

District 9 Grand National Teams Conditions of Contest

ACBL Conditions of Contest (<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/coc/gnt/GNT2020-21.pdf>) are incorporated into these conditions

General ACBL Conditions of Contest/GNT Conditions of Contest

If eligible and qualified, players can participate in more than one final. The entry fee for each team will be \$50 and must be pre-registered through the District 9 website (teams will be refunded in the form of BB\$ if they register in a timely manner and compete in the District finals. No refunds for drop outs!. The deadline to register is May 14th, 2021. Links to online registration are posted on the District 9 website. Teams that would like to register after the deadline will be at the discretion of Director-In-Charge (DIC).

The dates and times for the District 9 Finals will be as follows:

Flight C: 10:00am and 2:00pm EDT May 18th and 19th

Flight B: 10:30am and 2:30pm EDT May 18th and 19th

Flight A: 10:00am and 2:00pm EDT May 20th and 21st

Championship: 10:30am and 2:30pm EDT May 20th and 21st

Eligibility:

Flight C: NLM with fewer than 500 Masterpoints

Flight B: 0-2500 Masterpoints

Flight A: 0-6000 Masterpoints

Championship Flight: unlimited

Flight eligibility was established by ACBL's Masterpoint cycle on **August 6, 2019** in Horn Lake, MS (subject to change from ACBL). Masterpoints won after this cycle will not impact flight eligibility for the 2021 GNT events

Questions/information contact District 9 GNT Coordinator Allison Freeland, at her email address— allisonfreeland@bellsouth.net

At the District and NABC level, the Basic Chart applies to Flight C, the Basic+ Chart applies to Flight B, the Open Chart applies to Flight A, and the Open+ Chart applies to the Championship Flight. All chart-related info can be found here (http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/CONVENTIONCHARTS2_2020.pdf). All chart information is subject to change per ACBL policy.

To play at the District 9 Finals players must:

(a) Be members of the ACBL and in good standing

(b) Be members of District 9 or have received special permission (rarely granted)

Teams are formed for the District 9 final from eligible players.

District Finals

The captain of each winning flight is responsible for advising the district coordinator no later than a month after the district final of players to be replaced and/or of any augmentation. Players may be replaced only with confirmed consent of the replaced player. Any district champion team has the right to augment up to a 6-person team that includes the players who participated at the district finals. Only one substitute allowed per team per session. Any emergency substitution will be determined by the DIC, whose decision is final.

Play Format

The tournament and competition committee (or a subcommittee thereof) is responsible for any modifications and/or clarifications of the GNT Conditions of Contest. All matches will be played on BBO and "virtual" screenmates will be done through Zoom (or another platform if Zoom is not possible).

In all events (number of boards to be determined by DIC and District Coordinator unless shown below):

2 Teams: Head-to-head format, 48-56 boards, 2 sessions

3 Teams: RR on Day 1, 2 sessions of 24-28 boards
Day 2: head-to-head match, 24-28 boards with full carryover

4 Teams: KO format, 48-56 boards per day
Day 2: head-to-head, 48-56 boards

5 Teams: Full RR on Day 1, 48-56 boards, 20 VP scale
Top 4 teams advance to 2nd day, 24-28 boards per session on 2nd day with KO format
Highest scoring team from day 1 chooses opponent for first match of day 2
Full carryover

6 Teams: Two RRs, 24-28 boards, cut field to 4 teams, semifinals in afternoon

Finals on Day 2

7 Teams: 1 RR, 2 head-to-heads, 24-28 boards, cut field to 4 teams, semifinals in afternoon

Finals on Day 2

8 Teams: Straight KO, 24-28 boards per session

9-16 Teams: 4 session regional, KO rules apply

17+: Discretion of director in charge

Tiebreakers

All ties will be broken by ACBL KO CoC (available on ACBL website)