

## STaC "Cheat Sheet" - Really Important Stuff

Please read and post near the scoring computer for the Club Directors to use during STaC week,

February 12, 2018 through February 18, 2018.

**Sanction Number: ST1802037**

**Participating Districts/Units: District 10 & District 07, Unit 219**

Note - Club Managers **must pre-register** each session at the ACBL website to participate. Game results for games that are not pre-registered will **NOT** be considered in the STaC. Club Managers are encouraged to double-check that EACH session they intend to include in the STaC is registered.

### Contacts:

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**Strata to use for the STaC (must(!))** be used by all open and invitational pair games):

A: Unlimited

B: 750-2000      **By highest player's MP holding**

C: 0-750

(Strata for masterpoint-limited games will be set by the club, but are subject to change if the limited game can be combined with any other(s) for the purpose of determining STaC-wide overall awards)

### Event codes:

The event code is a 4-character code. The first two characters are the session number of the game. The next two characters indicate the type of game being played.

Open Pair Game event codes (check the appropriate column based on game start times)

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

For Invitational games, replace the last two characters with "IP"

For Masterpoint Limited games, replace the last two characters with "LP"

For one-session open Swiss Teams games, replace the last two characters with "T1"

For two-session open Swiss Team games, replace the last two characters with "T2"

## Club Directors:

Large games (i.e., more than 17 tables or more than two sessions) must have a non-playing Director. Directors of smaller games may play and are eligible for both session and overall awards. Also, anyone who has made copies of the hands or duplicated the boards by hand may NOT participate in the game. Duplication by machine does not disqualify someone from playing in the STaC. To enforce this rule, **it is mandatory that the director put his/her full name into the ACBLscore setup for the game.** Failure to follow all these rules may jeopardize your inclusion in the STaC and prevent your players from receiving silver points.

## Reporting Results:

**All games must be reported to the ACBL STaC director within a maximum of 24 hours after the game ends (Exception: report the Sunday results within 12 hours after the game ends.)** Reporting earlier will allow the results to be posted for everyone sooner, so please do not hold up reporting your results. Late reporting may jeopardize your game's participation in the STaC and the opportunity for your players to win silver points.

If you have registered for a game but do not hold it, **please notify** the ACBL STaC Director- in-Charge immediately. Failure to do so will delay results for other clubs and potentially affect your participation in future STaCs.

Report your game to Harry Falk via email to [Harry624@yahoo.com](mailto:Harry624@yahoo.com) **within 24 hours after your game (within 12 hours after the Sunday game)**. The only file you should send is the ACBLscore gamefile. The file name will end with .ACM (for a morning game), .ACA (for afternoon) or .ACE (for evening). In particular, **do not send any file that ends with .LZH, .TXT, .BWS, or .HTM extensions.** They are useless and will not stop the 24-hour reporting clock from its count down.

Include **the Sanction Number, your club number and the event code** in the subject line of your email message. **If you have a problem submitting your game file, contact the Director-in-Charge immediately.**

## STaC Fees:

The per table sanction fee is \$6.00. Note - If you use "bots" to avoid sit-outs, you need to include them in your table count when calculating your STaC fees. For example, if you had eight and a half tables and used "bots" to eliminate the phantom pair, you would owe \$54 for that nine table game.

Please send a check made out to **District 10** and the completed Financial Reporting Form (see page 5 of this document) within 24 hours of the end of the STaC to:

## More Important STaC Information

All directors should also read this info, it is important too!!

Morning and afternoon open games of 5.0 tables or more are eligible for participation in the main, open event. Smaller open games (4.5 tables or less) at these times will be combined into a separate STaC-rated open game that will pay overall awards. Multiple games of 4.5 tables or less in the same session will be combined for higher overall awards. All open evening games will be combined into a single event.

This is a shuffle-and-play STaC. No hand records will be provided. You should prepare hands as you would for a regular club game (shuffle at the table, use your duplicating machine, etc.)

Invitational games are scored as open championship games with one (1) restriction, awarding silver points at 80% of the points of an open STaC game.

Masterpoint limited pair games are set up as championship events with the appropriate upper masterpoint limit and strata as determined by the club. Multiple games with the same upper limit will be combined for higher overalls. In such cases, lower strata may be changed by the ACBL director to allow combination with games from other clubs.

All Swiss team events are set up as championship events and are stand-alone at each club. Strata for Swiss team events are set at the discretion of the club. Swiss Team events pay silver points.

**Types of Games Allowed: The STaC game must be run consistent with your ACBL game sanction; that is, a club that is sanctioned and regularly holds an invitational or masterpoint-limited game may not run their STaC game as an open game. Only games that are regularly run as open games may run as an open game during the STaC.**

1. Open Pairs – combined for overall awards (see masterpoint strata limits above)
2. Swiss Teams – overall awards are based only on the entry at each individual site.
3. Novice, 99er, 199er or 299er Games or any Intermediate, Novice or Limited Game.
4. Invitational Games -will be combined for overall ranking.

The ACBL General Convention Chart will be used. Conventions and systems not allowed by the General Convention Chart will not be allowed.

A club must post a copy of the recap for inspection at the end of each session. The correction period for STaCs is the same as most other tournaments (i.e., 24 hours after the game ends).

## ACBLscore Instructions for setting up STaC games:

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

Set up as usual until you get to event rating.

Choose rating (9) - Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaC) or Progressive Sectional

Choose option (1) - Sectional Tournament at Clubs

Associate with a club: "Y"

Chose club number running the game and then session number

Select number of strata - recommend **(three strata - average of both players)**

Choose option (1) - Championship rating, for all(!!) STaC games

Chose number of played sessions (always 1 unless setting up a two-session Swiss Team game)

Choose proper event restrictions (1 restriction for invitational games, none for all other games)

*When setting up a game file, select invitational only if the game is restricted by other than masterpoints (e.g., members only, women only, etc.). Games that are open to any player with less than some upper masterpoint limit are reduced by the upper masterpoint limit only.*

Enter strat limits (for open or invitational games, see limits on first page)

After entering the Stratum A limit, **ALWAYS(!!)** answer "Y" to Multi-site event (except for Swiss Teams)

Enter tournament data, including full name of director, sanction number and event code.

## District 10 Sectional Tournament at Club Financial Reporting Form

Payment for all of your STaC games may be combined into one check, payable to **District 10**.

**CLUB #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Game Day	Morning Game	Afternoon Game	Evening Game	
	# of tables	# of tables	# of tables	Total tables / day
Monday, Feb 12				
Tuesday, Feb 13				
Wednesday, Feb 14				
Thursday, Feb 15				
Friday, Feb 16				
Saturday, Feb 17				
Sunday, Feb 18				
		<b># of tables in play (sum right column):</b>		

**(AMOUNT DUE)**

Total tables in play \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.00 / table = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form and a check - payable to **District 10** (do NOT make it out to Patrick Williams) and including your Club Number - promptly after the game on Sunday to:

Patrick Williams  
2545 Barwood Dr.  
Greenbrier, Tennessee 37073

Signed (Mgr) \_\_\_\_\_

## **ACBL General Conditions of Contest and Guidelines for Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs)**

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 it's 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 standalone 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 site. Open Swiss Team overall awards do receive credit for limited event tables at the same site. Open Pair events do not receive credit for other limited event tables at the same site, unless they are not combined with other clubs in the main STaC.
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).

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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). Invitational clubs will use the same limits as the open event and will be combined for overall ranking. Invitational games may not be declared as Open for the tournament.
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. Limited games may not be declared Open for the Tournament.
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.
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 twelve (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 game file. 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.

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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
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.
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.