

Conditions of Contest
ACBL GNT 2023-2024
District 1

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[ACBL Grand National Teams Conditions of Contest for the current cycle](#) apply.

Please pay special attention to:
Replacements and Substitutions,
Ineligible Players & Disqualifications,
Tie Breakers,
Masterpoints,
and

[Appendix O to the ACBL General Conditions of Contest: Online Play](#)

Zero Tolerance

The [ACBL Policy on Zero Tolerance](#) will be observed at all levels of the GNT competition

These are **District 1 specific** Conditions of Contest:

1. Club Games

District 1 encourages club level games for participation in the District final. However, club participation is not required. All participants of any club level Grand National Team Game will earn entry to the District finals. ~~Teams/players not participating in a club level game may play in the District Finals, but they pay the higher entry fee.~~

Fee: \$100/team + ~~\$20 for each player who does not have a club level qualification~~

Payment (Online games: Open/Flight A for sure, Flight B/C ONLY if instructed)
Interac transfers (send to rob.williams@ns.sympatico.ca .One payment per team, be sure to mention Flight and Captain (name, ACBL#) in notes."

Payment (Face to Face games: Flight B/C UNLESS instructed): Pay at site.

2. Venues

District Finals will be run:

- For Championship and Flight A: Online on BBO
- For Flights B and C:
 - Subject to Pre-registration requirements are met (see section 3, below)
Face to Face at separate sites for East (Units 194, 230)
and West (Units 151, 152, 192, 199)
 - If Pre-registration requirements are not met: Online on BBO

Appendix O to the ACBL General Conditions of Contest: Online Play apply when playing online.

Dates/Locations: See **Appendix L** of these Conditions of Contest

3. Pre-Registration

Needed due to the need of pre-payment, and to decide whether Flights B and C would be face to face or online,

If pre-registration requirements **are not met** by the Friday 1 week prior to the event then the contest will revert to an online game on BBO.

In order for a Face to Face game in either flight to take place a total of 8 teams must pre-register (as specified in the ACBL GNT CoC to allow 2 teams qualifying). Then:

Teams in 2 sites	Format
0 and any	Face to Face in the other site only (assuming 2+ Teams there)
1 and up to 7	Online
1 and 8+	Face to Face in the bigger site. Solitary team can show up, or choose to withdraw, fee would be refunded.
2+ and 2+	Face to Face in both sites, best in each advances.

Contact coordinator for eligibility (e-mail preferred, **Subject: GNT Registration**, list of player names, ACBL numbers and BBO nicknames, detail: Flight (Championship/A/B/C), Captain.

Captaincy

Each team will designate the team Captain from amongst its own playing members or a non-playing team Captain on its registration entry, and said Captain will be responsible for all representation of the team.

Team Composition and Play

Teams may consist of four, five or six players. Eligible players may be added at any time before actual competition begins. Each player must play at least 50% of the total boards played by the team. Exceptions to this rule may be made by request to the GNT Coordinator.

4. VP Scale

The IMPs scale will be used, converted to VP using the **NABC+ VP scale** for Round Robin and Swiss

Number of Teams	Format
2	Two 24 board matches (2 halves)
3	Round Robin. Two 24 board matches (4 quarters)
4	Round Robin. Three 18 board matches (2 halves)
5	Round Robin. Four 12 board matches (2 halves)
6	Round Robin. Five 10 board matches (2 halves)
7	Round Robin. Six 8 board matches
8	Round Robin. Seven 7 board matches
9	Round Robin. Eight 6 board matches
10-16	Swiss. Six 8 board matches
16-32	Swiss, Seven 7 board matches.
33+	Swiss. Eight 6 board matches.

Tie-Breakers for qualifying spots (no effect on masterpointss awarded):

Round Robin and Swiss:

- 1) Sum of (VP result again opp * opp VP score) for every match.
- 2) Head-to-head match (if available)
- 3) As KO below.

KO:

- 1) 4 boards more
- 2) 2 boards more
- 3+) 1 board more until tie is broken.

5. District Winners

The winning team of each flight is eligible to compete in the National Final, which are scheduled to be held at the Toronto NABC starting on July 18, 2024

Teams participating in the District Finals are expected to declare willingness (or lack of it) to attend the National Finals in case they qualify the day they play the District Finals, at the latest.

Should the first-place team in any flight not elect to advance to the National Finals, the second-place team will be extended the invitation to participate. Then third-place team, then fourth, etc.

When 2 teams qualify, and there are separate East and West finals, the priority will be to send a team from each.

All teams advancing to the National level must contain at least half (rounded up; 4 handed needs 2 players, 5 & 6 handed need 3 players) of the players, who participated in the District Final.

6. Subsidy

Championship Flight/Flight A/Flight B: Reimbursement of the Fee.

Flight C: CAD \$800/team

Payment of the subsidy is contingent upon the team's participation in the National competition and the payment will be made after the completion of play at the National Finals.

If the National Finals are conducted online, teams will receive no subsidy from the District.

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Updates:

2023-11-02 11:07:01 Canadian Atlantic Time:

- Updated the upcoming NABC location and GNT starting date.
- Changed the above mentioned date to a Date field.
- Used hyperlinks when possible.
- Added page jumps between some sections.
- Clarified tie breaks use VP scores.

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- Dropped **Appeals Committee** section.

2023-09-19 14:48:25 Canadian Atlantic Time:

- Reworded section 2. **Venues.**

2023-09-13 20:47:04 Canadian Atlantic Time:

- Made ACBL GNT CoC an hyperlink.
- Deleted reference to “Alternate Security Provisions”, gone in current GNT

CoC.

- Updated year of application.
- Change fee to CAD\$ 100/team.
- Change the payment recipient to Rob Williams, the current District Treasurer.

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- Reword the choice of **Face to Face** (preferred) vs **Online.**
- Use the word **Subsidy** instead of **Stipend.**
- Specify the subsidy given.

2023-02-26 11:53:51 Canadian Atlantic Time:

- Changes to Solitary Team when other site can quality 2 teams by itself.
- Separate Appendix L into its own Document.

2023-02-23 04:32:33 Canadian Atlantic Time:

- Changes in Pre-Registration
- Declare all events 1-day.
- Added tie-breakers for all events.
- Added Appendix L.
- Specify that if there are separate East/West finals, try to send a team from

each.

- Fix tables formatting.

2023-02-21 09:02:00 Canadian Atlantic Time:

- Change period to 2022-2023.
- Declare 2-9 teams events a 1-day event.
- Use YYYY-MM-DD as the date format.
- Move actual dates to Appendix L (to be created).
- Add requirement to declare (un)willingness to go.

2022-04-25 14:09:37 Canadian Atlantic Time:

- Fix Flights dates to match District internal announcement.
- Added **Last updated.**
- Formatting

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- Drop the 10+ teams condition for Second day for Flights B/C.
- Specified KO for the 4 survivors case in Second Day, as it is different from

First Day.

- Specified Tie-break for Knockout (KO) phase.
- Opt out of the Alternate Security provisions for 12- board matches, except playoffs.