

2019 Western Conference Summer Fun STaC

August 19-25, 2019 Sanction #**ST1908034**

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This is the **only** e-mail address to use – any other submission may not get to me in a timely manner. Game file submissions to other addresses that do not reach me in time will be deemed late, and not included in the main event.

Phone for Questions: (951) 780-3868

Phone for Texts: (520) 661-3611

All email communications, whether a game file submission or not **must** have your club# in the subject line. I have up to 300 clubs corresponding with me, and will receive around 1,500 emails during the week; this is the only sure way I have of identifying who I am corresponding with. **Communications without the club number (including game file submissions) may get lost in the shuffle, causing you to not be answered or have your game file submission not be included in the main event.**

ACBL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS WILL APPLY FOR ALL GAME FILE SUBMISSIONS!

Game files and any scoring corrections must be received by the following times:

Morning games: 5:00 PM (MST) the following day.

Afternoon games: 10:00 PM (MST) the following day.

Evening games: Midnight (MST) the following day.

ALL Sunday games must be received by Noon (MST) on Monday.

Games MUST be submitted as the ACBLScore game file (ending in “.ACM”, “.ACA”, “.ACE”, or “.ACL”)

CALL me if you have a problem finding or attaching this file to your e-mail. Any other submission will not be processed – therefore will NOT be included in the main event. “.htm”, “.txt”, “.lzh”, etc... are not game files and will be summarily dismissed. An email will be sent to you stating that I have received the wrong file, and requesting the proper one. *The proper game file must still be received by the above cutoff times.*

Please remember: playing directors (and their partners) are ineligible for overall rankings or awards. Playing directors are eligible for section awards. All games must indicate the director's name, or the game file will not be accepted.

Please see page #5 for setup instructions to adjust eligibility.

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Before Starting your game with preduplicated boards, take a moment to check board #1 against the hand records to verify it's the correct set!!!

Sanction fees must be sent in within 48 hours of your final game. See Page 8 for payment instructions.

Download the instructions and hand records from the ACBL Website after you register. If you have any problems, let me know. **YOUR HAND RECORDS WILL NOT BE EMAILED TO YOU.**

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 only.

All Game file submissions **must** be submitted to stacacbl@gmail.com by the cutoff times listed above. If the Game file is not submitted by the appropriate cutoff time, **it will not be included in the main event!** Per the conditions of contest, any such games will be entered in a separate *side game rated* event, and awards will be based on this much smaller award calculation. **If you attempt to submit your game file, and have a problem, please CALL me, and let me know that something's wrong. Have the information for your game in front of you when you call me.** I will acknowledge, by e-mail, all game file submissions, as quickly as possible. **If you don't get this acknowledgement before the cutoff time for submissions listed on page #1, please call, text, or email me to verify receipt of your game file.**

Game file submissions must be the ACBLScore game file. This is the file that ends with .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 game file 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. (If I don't answer, please leave a message. If it's a late call, please tell me when I may call you back - be sure to mention your time zone - or I will assume that 9:00AM-10:00PM, local time, is the acceptable call time range). Please be in front of your computer when you call me for this or any other computer related questions.

Score corrections have the same cutoff time as game file submissions. Name corrections will be accepted until Noon (MST) the Monday following the end of the STaC tournament. Strata for overall ranking will only be raised, not lowered, for a player name correction submitted after the game cutoff time. Local section awards will not be re-calculated using the corrected stratum. (If your original name made the pair a stratum "A", or "B" pair, and the correction makes the pair a stratum "C" pair, the pair will remain stratum "A" (or "B") for overall and section awards, unless the name change was submitted before the original cutoff time.)

Score corrections should be submitted in the following manner: Note the correction in an email. The email should have your club # in the subject line, and note, in the body of the email, the session and the correction. (e.g. Wednesday Afternoon, Section A, Board #9 N/S 6 vs E/W 3 should be N/S +200 instead of E/W +200). Name changes should be submitted the same way. **DO NOT SEND A NEW GAME FILE!**

If you do not use ACBLScore, please call me at the conclusion of your game to handle reporting instructions. Do not email anything to me until/unless I advise you so to do.

All games are to be stratified by average. There will be a consistent stratification breakdown for all “main event” games (games combined with other STaC games at the same time). 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 a different top limit than indicated, it will be a standalone game, so overall awards will only be awarded based on the tables at your own site. You may stratify this type of game with any breaks you wish. **If other clubs run games with the same top limit, they will be combined, with the strats to be determined based on an approximate 33/33/33% ratio for each strat. This will be determined by me. It will NOT be dependent on what results will occur – it will be based strictly on the attendance numbers of each strat.***

STaCs, games are not allowed to be submitted as intentionally standalone.

Any conditions not addressed in this guide will be determined by the official Western Conference STaC CofC, and by the general ACBL STaC CofC. If no determination from the CofC can be made, the DiC’s ruling will be final.

REMINDER: For the August 2019 Summer Fun STaC email your game files to Arleen Harvey:

stacacbl@gmail.com

Game files sent to any other email may result in files not being received in a timely way and becoming ineligible for combined events and overalls.

Event Codes

Replace the "XX" listed below 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

XX01 - Open Pairs. +/-2000/750 **These are open games with 10 or more pairs.**

XX21 - Auxiliary Pairs. +/-2000/750 **These are open games with less than 10 pairs.**

XX02 - 749er pairs 750/300/100

XX03 - All 499er, 299er, and NLM 500/300/100

XX04 - All 199er pairs. 200/100/50

XX05 - 99er pairs. 100/50/20

XX06 - 49er pairs. 50/20/10

XX07 - Newcomer pairs. 20/10/5

XX08 - 299er Pairs 300/200/100

XX11 - Any Invitational Open Pairs*.

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..)

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

* **Invitational games are limited by age, address, gender, ethnicity, or other restriction not related to masterpoint holding.** 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", (749er, or 499er e.g.).

If you have any questions, or problems determining your event code, please call or text before or during your game, and I'll be happy to help.

Before Starting your game with preduplicated boards, take a moment to check board #1 against the hand records to verify it's the correct set!!!

Game Setup Instructions

Start setting up your game file normally. When you select that it is a STaC game (option #9 in the event rating segment), there will be a few different questions than for a normal club game.

Select option #9 "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 1 or 2 session event

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

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

For team games, the answer is "NO".

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

Don't forget to include the director's name –game submissions without this name will NOT be accepted.

The sanction number is the entire sanction number, *including the letters*; "ST1908034".

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 masterpoint holding (including unlimited) will be re-stratified automatically for inclusion in the STaC. Therefore, it behooves you to enter the standardized strata from the outset, as the section awards your players expect will then match what is ultimately submitted to ACBL. It is also important for you to update your database prior to the STaC.

!MAKE SURE YOU LIST THE REAL DIRECTOR'S NAME IN THE "DIRECTOR" BOX–THIS IS THE PLAYER WHO WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR OVERALL AWARDS!

To mark a pair as ineligible for overall awards (playing directors):

In the main game screen of the section the director is playing in, press the <F9> button. Select option #4 - Qualification/Eligibility.

In the next menu, again select option #4 – Specify Overall and Session rank ineligibility. This will bring up a list of players.

Find the Director's pair number (and direction for a Mitchell/Web).

Change the eligibility from "Y" to "S". This allows section awards, while eliminating this pair from the overall listing.

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

Changes have been made to the ACBL STaC Conditions of Contest. The CoC is included at the end of these instructions. A few of the more relevant changes are noted here:

The ACBL Open Convention Chart will be used for Open events. In Limited masterpoint events, clubs may use the Basic, Basic+, or Open Convention Chart, as appropriate.

Non-playing directors are encouraged for all STaC games. A non-playing director is REQUIRED at any club not using electronic scoring when more than 18 tables are participating in the STaC and at any club using electronic scoring when more than 24 tables are participating in the STaC. Playing directors will be eligible for session awards.

Each club must report its results to the DIC within the designated time limit, which is 24 hours from the end of its game. Club games not reported within the time limit may be issued masterpoints as a Sectional rated Side Game if received prior to the final reporting period.

The final reporting period for the STaC ends 24 hours after the last event ends. Later reports may be returned to the club, to be reported as a regularly scheduled club session.

If you registered more than one event during a session (an open, and a limited game, e.g.), and you don't submit all events you've registered for – you will receive a “missing game file” email from me, if you don't tell me the event wasn't held - even if you sent in other event(s).

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

"Invitational" means a game that is restricted by gender, address, ethnicity, 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 all open games with less than 5 full tables for each session.

Section awards are awards that are paid to players who sit 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 - regardless of what anybody else's game has. Because of this, your players may, with a good game and a lot of pairs in their stratum, achieve a higher section award than overall award. In all cases, the final award to your players will be the single

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 game files are processed for a specific event. These are ranked based on the percentage score of all pairs, sitting any direction. The awards are calculated based on the total number of tables from all submitting clubs. Finalized results will be noted as final on the WC website – they will not be specifically noted on the ACBL website, but when the WC site reflects “final”, the ACBL website will also be final. After a session is listed as “final”, there will be no corrections of any nature allowed for the open games, including adding non-reported games, scoring corrections, etc... with the exception of player name changes as listed above, or to correct errors or omissions on my part.

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. The decision of whether or not to score across sections must be made in advance of the start of the game, and is not to be changed after scores are known. The recommendation is that you score and rank within sections.

Robots for half-tables are permitted. Just as with any fill-in pair, there is a sanction fee charged for the robot pair.

Open games with 2 tables may be run as standalone individual, or standalone homestyle pairs. Open games with 2.5-4.5 tables will be included with other similar sized open games in a championship event. Open games with 10 or more pairs will be combined in a different championship event.

MITCHELL MOVEMENTS WITH HAND RECORDS

# of Tables	Bds/ Rnd	# of Played Rds.	How to start after duplication
5*	6	4	Boards down 1 table & E/W players up 1 table
6	5	5	Boards down 1 table, skip after 3 rounds
7*	4	6	Boards down 1 table & E/W players up 1 table
8	4	7	Boards down 1 table, skip after 4 rounds
9*	3	8	Boards down 1 table & E/W players up 1 table
10	3	9	Boards down 1 table, skip after 5 rounds
11	3	9	Boards down 2 tables
12	3	9	Boards down 1 table, skip after 6 rounds
13*	2	12	Boards down 1 table & E/W players up 1 table
14	2	13	Boards down 1 table, skip after 7 rounds
15	2	13	Boards down 2 tables
16	2	13	Boards down 2 tables, skip after 7 rounds
17	2	13	Boards down 2 tables
18	2	13	Boards down 2 tables, skip after 9 rounds Alternatively, run 2 9-table sections*

*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.

Non-limited games require a minimum of a 20 board movement

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

Arleen Harvey @ 951-780-3868

***Before Starting your game with preduplicated boards,
take a moment to check board #1 against the hand
records to verify it's the correct set!!!***

Once your final game file is submitted and processed, you will receive an invoice, sent to the email address associated with the game file. **Please ensure your records match that invoice, and send your payment in US Funds within 48 hours after finishing your last session.**

The Western Conference does not take credit cards for sanction fees at this time.

If you receive the invoice before you've submitted your final game, it means that you haven't registered all of your games.

Contact me right away to clear up the situation.

If you fail to receive an invoice after you've submitted your final game, it means I'm missing one or more games, or you've registered for games that you are not planning on holding.

Contact me right away to clear up the situation.

Make Checks Payable to **The Western Conference**

Send to: **Western Conference**
11035 Lavender Hill Dr,
Suite 160-380
Las Vegas, NV 89135

SANCTION FEES! Sanction fees are \$7.50/table with clubs in districts 17, 21, and 22 receive a \$1.00/table discount (\$6.50/table).

Half tables pay \$3.75 (\$3.25 in districts 17, 21, & 22).

Fill-in pairs, **INCLUDING ROBOTS MUST** pay the sanction fee.

All billing questions/comments should be directed to Tom Shulman. His email address is:

tomshulman@gmail.com

ACBL General Conditions of Contest and Guidelines for Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs) (effective 8/1/2019)

Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs) provide bridge players with the opportunity to win Silver Points at their local clubs. All the ACBL rules, regulations, and procedures for running a Sectional tournament apply to the organization and management of a STaC, except that players need not have an ACBL number nor be paid-up members. Current ACBL 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 the event.

The Director in Charge (DIC) shall make the final decision on any item in these conditions. Furthermore, the DIC 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, a Unit may nominate 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 even when sponsored by a District. If a Unit outside of the District wants to participate, and receives permission from the District to do so, all clubs within that Unit must be invited to participate. The outside Unit must also receive approval from its own District.
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 Conditions will be posted on the ACBL 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 at Sectional rating. 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 events do receive credit for limited event tables, pair or team games, at the same site. Open Pair events only receive credit for other limited event tables at the same site when there are no other games in the main STaC with which to combine them.
7. The use of hand records is encouraged but not required, at sponsor option. For a STaC using hand records, games not using hand records will be considered Side Games for ranking and masterpoint awards (65% of Sectional rating). Hand records, if required, are downloaded from the ACBL web site by each club.
8. Masterpoint levels and stratum limits will be set by the STaC sponsor. The stratum levels will be the same for all Open Pair games and for like Limited Pair games. Stratum levels for 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. Postal mail notifications, if used, will need to note that clubs must register online and submit results by e-mail to participate.
10. The organization receiving the sanction, the 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 SO 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 be delinquent in paying 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 Open Convention Chart will be used for Open events. In Limited masterpoint events, clubs may use the Basic, Basic+, or Open Convention Chart, as appropriate.
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 Sectional 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

Sectional rated Championship events 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 combined for overall ranking. Limited games may not be declared as Open for the tournament.
6. Playing directors may not hand-duplicate the boards to be played in STaC games. 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 for all STaC games. A non-playing director is REQUIRED at any club not using electronic scoring when more than 18 tables are participating in the STaC and at any club using electronic scoring when more than 24 tables are participating in the STaC. Playing directors will be eligible for session awards. They may be eligible to receive overall masterpoint awards, at Sponsor option.
8. Each club must report its results to the DIC within the designated time limit, which is 24 hours from the end of its game. Club games not reported within the time limit may be issued masterpoints as a Sectional rated Side Game if received prior to the final reporting period.
9. The final reporting period for the STaC ends 24 hours after the last event ends. Later reports may be returned to the club, to be reported as a regularly scheduled club session.
10. Reporting will be by e-mail attachment of the game file. At sponsor option, special reporting arrangements may be made for games with special circumstances. Reporting procedures will be posted with the sponsor's STaC Conditions of Contest.
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 the ACBL 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 (game) that is canceled. This is to assist in the timely compilation and posting of overall results for the session. Such notification should be made before the time that session would have ended, if played.
14. In order to be eligible for overall awards in a STaC, for 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, in conjunction with the sponsor, will develop reporting guidelines and specific Conditions of Contest to be posted on the ACBL web site at least six weeks prior to the start of the STaC.
3. The DIC will organize and provide results to participating clubs for each session, after the deadline for reporting the game results.
4. The DIC will create reports at the end of the STaC, as requested by the sponsor.
5. The DIC will provide standard Sectional tournament reports.