

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST JULY 2019 REACH
Updated June 20, 2019

PLAY

1. This event is open to all ACBL members. Non-ACBL members, unpaid ACBL members, and their partners will not be ranked beyond the club level.
2. This event is open to all registered clubs. (See Registration section below for details.)
3. Play will consist of a minimum of 18 boards and four tables during the ‘afternoon’ sessions of club play between the dates of July 29-August 3, 2019. For this particular event, starting time should be between the following time frames:
10:30am-3:30pm EST,
9:30am-2:30pm CST,
8:30am-1:30pm MST,
7:30am-12:30pm PST.
4. Play will be conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.
5. Play will be conducted under the ACBL General Conditions of Contest for Pairs.
6. Play will be conducted under the ACBL Open Convention Chart.
7. Play will be conducted using the electronic hand files provided for ‘The Common Game’ on the date/session specified.
8. Players playing any two or more sessions of this event will be eligible for overall rankings.
9. Players will be ranked as individuals. That is, players may play with different partners each session through the duration of this event. Partnerships are not ranked, individuals are ranked.
10. Ruling appeals may be submitted to the event Director in Charge for final adjudication by club managers. All such appeal rulings will be final.
11. Decisions/topics not covered hereon will be determined by the ACBL Director in Charge as designated by ACBL Headquarters in Horn Lake, MS.
12. Section awards will be calculated and awarded based on the overall pool each contestant is in.
13. These events must be run by a non-playing director.

REGISTRATION

1. If a Club is registered already with The Common Game, it does not need to register again. If a Club is not registered with The Common Game, it can register for the event at no cost, using this form.
2. Entry fee is \$30 per player. Registration shall be open from January 10 until 2400 PST July 28, 2019. Players must pay both the entry fee and their normal club entry fees.
3. Registration applies to individuals. Both members of a partnership need not be registered.
4. Both members of a partnership must be paid up ACBL members to be included in overall rankings. This does NOT apply to club awards.
5. Registered players must play at registered clubs for those results to be considered.
6. A player registration form is here.
7. A full list of registered clubs can be found here.

SCORING

1. This pair event will be rated as a Regional Side Game Series (Gold / Red). Players playing two or more sessions are eligible for overall awards (see above).
The rankings and awards for this event are in addition to standard club awards and standard club stratification.
2. This is a matchpoint event. Sessions scores will be based on percentages.
3. Clubs with multiple sections in play are encouraged to score 'across the field'.
4. All submitted club results will be 'scored across' the entire field. Club scores may be different than those scores shown after the entire field is amassed and rescored.
5. Clubs results must be submitted to The Common Game not later than 10 PM CST on the day of the session. Club results not submitted within the time frame designated will not be accepted.
6. No game information, including scores, hand records, or any commentary may be posted online (on a club, Unit, or personal website) until the end of the play windows specified above, plus one additional hour in the Eastern time zone. Nothing goes online before 4:30pm EST, 3:30pm CST, 2:30pm MST or 1:30pm PST.
7. Score correction period expires 24 hours after the game session is completed.
8. This event is NOT stratified. Participating clubs will be grouped for overall rankings based on the 'strength of field' algorithm as determined by The Common Game and applied to the individual club results submitted. There shall be 4 groups for scoring purposes.
9. Overall and section results will be published on this page not later than Noon on Sunday, August 4.
10. Items not covered above will be determined by the ACBL Director in Charge as designated by ACBL Headquarters in Horn Lake MS.

AWARDS

This event will be rated as a Regional Side Series Final. These awards are in addition to the club masterpoints earned. Awards will be calculated per the ACBL General formula with the following exceptions:

1. Maximum award for the top group will be no larger than 30 Gold Masterpoints.
2. Successive groups will have a masterpoint award not greater than 20% less than the preceding field.
3. Pigmentation distribution shall be 100% Gold in the top two groups; 2/3 Gold / 1/3 Red in the third group; 50% Gold 50% Red in the fourth group.
4. Depth of overall awards will be 25% of the individuals scored within the group.

For a list of Frequently Asked Questions about REACH, please see this page.

AWARD EXAMPLE

Assume 4,000 participants, 1,000 per pool.

Then the awards would be approximately as follows:

1st Pool - 30.00 Gold for 1st - 0.69 Gold for 250th place

2nd Pool - 24.00 Gold for 1st - 0.55 Gold for 250th place

3rd Pool - 19.20 for 1st (12.67 Gold) - 0.44 for 250th place (0.30 Gold)
4th Pool - 15.36 for 1st (7.68 Gold) - 0.36 for 250th place (0.18 Gold)