

# DISTRICT 2 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

## 2023 Conditions of Contest

The event shall be composed of 4 Flights: The events will not be stratified.

Open Championship Flight	No masterpoint limits
Flight A	No player with over 6000 masterpoints
Flight B	No player with over 2500 masterpoints
Flight C	Non-Life Masters with under 500 masterpoints

All flights are defined by masterpoint holdings as of September 1, 2022.

The September masterpoint cycle (run on Aug 6, 2022) determines a player's Flight eligibility.

### General Conditions

ACBL Conditions of Contest are a part of the District Conditions of Contest

A player must be a member of the ACBL in good standing and resident of District 2, in order to participate in the District Final.

A player's physical residence as of Sept 1, 2022 shall establish the district in which the member is eligible to participate beyond the qualifying stage.

### Event Schedule

Each Flight will play a separate event. All events will be played at the Toronto Easter regional on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> and if required Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> depending on the number of teams that pre-register for each flight.

All winners will represent District 2 at the NABC, held in July 2023 in Chicago.

### Team Information

A team may have 4, 5 or 6 members. Each team must designate a Captain, and one person to participate in a committee (if one should arise). Members must play 1/2 of the matches or sessions and 1/2 the boards of the KO matches.

Pre-registration to the District Final is required. Pre-qualification to the District Final is not required.

### General Information

The North American Final will be held in Chicago starting July 12, 2023.

District 2 will cover any session fees at the National Finals, not paid by ACBL

- Open+ Convention Chart applies in the Open Championship Flight. Written defences of special conventions need to be provided for each opponent as per the Open + regulations. Screens maybe used if available for the KO matches.
- Open Convention Chart applies in Flt A. Screens maybe used if available for the KO matches.
- Basic + Convention Chart applies in Flt B
- Basic Convention Chart applies in Flt C

## Augmentation / Substitution to NABC Final

A team's composition may be modified by at most 2 players between the District Final and the NABC Final and at least 3 original members of the team must remain. ( i.e. Add 2 OR Add 1 + Substitute 1 OR Substitute 2) subject to approval by the District Coordinator or ACBL.

## Masterpoints awarded

Points awarded at the District finals are gold for overalls and red for match awards at Regional rating. Swiss team events that qualify to a knockout are considered to be a part of the District Finals and do NOT award overall masterpoints. Consolations of these games award half red and half black points at Regional consolation rating.

FLIGHT	RATING
Open Flight	100% of Open Rating
Flight A - (0-6000)	90% of Open Rating
Flight B - (0-2500)	70% of Open Rating
Flight C - (NLM, 0-500)	50% of Open Rating

The following rules apply for all District Finals of the GNTs.

# of Teams entered / flight in District Finals	% of Max Award /flight available for games of unlimited size	# of Overall Places
1	as awarded	None
2	50%	1
3 – 4	66.67%	1
5+	100% if 3+ sessions played in District Final; 67% if 2 sessions	As specified for the type of event, if any phase is a KO, the depth of awards is as specified for a KO event of the same size as the original number of District Final entries

The award for first place overall for the District champion is arbitrary and is based on the number of sessions in the District Final as follows:

### a) Open Flight:

- 2 sessions - 32.00 masterpoints
- 3 sessions - 40.00 masterpoints
- Longer events - 48.00 masterpoints
- Overall awards are Gold. Match awards are 100% Regional rated Red.

### b) Flight A:

- 2 sessions - 27.00 masterpoints
- 3 sessions - 33.00 masterpoints
- Longer events - 40.00 masterpoints
- Overall awards are Gold. Match awards are Red and 90% of Regional rating.

c) Flight B:

- 2 sessions - 22.50 masterpoints
- 3 sessions - 28.00 masterpoints
- Longer events - 33.50 masterpoints
- Overall awards are Gold. Match awards are Red and 70% Regional rated.

d) Flight C:

- 2 sessions - 15.00 masterpoints
- 3 sessions - 17.50 masterpoints
- Longer events - 20.00 masterpoints
- Overall awards are 50% gold and 50% red. Match awards are red and 50% Regional rated.

For all events which are played over at least three sessions, a minimum masterpoint award of 1/3 of the first-place award will be given to any team that advances through 2 sessions to the second day of an event where there was a 50% or greater reduction in teams from the first day (e.g., from 4 to 2).

The winners of the Open Flight at the NABC final will receive 120.00 masterpoints; the winners of Flight A at the final will receive 85.00 masterpoints, the Flight B winners 70.00; Flight C winners 45.00. For the Open Flight all awards are Platinum; in the Flight A and Flight B events, overalls will be Gold and will extend to the top eight teams if the entry is 16 or more teams and to the top four teams with an entry of eight to 15 teams. Match awards in Flights A, B and C will be Red at National rating. Flight C awards will be 1/3 Gold and 2/3 Red for the NABC final overall.

## APPENDIX A: Team Movements for District 2 GNT Final

The intent is to have all events with two stages if sufficient teams register:

1. Round-Robin or Swiss Qualifying ( 1 or 2 sessions ) depending on # teams registered. See below for details. 20 VP Scale
2. Knockout: Quarter-Finals ( 8+ teams ) Semi-Finals ( 1 session ) and/or Finals ( 2 session )

Boards per KO session:      Championship Flight – 26                  Flight A - 26  
    Flight B – 24    Flight C – 22

If there is a tie after Knockout match, a 4-board tie-breaker will be held.

If there is a tie after a Swiss movement, the ACBL Tie break using Imps and matches will be used.  
If the 2 teams tied in their head-to-head match, then:  
Net IMPs against common opponents, followed by net IMPs against all opponents,  
followed by coin flip

There will be no carryover between stages.

Details depending on # of teams registered. Flight C and possibly B will play lower board totals.

One Team:                      No entry will be paid, no Masterpoints will be awarded  
    The team will be eligible to represent District 2 at the National Final

Two Teams:                      40/48 - board match – 2 sessions; played in 4 segments

Three Teams:                      3-way to eliminate one team (Round-Robin style – 2 x 10/12 boards)  
    Final: 28/32 boards, played in 2 segments

Four Teams:                      1 session Round-Robin to determine seeding positions (3 x 8/9 boards)  
    # 1 seed will choose their opponent for semi-final.

Five Teams:                      1 session Round-Robin to determine seeding positions (4 x 7/8 boards)  
    # 1 seed will choose their opponent for semi-final.

Six Teams:                      2 session Round-Robin to determine seeding positions (5 x 9/10 boards)  
    # 1 seed will choose their opponent for semi-final.

Seven Teams:                      2 session Round-Robin to determine seeding positions (6 x 8/9 boards)  
    # 1 seed will choose their opponent for semi-final.

Eight or more Teams:  
2 session Swiss to determine seeding - # matches dependent on # entrants  
# 1 seed will choose their opponent in quarter-final from # 4-8  
# 2 seed will choose their opponent in quarter-final from remainder of # 4-8  
# 3 seed will choose their opponent in quarter-final from remainder of # 4-8

Quarter finals will be 12/13 board matches and a 12/13 board semi-final to follow.  
Finals will be 24/26 boards played in 2 segments.