

DISTRICT THREE 2023-2024 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1. National Conditions: Grand National Teams (GNT) Conditions of Contest (CoC), as published by the ACBL govern and are incorporated into these conditions. These ACBL District 3 (D3) Conditions of Contest cover circumstances that are unique to D3 and clarify options available under the National Conditions of Contest. Also, the national General CoC and specific CoC for the different types of events apply, unless otherwise stated in these conditions. Any doubtful points will be decided by the Director in Charge of the event, in coordination with the District GNT Teams Coordinator.
2. Participation: Participants must be residents of District 3 and paid-up members of the ACBL. D3 has waived the club level qualifier for the 2023-2024 season. See Appendix I of the National Conditions of Contest for clarification of District membership.
3. District Coordinator: The GNT District Coordinator is Fred Shubert, fshubert335@gmail.com, cell/text (973) 903-9713
4. Flight Eligibility: Determined by a player's masterpoint totals as of August 6, 2023. All players must reside in D3 as of September 1, 2023 to be eligible to play.
 - a. Championship Flight is open to all players (Unlimited Masterpoints)
 - b. Flight A is open to players with less than 6,000 Masterpoints
 - c. Flight B is open to players with less than 2,500 Masterpoints
 - d. Flight C is open to players with less than 500 Masterpoints who are Non-Life Masters
5. District Membership: A player is eligible to compete in the District of their principal residence as of September 1, 2023. For Championship Flight, exceptions may be granted by the Credentials Committee of the ACBL Board of Directors. For all other Flights, if a player is a member of D3, and does not live in D3, he/she must have received permission from the District Director from D3 and the permission of the District Director from where he/she actually lives. This permission needed to be requested by July 1, 2023. There are no exceptions to this requirement.
6. Club and Unit level qualifying: There are no club and/or unit level qualifiers in D3 for the 2023-2024 GNT
7. District Finals:
 - a. Event date and location: District finals will be played on February 24, 2024 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 55 George Street, Allendale, NJ 07401.
 - b. Starting Times:
 - i. Session #1 (all flights) Saturday February 24th 10am
 - ii. Session #2 (all flights) Saturday February 24th TBA
8. Entries: Teams wishing to participate in the District Final must pre-register for the event by Friday February 23rd, at 9:00 AM EST by sending an email to the District Coordinator, Fred Shubert at fshubert335@gmail.com in order to confirm eligibility. Teams may be composed of 4, 5, or 6 eligible players and a team captain must be selected. The email should include players' names, email addresses and ACBL numbers, and the Flight in which they intend to compete. The entry fee is \$40 per player for both sessions and includes a light bagel brunch at the conclusion of the first session.

9. Convention Charts:

- Flight C: Basic+ Chart
- Flight B: Basic+ Chart
- Flight A: Open Chart
- Championship Flight: Open+ Chart

10. Event Format:

Teams	10+	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
Open/A/B/C	Swiss	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	RR	KO
	6B 8B	6B	7B	8B	9B	12B	16B	24B	48B

Director's discretion: In all cases, the Director in Charge (DIC) may modify the number of boards and sessions to be played to accommodate unanticipated circumstances.

11. Scoring method: In all flights, when a Swiss or round-robin is held, scoring will be on the USBF 0-20 continuous VP Scale.
12. Tie-breaking: In Knockout matches, a margin of one IMP (or any fractional margin, in the event of a fractional adjustment) constitutes a win. Should any match end in a tie, one-session matches will have a 4-board playoff and two-session matches will have a 6-board playoff. These will be followed, if necessary, by continuing 4 board matches until the tie is resolved. In a round-robin or Swiss, the following criteria will be applied in succession if a tie occurs by the end of play: 1 – Net IMPs for matches between the tied teams; 2 – Number of match wins and ½ number of ties; 3 – Net IMPs against common opponents; 4 – Net IMPs against all opponents; 5 – Consecutive sets of 4 extra boards between tied teams, until the tie is broken.
13. National Championships: The winning team from each flight becomes the D3 2023-2024 Grand National Team Champions from that flight and advances to the National Championships to be held at the 2024 Summer NABC in Toronto.
 - a. For the 2023-2024 GNT National Finals there will be no subsidy given by D3.
 - b. At least 3 of the original team members must compete in the National Finals.
 - c. Any substitute player must meet the requirements to play in the D3 Finals.
 - d. The District Coordinator must approve any substitutions.
 - e. If a team is not planning to compete at the NABC, it must inform the D3 GNT Coordinator as soon as possible.
14. Substitution: If a player on a registered team becomes unavailable, the team captain must contact the DIC and make arrangements for a substitute subject to the same conditions as described in section 2 (above).
15. Ineligibility: Each player must play 50% of the boards (not including tiebreak boards) or one-half the sessions of the event or of each stage. A player who does not play 50% of the boards or one-half of the sessions is ineligible to go to the National Final. In Knockout competition each player must also play at least 50% of each match to be eligible for the next match, and 50% of the Final Match in order to compete at the National Final.
16. Seating Rights: There are no seating rights during the round robin or Swiss portion of the event.
17. Withdrawal: Permission will be granted only if the withdrawal will not seriously inconvenience the running of the event. It is NOT expected that a team in a round-robin will be allowed to

- withdraw. For a Swiss, permission will be granted only if the format of the event improves and for a large enough number of participating teams (by eliminating a bye, for example)
18. Appeal period: The appeal period of a director's ruling expires thirty minutes after the completion of the segment, at the start of play at either table in the next segment, or at the start of play at either table of a playoff, whichever is earlier.
 19. Contingencies: The DIC will resolve all contingencies or ambiguities relating to the format or playing conditions of the D3 finals that are not specifically addressed by the CoC.
 20. DISTRICT 3 SUBSIDIES: District 3 awards subsidies to help defray travel and lodging expenses to the NABC GNT Finals. In 2024, subsidies are \$500 to the first-place team in each flight (Championship, A, B and C). Subsidies are paid after the team attends and plays in the NABC until elimination.
 21. Precedence: "ACBL SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2023-2024" and these 2023-2024 District 3 GNT Conditions of Contest may be found at the link below. In the event of conflicts between the ACBL Conditions of Contest and the District Conditions of Contest, the ACBL Conditions of Contest takes precedence.
<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/coc/gnt/GNT2023-24.pdf>