-playing directors are encouraged but not required for games with no more than one section of 17 tables or fewer. Non-playing directors are required in games larger than 17 tables or with two or more sections. Club Directors who are eligible to play will receive masterpoints.
8. Each club must report its results to the (DIC) within the designated time limit. The time limit is 24 hours from the end of its game unless the sponsor specifies an earlier time limit. In no case may this time limit be less than 12 hours from the end of the game. Club games not reported within the time limit will be scored, ranked, and issued masterpoints as a sectionally rated side game if received prior to the final reporting period.
9. Reporting will be by e-mail attachment of the gamefile. At sponsor option, special reporting arrangements may be made for games with fewer than 17 tables. Reporting procedures will be posted with the sponsor's STaC Conditions of Contest.
10. The final reporting period for the STaC ends 12 hours after the last event ends. Later reports will be returned to the club, to be reported as a regularly scheduled club session.
11. The correction period at each club is the same as the reporting time limit. A club must post a copy of the recap for inspection at the end of each session.
12. The club manager must register for all sessions to be held using the registration process available on ACBL's web site at least two days prior to the start date of the STaC. Late registrations are at the discretion of the DIC.
13. The club must notify the STaC DIC of any scheduled session that is canceled within one hour of the start time for the session.
14. The STaC sponsor may require clubs to download hand record files from ACBL's web site.
15. 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.

**Director-in-Charge**

1. The DiC of a STaC must be an ACBL Tournament Director or higher rank.
2. The DiC of a STaC, and the sponsor, will develop reporting guidelines and specific conditions of contest to be posted on ACBL's web site at least six weeks prior to the start of the STaC..
3. The DIC of a STaC will label hand records when used.
4. The DiC will organize and provide results to participating clubs for each session after the deadline for reporting the game results.
5. The DiC will create reports at the end of the STaC as requested by the sponsor.

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6. The DiC will provide standard Sectional tournament reports.
7. In addition to the expected functions of a DIC, the DIC may be asked to perform a variety of additional tasks. Typical tasks may include distribution of hand record printouts, pre-tournament advertising, or a post-tournament bulletin. The DIC and the sponsor will determine the time and fees for these tasks.