

Special Events Information for Club Managers

January 2021

Junior Fund Month*

Date: All January

Masterpoints: 63.6% sectional-rated black

Sanction: No special sanction required

Sanction Fees: \$5 per table

All sanctioned club sessions in January may be held as Junior Fund Games. Junior Fund Games cannot be held during the months of February, April, May and September. Players earn extra masterpoints while helping the junior program for youth up to age 26. Junior players have their own special events as well. Check them out at www.acbl.org/juniors.

February 2021

Education Foundation Games

Date: All February

Masterpoints: 63.6% sectional-rated black

Sanction: No special sanction required

Sanction Fees: \$5 per table

All sanctioned club sessions in February may be held as Education Foundation Club Games to support the continuing education and promotion of bridge. Education Foundation games cannot be held during the months of January, April, May and September. Contact: specialevents@acbl.org

April 2021

Charity Month*

Date: All April

Masterpoints: 63.6% sectional-rated black

Sanction: No special sanction required

Sanction Fees: \$5 per table

All sanctioned club sessions may be held as Charity Games during April. Charity Games cannot be held during the months of January, February, May and September. Games support the ACBL

Charity Foundation and Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund or may support local charities

May 2021

Grass Roots FUND Month*

Date: All May

Masterpoints: 63.6% sectional-rated black points

Sanction: No special sanction required

Sanction Fees: \$5 per table

All sanctioned club sessions in May may be held as Grass Roots FUND games. Grass Roots FUND games cannot be held during the months of January, February, April and September. Funds raised will be returned annually to the individual district in which those funds were raised to help fund Grand National Teams and North American Pairs.

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North American Pairs (NAP)

Date: June 1-August 31

Masterpoints:

Club qualifying games 50/50 red and black at 81.8% sectional rating

One-session unit qualifying games sectional rated red points

Two-session unit qualifying games include percentage of gold points for overalls.

District finals award gold points for section firsts and overalls. Flight C is 25% gold for overalls. Other masterpoints in all flights are red points.

Flights: A (Open), B (-2500), C (0-500 Non-Life Masters)

*District winners in each flight recognized on website

Final: Spring 2022 NABC

Sanction-Clubs: No special sanction required for clubs. **Frequency-Clubs:** Clubs may hold two NAP games per sanctioned session in each of the months of June, July and August.

Sanction Fees (Clubs): \$5 per table

Sanction-Units and Districts: Sanction required. [Click here for sanction form.](#)

Sanction fees-Units: \$8 per table

Sanction fees- Districts: \$7 per table

A highly prestigious “grass roots” event, the North American Pairs starts at the club level in June, July and August. Club-level qualifications may be earned at any club in any unit in any district. A player may qualify as often as desired and with as many different partners as desired. Unit-level qualifiers are optional and held after Sept. 1 and before the district final, which may

be held after the unit final until the third week in January. At the district final, both players must have qualified at the club level and must be members of the parent district. A fixed amount prize will be awarded in all flights as follows:

1. Districts are entitled to three pairs in Flight A (Open) and two pairs in Flights B (0-2500) and C (under 500 Non-Life Master)
2. First place qualifiers will receive \$700 per person; second place qualifiers will receive \$300 per person; third and fourth place qualifiers will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive a prize
3. In the event of a tie at the district finals, the qualifiers will receive the total of the awards for the tied places, divided by the number of players involved with the tie.
4. Invited defenders will receive \$700 per person.
5. No individual may collect two concurrent prizes.

The monetary award will be available on site. Qualifiers must play in the national level event until eliminated to receive the award.

There will be no entry fee for the national level of the event. Check with your district to learn whether or not they provide additional funding.

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July-August 2021

North American Pairs (NAP)

See listing for June

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October 2021

Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Month

Clubs may hold two Club Appreciation Games per sanctioned session during the month of October. Any combination of pair and team games is allowed, not to exceed two total games per sanctioned session. The games must be held at the time of a club's regular sanctioned game.

Date: October only

Masterpoints:

Awards for Club Appreciation Pair games are 81.8% sectional-rated black

Awards for Club Appreciation Team games are 5% gold to a maximum of 0.25 per player

The remaining points are sectional-rated black

Sanction: No special sanction required

Sanction Fees: \$1.00 per table

Special Instructions:

These events must be held during your regular club sanctioned sessions.

You may hold one pair game and one team game per-sanctioned session.

This event may not conflict with a higher rated one.

A minimum of three tables is required (pair games)

A minimum of three teams is required (team games)

Field must be seeded.

Both games may be stratified.

This event may not be held within 25 miles of a sectional.

This event may not be held during a district regional.

Other Games

Championships:

Club Championships

Date: Quarterly as scheduled by club

Masterpoints: 63.6% sectional-rated black

Sanction: No special sanction required

Sanction fees: Regular club game and table fees.

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Special Instructions

Club Championship games can be held one per quarter per session.

A regularly scheduled club game held at a frequency other than weekly is entitled to one session with club championship rating for each 12 meetings of its regular game.

A club may change the playing site of a club championship with written approval from the unit with jurisdiction over the new site. Once a year, a club may hold a one- or two-session club championship at a time other than that of the game it represents.

The club must obtain written permission from all other clubs holding sanctioned games within a 25-mile radius on that day of the week.

Upgraded Club Championships

Date: As scheduled by club

Masterpoints: 81.8% sectional-rated black points.

Sanction: No special sanction required

Sanction Fees: Regular club game and table fees.

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Clubs earn one of these games for each 10 new ACBL members recruited.

Clubs will be notified when eligible to hold a game.

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Club Membership Games

Date: As scheduled by club.

Masterpoints: 81.8% sectional-rated black

Sanction: No special sanction required

Sanction Fees: Regular club game

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Special Instructions

Only Life Members and paid ACBL members are eligible to win masterpoints in these games.

Games must be held during regularly sanctioned sessions.

A club may hold as many membership games per year as it has sanctioned sessions. A club entitled to hold more than one membership game must schedule each one for a different session (for example, not two Friday nights).

A club may change the playing site of a membership game with written approval from the unit with jurisdiction over the new site.

A membership game may not be run at the same time as an ACBL-wide event, sectional or regional if located within 25 miles of the playing site of the higher rated event. [Back to top](#)

Unit Championship Games

Date: As scheduled by unit

Masterpoints: 63.6% sectional-rated black

Fees: \$2.25 per table

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[Sanction your Unit Game here](#)

Units often schedule monthly unit games and may schedule up to 24 per year. These games also can be used for games at special venues.

Fund Raisers

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GNT Fund Raiser

Date: A district may permit clubs within its area to hold one event per sanctioned session per year.

Masterpoints: 81.8% sectional-rated black

Contact: specialevents@acbl.org

These games help raise funds to send district Grand National Teams winners to the finals.

NABC Promotional Games

Date: As scheduled by host district

Masterpoints: 81.8% sectional-rated black

Sanction Fees: Regular club fees plus an amount set by the district.

Contact: specialevents@acbl.org

A game held at clubs in districts where an NABC is scheduled for the next three years. The district schedules a week for the games and the ACBL sends this information to clubs advising them that the game may be held.

Other Charity Games

Unit Charity Games

Date: As scheduled by unit

Masterpoints: 81.8% sectional-rated black

Sanction: Special sanction required

Sanction Fees: \$5 per table

Contact: specialevents@acbl.org

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