

ACBL DISTRICT 5

2021-2022 North American Pairs Conditions of Contest

A. General

1. National Conditions:

The 2021-2022 North American Pairs (NAP) Conditions of Contest as published by the ACBL.

[Www.acbl.org/.../conditions-of-contest/conditions-of-contest-north-american-pairs](http://www.acbl.org/.../conditions-of-contest/conditions-of-contest-north-american-pairs)) govern this competition. These ACBL District (5) Conditions of Contest cover circumstances that are unique to D5 and clarify options available under the National Conditions of Contest.

2. Participation:

To advance beyond the club level to the D5 Finals, a player must be a member in good standing of both the ACBL and its geographical division of D5.

3. District Coordinator:

D5's coordinator for the NAP is Ronald Franck, 149 Hidden Valley Dr, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237: rjtfranck@gmail.com : (412)-913-1505

B. Club Stage:

Club qualifying games will be conducted in June, July and August of 2021 as per the ACBL National Conditions of Contest. Clubs may hold two NAP games per each sanctioned session each of these three months. The use of Bridge conventions is also per the National Conditions of Contest. Club managers must submit the ACBL Score game files (or equivalent) to the D5 Coordinator via email by the first week of September.

C. Unit Level

The Unit stage of the NAP competition will NOT be conducted in D5. Players who qualify at the club level can advance directly to the D5 Finals.

D. District Finals

1. Tournament Eligibility:

a) Masterpoint (MP) limits for each flight are as of the ACBL 2021 June MP cycle which is run on May 6, 2021:

Flight A- Open to any player

Flight B- Players with less than 2500MP

Flight C- Non-life masters with less than 500 MP

b) Players MUST have qualified at the club level to play in the District Final.

2. Event dates and Location:

D5 will have one site for the District Final. It will be played in Erie Pa at the Erie Bridge Club, 1221 Grant Ave. Erie, Pa. 16505. The finals will be a 2-day event.

Saturday Oct. 2 nd :	Flight A – 2 sessions	11am	3pm
	Flight B-- 2 sessions	3pm	7pm
	Flight C-- 2 sessions	11am	7pm

The need for 3 sessions is to facilitate distancing during this Covid period. Playing area will be well disinfected before each session. Players are asked to attend 15 minutes prior to game time for 3pm and 7pm sessions. Players may arrive earlier for 11am session.

Sunday Oct. 3rd : All flights will play 2 sessions 10am 2pm

The field for Sunday will include a maximum of 12 partnerships (6 tables) for each flight determined by the top finishers from Saturday.

In the event that Covid makes it impossible to play face to face, the District qualifier will move to online with BBO.

3. Entry fees:

The entry fees will be 12 dollars per session for each player.

4. Bridge Conventions:

The ACBL Basic Convention Chart applies for Flight C, the Basic+ Convention Chart for Flight B and the Open+ Chart for Flight A.

5) Advancement to the North American Finals:

The top three eligible pairs in Flight A, and the top four eligible pairs in Flights B+C qualify to the National Finals which will be held at the 2022 Spring NABC in Reno, NV.

Flight A: Wednesday and Thursday March 9th 10th 2022

Flights B+C: Saturday and Sunday March 19th 20th 2022

In the event that the Reno NABC is canceled or rescheduled because of Covid-19, the National Finals will be played online. All flights will play on Thursday and Friday March 10th and 11th.

E. Subsidies:

Travel expense subsidies for those who qualify for participation in the National Finals are administered by the ACBL. D5 will not provide any additional subsidies.

F. Contingencies:

The Director in Charge (DIC) will resolve all contingencies or ambiguities relating to the format or playing conditions of the D5 Finals that are not specifically addressed by these conditions.

G. Pre-Registration:

Pre-Registration is required and registration should be emailed to Alex Bealles, director at Alex.Beaalles @acbl.org. Entry Fee will be paid at game site before game time.