

2023 Special Events

Player Information

January 2023

Junior Fund Month*

Date: All January

Masterpoints:

63.6% sectional-rated black

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 2023

Educational Fund Month

Date: All February

Masterpoints:

63.6% sectional-rated black

All sanctioned club session in February may be held as Education Foundation games. Education Foundation Games cannot be held during the months of January, April, May and September. Players earn extra masterpoints while helping support the continuing education and promotion of Bridge.

April 2023

Charity Month*

Date: All April

Masterpoints:

63.6% sectional-rated black

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.

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May-June 2023

Grass Roots FUNd Month*

Date: All May

Masterpoints:

63.6% sectional-rated black

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

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

District finals award gold for section firsts and overalls. Flight C is 25% gold for overalls.

Other masterpoints in all flights are red.

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

District winners in each flight recognized on web site

Final: Spring 2023 NABC

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 four 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.

Some districts do provide additional funding. Check with your district to learn whether or not they provide additional funding.

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July-August 2023

North American Pairs (NAP)

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September-October 2023

International Fund Month*

Date: All September

Masterpoints:

63.6% sectional-rated black

All sanctioned club sessions in September may be held as International Fund Club Games to support North American participation in international events. International Fund Games cannot be held during the months of January, February, April and May.

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Grand National Teams (GNT)

Date: Begins Sept. 1 (qualifying dates set by district)

Masterpoints:

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

One-session unit qualifying games sectional rated red

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

District finals award gold for section firsts and overalls. Flight C is 25% gold for overalls.

Other masterpoints in all flights are red.

Flights: Championship (Open), A (0-6000), B (0-2500), C (0-500 Non-Life Masters)

District winners in each flight recognized on web site.

Final: Summer 2023 NABC

The second of the ACBL's "grass roots" events begins again at the club level and continues through district qualifying events held as late as June prior to the finals. The ACBL does not reimburse teams to attend the finals, but check with your district for available district support.

Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Month

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

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Other Games

Championships

Club Championships

Date: Quarterly as scheduled by club

Masterpoints:

63.6% sectional rated black

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Upgraded Club Championships

Date: As scheduled by club

Masterpoints:

Masterpoints:

81.8% sectional-rated black 25% Gold up to a maximum for overall positions, not session awards or match awards, up to a maximum of one masterpoint; remaining awards are black.

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

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Club Membership Games

Date: As scheduled by club.

Masterpoints:

81.8% sectional rated black

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

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Unit Championship Games

Date: As scheduled by unit

Masterpoints:

63.6% sectional rated black

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.

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Fund Raisers

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GNT Fund Raiser

Date: As scheduled by club

Masterpoints:

81.8% sectional-rated black

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

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NABC Promotional Games

Date: As scheduled by host district

Masterpoints:

81.8% sectional-rated black

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.

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Other Charity Games

District Special Foundation Games

Date: As scheduled by district

Masterpoints:

81.8% sectional rated black

Charity Championship

Junior Fund

International Fund

Educational Fund

Grass Roots Fund

A combination of all of the above not to exceed 4 sessions per year

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Unit Special Foundation Games

Date: As scheduled by unit

Masterpoints:

81.8% sectional rated black

Charity Championship

Junior Fund

International Fund

Educational Fund

Grass Roots FUNd

A combination of all of the above not to exceed four sessions per year

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* In the remaining seven months of the year (March, June, July, Aug., Oct., Nov. and Dec.) one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special game for one of the following funds:

Junior Fund

Charity Foundation

to benefit the ACBL Charity Foundation (Canadian Charity Foundation for clubs in Canada) or alternate to benefit a local charity organization

International Fund

Educational Foundation

Grass Roots FUNd

A regularly scheduled club game held at a frequency other than weekly, may hold one special “fund” game every fourth game.

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