



Few upsets in Flight A

The 2021 Grand National Teams quarterfinal matches are in the books. In **Flight A**, District 9 (Florida) defeated District 19 (Washington). After trailing by 24 IMPs at the half, District 19 (David Taylor, Marty McCune, Paul Schwaighart, Gary

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Big swing in Flight B

The most dramatic result in the quarterfinal round of the **GNT Flight B** occurred in the match between the District 25 squad (New England) led by Brad Mampe and the D17 team (Southwest US) captained by W. Lakin Hines. Mampe jumped out to a huge 78-9 lead in the first quarter and was still

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No routs in Flight C

Most of the quarterfinal matches in the GNT Flight C were fairly close.

District 7 (Southeast US) escaped with a 138-130 win over District 22 (Southern California)

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Canada dominates Open GNT

In the semifinal round of the **GNT Championship Flight**, the District 1 squad (Quebec) captained by Marc Andre Fourcaudot will face the D9 team (Florida) led by Jeff Wolfson.

In the quarterfinal round, D1 had a close contest with the D10 team (Mid-South) led by Bryan Howard for the first three quarters. Quebec (Marc Andre Fourcaudot, Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Zygmunt Marcinski, Kamel Fergani, Boris Baran, Pierre Daigneault) dominated the last set, however, to win the match 155-106.

D9 handled their quarterfinal opponents from D16 (Texas), winning 157-61. Playing for Florida are Jeffrey Wolfson, David Berkowitz, Kevin Dwyer, Shan Huang, Gary Cohler and Jeff Meckstroth.

In the other semifinal bracket, an all-Canada battle: The District 2 squad (Ontario) led by Jacob Freeman will play the D19 team (British Columbia) led by Michael Roche.

In the quarterfinal, D2 (Jacob Freeman, Daniel Lavee, Bruce Zhu, Darren Wolpert, John Carruthers and Martin Kirr) defeated their D24 opponents from NYC (Robert Blanchard captain), 139-60 in three quarters of play.

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Schedule

See full schedule at acbl.org/naobc.

	Premier KO All flights	Two-Day Pairs All flights	Grand National Teams All flights
Saturday, July 17		Qualifying sessions	Semifinals
Sunday, July 18		Final sessions	Finals
Monday, July 19	Opening Round		
Tuesday, July 20	Round of 32	IMP Pairs	
Wednesday, July 21	Round of 16	Qualifying sessions	Three-Day Pairs All flights
Thursday, July 22	Quarterfinals	Final sessions	
Friday, July 23	Semifinals	Two-Day Pairs	Qualifying sessions
Saturday, July 24	Finals	Qualifying sessions	Semifinal sessions
Sunday, July 25		Final sessions	Final sessions

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Haldane) fought to within 8 at the three-quarter mark. District 9 (Juan Castillo, Luisana Madueo, Maris Zilant, Linda Epstein, Susan Fuller) went on to win 135-112.

District 23 (Los Angeles) defeated the No. 2 seed District 7 (Southeast US) captained by Nicolas Hammond, pulling away in the third quarter with a 72-16 IMP run. D23 (W. Reynolds, Lance Kerr, Carol Frank, Randy Howard, Ed Piken, Mark Leonard) won the match by 70. Playing with Hammond were Steve Callahan, Edward Foran and David Schulman.

District 14 (Great Plains) defeated District 21 (San Francisco area) despite trailing by 26 IMPs after the first quarter. They cut that to 19 at the half and edged into the lead by 2 IMPs after three quarters. District 14 (Eric Hendrickson, Paul Gutterman, Andrew Caranicas, Richard Lawson, Mark Krusemeyer, Robert Schachter) held on to win the match 117-98. D21's squad: Qiang Zhang, Brian Zhang, Serena Guo, Wanwan Ren, Jun Shi and Steven Chen.

District 16 (Texas) defeated District 6 (Maryland/Virginia/DC). Down 57 IMPs at the half and 64 after three quarters, District 6 (Mark Laken, Richard Baum, Joe Trapani, Barry Ko) withdrew. Playing for D16 are Hua Yang, Yan Song, Danny Feng and Lunhui Lin.

Semifinal matches will be played today. District 9 will face District 14; District 16 will face District 23.

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after leading by 64 after three quarters. D7 is Ron Niu, Ja Mi, Wufeng Luo, Bing Tong, Bindhu Aravapalli; their D22 opponents: David Liu, Nancy Leonard, James Bechtel, Christian Gilles, Andrew Rowberg and Danning Lu.

District 13 (Chicago) prevailed 138-129 over District 6 (Maryland/Virginia/DC), having led by 47 at the half. D13 is Henry Shi, Zhijing Tang, Li Miao and Zhiqiang Hu; D6: Thomas McGlynn, Janet McGlynn, Jim Dickson and Mark Valavanis.

District 16 (Texas) eliminated the top-seeded District 20 (Oregon) 102-90. After trailing 31-3 in the first quarter,

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up 55 IMPs at the half. After three quarters, Mampe continued to lead Hines by 45 IMPs, but in the final set, Hines posted a blistering 74 IMPs to just 27 by Mampe (Brad Mampe, Steven Willner, Jay Tang, Leo Zelevinsky), allowing Hines to win by 2 IMPs, 178-176.

In the semifinal round, D17 (W. Lakin Hines, Jim Wart, Donna Hofer, Kathleen Larson) will face the D6 team (Virginia/Maryland/DC) led by Richard Bingham. In the quarterfinal match, D6 defeated a fellow Mid-Atlantic squad from D7 (Southeast US) 149-91. D6 is Richard Bingham, Ryan Connors, Thomas Peters, Ernie Schuler, Adam Gann and Will Colmer. D7 was Cyrus Hettle, Santhosh Karnik, Christian Jolly, Richard Jeng, Shengding Sun and Zhuangdi Xu.

In the other bracket, the District 12 team (Michigan) captained by Ching-Po Wang defeated the D18 team (Big Sky) led by Alex Heron Jr., 171-107. D12 - Ching-Po Wang, Xingyu Zhang, Henry Zhang, Yanping Zhang, Tai Chan and Song Lin - led all four quarters. The D18 team: Alex Heron Jr., Paul Erikson, Charles Roberts and Jason Dufault.

In the semifinal, D12 will play the D24 team (NYC) captained by Stefano Merlo. D24 advanced by defeating the D14 squad (Great Plains) led by Diane Henson, 149-110. The D24 roster is Stefano Merlo, Robert Forster, Christopher Moh and Jordan Lampe. D14's squad: Diane Henson, Larry Henson, Mark Lasoff and David Trevor.

D16 (Lilly Justman, Kalyan Venkat, Aaron Denton, Peter Naimoli, Ben Klauder) took a 2-IMP lead at the half and controlled the rest of the way. D20's team: Jon Gassaway, Bruce Backup, Ryerson Schwark and Andrey Dashkov.

District 24 (NYC) knocked out District 25 (New England) 122-106. D24 (Hengrui Xing, Tingran Wang, Jiaheng Hu, Yang Xu) got off to 56-13 lead in the first quarter and continued to pile on it. D25 was Guanghao Xiao, Jeff Xiao, Eric Xiao, Weican Xiao and Jianqiao Gu.

In today's semifinal matches, D7 will face D13 and D16 meets D24.

GNT Championship Flight quarterfinal scores

1 D2 Freeman	24	90	139	139	2 D1 Fourcaudot	29	65	88	155
8 D24 (9) Blanchard	15	38	60	w/d	7 D10 (10) Howard	22	47	78	106
5 D19 (12) Roche	27	68	89	153	6 D9 (11) Wolfson	24	68	107	157
4 D25 (13) Luba	28	70	90	141	3 D16 Bramley	18	28	33	61

GNT Flight A quarterfinal scores

1 D9 Castillo	31	83	102	135	2 D7 Hammond	40	66	82	109
8 D19 Taylor	24	59	94	112	7 D23 (10) Reynolds	50	78	150	179
5 D21 Zhang	35	63	77	98	6 D6 Laken	11	29	53	w/d
4 D14 (13) Hendrickson	9	44	79	117	3 D16 Yang	48	86	117	117

GNT Flight B quarterfinal scores

1 D7 Ga. Tech Wreck	16	36	68	91	2 D12 Wang	39	91	113	171
8 D6 (9) Bingham	41	79	125	149	7 D18 Heron	19	52	84	107
5 D17 Hines	9	60	104	178	6 D14 Henson	27	59	100	110
4 D25 Mampe	78	115	149	176	3 D24 (14) Merlo	46	85	109	149

GNT Flight C quarterfinal scores

1 D20 Gassaway	31	55	70	90	2 D22 (15) Santa Barbarians	21	40	66	130
8 D16 Justman	3	57	86	102	7 D7 (10) Niu	20	89	130	138
5 D24 Xing	56	89	110	122	6 D13 Shi	19	92	120	138
4 D25 Xiao	13	47	92	106	3 D6 (14) McGlynn	20	45	90	129

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Meanwhile, Roche and company (Daniel Lyder, Michael Hargreaves, Dan Jacob and Bryan Maksymetz) outlasted the D25 squad (New England) captained by Harrison Luba, winning their quarterfinal contest, 153–141.

GNT Championship Flight semifinal pairings

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| 1 D2 Jacob Freeman, Daniel Lavee, Bo Han Zhu, Darren Wolpert, John Carruthers, Marty Kirr | 2 D1 Marc-Andre Fourcaudot, Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Zygmunt Marcinsk, Kamel Fergani, Boris Baran, Pierre Daigneault |
| 4 D19 (12) Michael Roche, Daniel Lyder, Michael Hargreaves, Dan Jacob, Bryan Maksymetz | 3 D9 (11) Jeffrey Wolfson, David Berkowitz, Kevin Dwyer, Shan Huang, Jeff Meckstroth, Gary Cohler |

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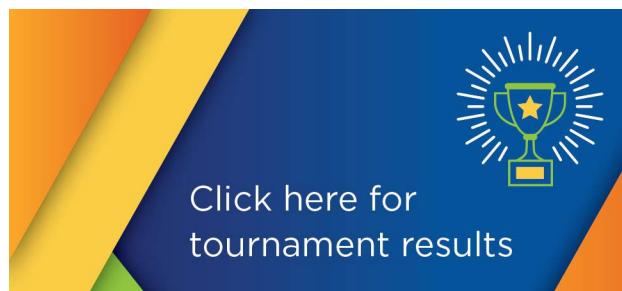
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| 1 D9 Juan Castillo, Luisana Madueo, Maris Zilant, Linda Epstein, Susan Fuller | 2 D23 (10) W. Reynolds, Lance Kerr, Carol Frank, Randy Howard, Ed Piken, Mark Leonard |
| 4 D14 (13) Eric Hendrickson, Paul Gutterman, Andrew Caranicas, Richard Lawson, Mark Krusemeyer, Robert Schachter | 3 D16 Hua Yang, Yan Song, Danny Feng, Lunhui Lin |

GNT Flight B semifinal pairings

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| 1 D6 (9) Rick Bingham, Ryan Connors, Tom Peters, Ernie Schuler, Adam Kind, Will Colmer | 2 D12 Ching Po Wang, Xingyu Zhang, Henry Zhang, Yanping Zhang, Tai Chan, Song Lin |
| 4 D17 (5) Lakin Hines, Jim Wart, Donna Hofer, Kitty Larson | 3 D24 (14) Stefano Merlo, Robert Forster, Christopher Moh, Jordan Lampe |

GNT Flight C semifinal pairings

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| 1 D16 (8) Lilly Justman, Kalyan Venkat, Aaron Denton, Peter B Naimoli, Benjamin Klauder | 2 D7 (10) Ron Niu, Ja Mi, Wufeng Luo, Wenjun Liu, Bing Tong, Bindhu Aravapalli |
| 4 D24 (5) Hengrui Xing, Tingran Wang, Jiaheng Hu, Yang Xu | 3 D13 (6) Henry Shi, Zhijing Tang, Li Miao, Zhiqiang Hu |



Online Bridge: Different Mechanics, Same Laws

By Robb Gordon, ACBL National Recorder

When we play online, we are still playing bridge. The Laws of Duplicate Bridge and ACBL Regulations still apply. But facing facts, some things are different. Here are a few:

1. Revoking and leading out of turn are impossible.
2. You must self-Alert.
3. Because you are Alerting only the opponents, and asking questions only of one or both opponents, partner does not "hear" your explanations or questions and that avenue of Unauthorized Information has been eliminated. This saves a lot of arguments and bad feelings.
4. Breaks in tempo are awkward. At the table, if somebody takes a lot of time, you can see that they (presumably) are thinking. In online bridge, it could mean that their tea kettle started whistling and they went to turn off the burner. Law 73E2:

If the Director determines that an innocent player has drawn a false inference from a question, remark, manner, tempo or the like, of an opponent who has no demonstrable bridge reason for the action, and who could have been aware, at the time of the action, that it could work to his benefit, the Director shall award an adjusted score.

This rule applies. When you spill coffee or are distracted by a phone call, it is incumbent on you to make sure the opponents know so they are not deceived by your inattention.

5. The ACBL has long had a rule that partnerships have

two identical convention cards with their names on them. The convention card rules apply to BBO as well, except you need have only one card. To make a convention card, log in. Click Account on the right tabbed menu and select the Convention Cards heading. It is pretty easy to recall a saved card or to complete and save a new one. Remember to load your card by completing the Use With Partner blank with your partner's BBO name.



6. The ACBL Convention Charts apply here. Make sure your convention is permitted in the game you are playing. For example, a 2♦ opening that shows a weak hand with length in one of the majors is an Open+ Chart convention and is not permitted in any event in the online regional.
7. It has come to our attention that some players have more than one BBO user ID. Please only use one ID when playing in ACBL games with human opponents. We are screening for this.
8. Because you are playing in an ACBL game against human opponents, we encourage you to make sure your profile displays your real name.

Keep it Clean

Most of us are honest and want to play the game properly. When you play against an opponent you suspect is not playing in accordance with the Laws, or violating the Code of Disciplinary Regulations, please file a Player Memo. There is a version streamlined for online play reports available at www.acbl.org/bbomemo/. You may privately text your director as well, but making a public accusation is itself a violation of the CDR, so please report suspicious conduct in an actively ethical way!



"I've volunteered to be one of the investigators when there is suspicion of Unauthorized Information during online play. There are a lot of factors to consider, not least of which is the suspected player's experience level.

Accusations of cheating are a serious matter. Anyone can do something strange on one deal; but when a pattern emerges, there is smoke. Where there is smoke, there is often fire. For charges to be filed, more than one investigator has to come to the same conclusion.

The game will be better and more popular if we all behave ethically.

Big Brother is watching you." – Larry Cohen

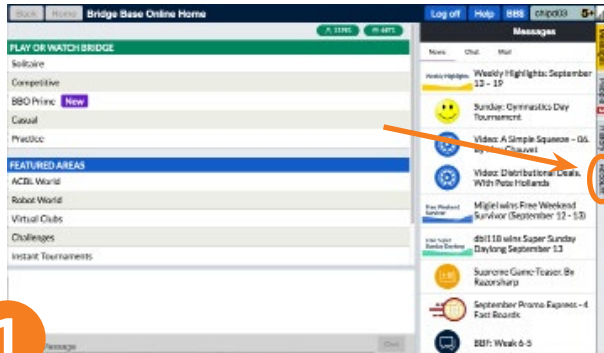
Entry Fees

Per player per session:
GNTs: Free
NAOBC+ events: \$20
NAOBC events: \$17
Regional events: \$15



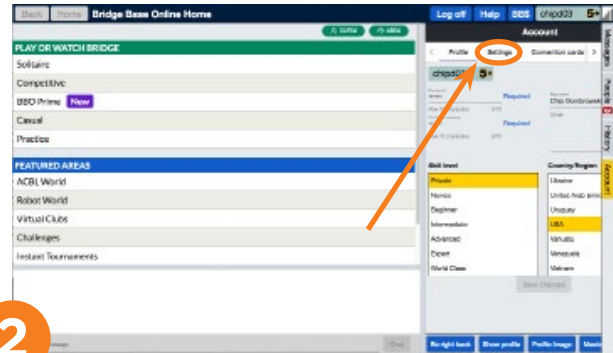
BBO Help Desk - Confirm bids and cards

Misclicks are a source of frustration for many players online. Sanctioned games don't allow undos, so once the wrong card leaves your hand, there's nothing you can do about it. But there is something you can do before: Go into your settings and turn on the option to confirm bids and cards.



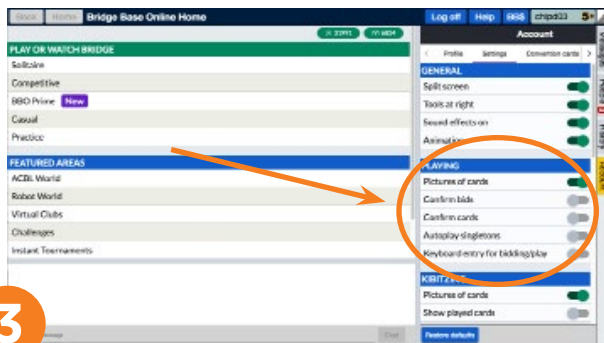
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Start by clicking on the Account tab along the right edge of your screen.



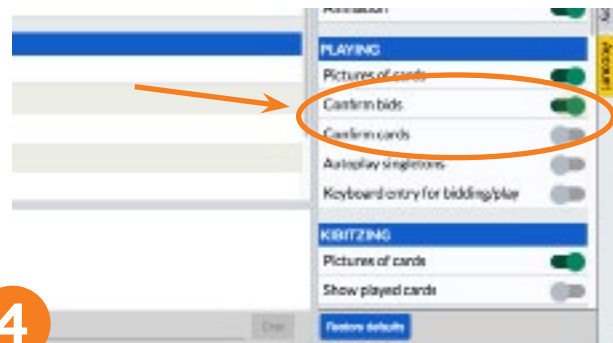
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Your profile page will open. Click on Settings in the bar across the top of the panel.



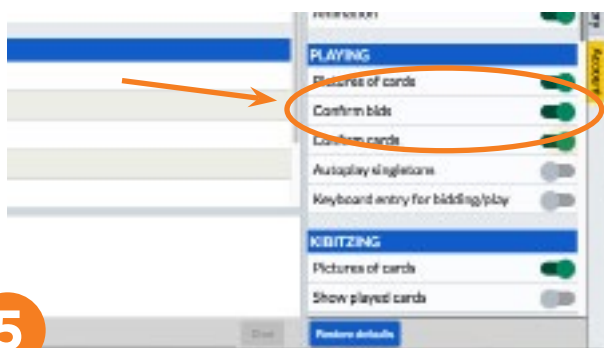
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Your settings appear in the right panel. Each setting has a switch that can be turned on (green) or off (gray). Focus on the Playing settings below the second divider.



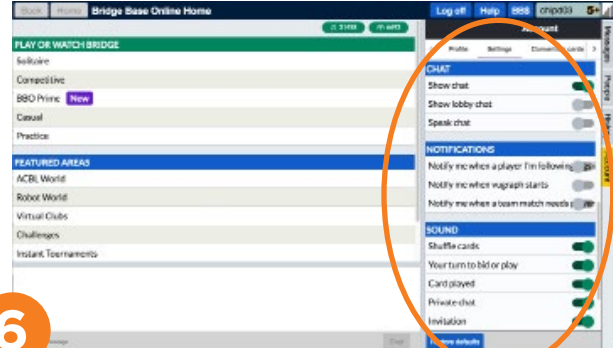
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Click the switch for Confirm bids to turn on that option. The switch will move from the off position to on.



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Do the same to turn on Confirm cards.



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While you're here, scroll down and take a look at your other settings to see if there's anything you want to change. Don't want to get notified every time a vugraph starts? Turn that option off.