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## **NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP) DISTRICT 15 2021-2022 Conditions of Contest**

The following, in conjunction with the ACBL Conditions of Contest, shall constitute the District 15 Conditions of Contest. The ACBL National Conditions of Contest may be referenced on the ACBL website - [https://www.acbl.org/tournaments\\_page/charts-rules-and-regulations/conditions-of-contest/nap/](https://www.acbl.org/tournaments_page/charts-rules-and-regulations/conditions-of-contest/nap/)

### **GENERAL**

Each Unit in District 15 shall appoint a Unit Coordinator. This person shall be responsible for arranging Unit NAP competition, reporting unit results, and aiding clubs within their Unit with questions about the conditions of contest (COC). **The name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of the Unit Coordinator shall be submitted to the District 15 Coordinator no later than June 1, 2021. If the Unit Coordinator does not have e-mail, an e-mail address of a contact person within the unit should be provided.**

*The Unit Coordinator shall compile a list of qualifiers from the Club games in their Unit and email it to the District Coordinator no later than October 1, 2021.*

## FLIGHT ELIGIBILITY

- Flight A Open to any player  
Flight B Less than 2,500 Masterpoints as of the June 2021 Masterpoint cycle  
Flight C Non-Life Masters with less than 500 MP as of the June 2021 Masterpoint cycle

Master point totals for flight eligibility is determined by the ACBL's June master point cycle, run by the ACBL on May 6, 2021.

## CLUB COMPETITION

Club level competition may be held in June, July, and August. Clubs may hold up to two (2) NAP club qualifying games in each of these months for each weekly sanctioned session. All games should be seeded, regardless of size. All pairs must play a minimum of 21 boards. **Boards should be duplicated when there are two or more sections. No club level qualifying game may be run as a handicapped game.**

Club NAP qualifying games, if stratified, must use these limits: Open/2500/NLM<500. **A stand-alone Flight C game may be stratified. The clubs may select their own limits for strats D & E.**

**QUALIFICATION:** There is no qualification needed to play in the Club Level game. All bridge players are welcome.

**REPORTING:** Results of ALL club level games must be submitted to the Unit Coordinator. The Unit Coordinator must submit ALL club level game results to the District Coordinator. Club level game fees are: \$5.00/table to the ACBL and \$2.00/table to the District.

Checks for District fees should be made out to District 15 and mailed to:  
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**RESTRICTIONS:** No club level qualifying game may be held during any District 15 Regional Tournament or during a Sectional Tournament within 25 miles of the club game. Scheduling conflicts designated in the National COC must be observed.

**CONVENTIONS:** The National Conditions of Contest specify the allowable Convention Chart for each Flight.

**ADVANCEMENT TO UNIT & DISTRICT LEVELS:** Eligible players finishing in the top 50% of their flight (rounded up and including ties), plus any pair with a 50% game, qualify to the unit and district level of play. When an insufficient number of pairs (fewer than five pairs) enter a scheduled qualifying event, all players who pay their entry fee are qualified to the next stage of competition. This also applies when an insufficient number of pairs enter the lowest strat of a scheduled stratified game. Sanction fees, player number and names must be submitted to ACBL. **New partnerships between club level qualifiers may be formed at the unit and district levels.**

**NOTE: IF NO CLUBS IN A PARTICULAR UNIT HOLD CLUB LEVEL QUALIFYING GAMES, THE UNIT MUST HOLD A CLUB LEVEL QUALIFYING GAME.**

## **UNIT LEVEL COMPETITION**

**The Unit level of Competition is optional.** If held, Unit level finals should be scheduled from September 1, 2021 through December 12, 2021. The Unit final can be one or two sessions; Unit level games of two sessions award some Gold points. The game should be flighted if possible, but may be stratified if there are an insufficient number of pairs to hold a particular flight. The field must be seeded in either case, with pairs from each flight evenly distributed in the North-South and East-West positions. Each session of a Unit Final must be at least 24 and no more than 30 boards.

**QUALIFICATION:** ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE UNIT FINAL MUST HAVE QUALIFIED AT A CLUB LEVEL GAME. THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR A “BUY-IN” FOR THIS EVENT. ALL PLAYERS AT THE UNIT LEVEL MUST BE ACBL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AND MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 15. Any player that qualified in any club may play with any other qualified player in ANY UNIT in their District. Each player must be a member of a unit of their parent District 15.

**REPORTING:** The Unit Coordinator must submit the results of the Unit Final to the District Coordinator. Unit level game fees are: \$8.00/table/session to the ACBL with nothing due to the District.

**RESTRICTIONS:** No Unit Final may be held during a District 15 Regional. Scheduling conflicts designated in the National COC must be observed. No player may participate in more than one (1) Unit Final.

**CONVENTIONS:** The National Conditions of Contest specify the allowable Convention Chart for each Flight.

## DISTRICT LEVEL COMPETITION

The District 15 NAP Finals will be held at the Kansas City Regional on Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

New pairs may be formed for play at the District Level.

Attendance permitting, the District Final will be a two (2) session flighted event. A two session playthrough stratified event will be allowed if attendance is insufficient to support separate flights.

**QUALIFICATION:** ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DISTRICT FINAL MUST HAVE QUALIFIED AT THE CLUB LEVEL. THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR A “BUY-IN” FOR THIS EVENT. ALL PLAYERS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE ACBL IN GOOD STANDING AND MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 15.

**CONVENTIONS:** The National Conditions of Contest specify the allowable Convention Chart for each Flight.

**NATIONAL FINAL QUALIFICATIONS:** The top three (3) eligible pairs in flight A and the top four (4) eligible pairs in flights B & C qualify to the National Finals. Those who qualify for participation in the national finals will be notified by the ACBL Special Events Coordinator of any subsidy their finish in the district finals may have earned and the qualified participants will be notified by the district secretary/treasurer of any district subsidy.

**Pairs qualifying to the national finals qualify as a pair, and no new partnerships may be formed at the national finals unless allowed in the National Conditions of Contest.**

Ties for any qualifying position will be broken as follows:

- a) Considering only boards played in common, a pair will receive one point for each board played in common on which it outscores the other tied pair(s) and one-half point for each tied board. In addition, on boards not played in common, a pair will receive one

point for a score above average and one-half point for a score of average.

b) If the above does not break the tie or in cases where the pairs played no boards in common, compare matchpoints on all boards against average. Award a pair one point for each score above average and one-half point for each score of average.

## SUMMARY

LEVEL	DATES	DISTRICT FEES per session	ACBL FEES per session
Club	June 1 through August 31, 2021	\$2/table	\$5/table
Unit	September 1 through December 12, 2021	\$0/table	\$8/table
District	December 28, 2021	\$3/table	\$7/table

Table fees are payable to “**DISTRICT 15**” mailed to:

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All game results in **.TXT** format must be e-mailed to  
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