

0-2500 Pairs Special Conditions of Contest

The General Conditions of Contest (COC) for Pairs events will apply to this event, subject to the following special COC. These conditions are in addition to, or supersede, the General COC for Pairs events. These COC may not be changed during the event.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The 0-2500 Pairs is open to any two paid ACBL Members who each have fewer than 2500 masterpoints (MPs) as of the ACBL computer run preceding the start of the NABC; this will typically be on March 6th.

CONVENTIONS

Bidding and carding methods permitted, restricted or not permitted in this event are per the ACBL Basic+ Convention Chart.

SCORING AND PLAY

- 1) This Pairs event will consist of four sessions: two qualifying and two final.
- 2) Approximately 50% of the field, but in no case less than 40%, will qualify from the qualifying sessions to the finals. The exact number of qualifying pairs will be announced once the initial field size is known. Ties for the last qualifying position will be broken as per ACBL regulation.
- 3) There will be a carryover from the qualifying sessions to the finals. The carryover will be calculated as per ACBL regulations. The spread from top to bottom can be no greater than four boards.
- 4) For purposes of qualifying or for determining final overall ranking, any fraction of a matchpoint will be sufficient separation.
- 5) The DIC is permitted to combine as many sections as logical for scoring. Qualification of contestants for subsequent stages shall be based on overall standing in the entire field, regardless of section or direction.
- 6) Regarding any of the above, or any of the General COC for Pairs, the decision of the DIC will be final.