

ACBL DISTRICT 18

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 (<http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf>) govern this competition. These ACBL District 18 (D18) Conditions of Contest cover circumstances that are unique to D18 and clarify options available under the National Conditions of Contest.

2. Participation:

To advance beyond the club level to the D18 Finals, a player must be a member in good standing of both the ACBL and its geographical division of D18. Appendix I of the National Conditions of Contest establish requirements for District Membership and the procedures for handling exceptions.

3. District Coordinator:

The D18 NAP coordinator is Ray Fink, Ray.Fink@gmail.com, 208-520-4437

B. Club Level

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, whether in-person or online, in each of those months. The use of Bridge conventions is also as per the National Conditions of Contest. In early September, ACBL will notify all club managers of all players qualifying in both face-to-face and online games.

C. Unit Level

The Unit stage of the NAP competition will NOT be conducted in D18. Players who qualify at the club level can advance directly to the D18 Finals.

D. District Finals

1. Tournament Eligibility:

- a) Masterpoint (MP) limits for each flight are as of the ACBL June 2021 Masterpoint cycle which is run on May 6, 2021:
 - Flight A – Open to any player
 - Flight B – Players with less than 2500 MPs
 - Flight C – Non-Life Masters with less than 500 MPs

- b) Players **MUST** have qualified at the club level to play in the District Final. Unlike the Grand National Teams event, *there is no buy-in option for the District Final.*

2. Event Date and Location:

The District 18 Final will be played **online on BridgeBase.com on October 16, 2021**. All three flights in the D18 NAP Finals will be conducted simultaneously as **one day, two session, play through** events. The sessions will be at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm (Mountain Daylight Time).

Pre-registration for the D18 Final is required. Pairs must send the following information **by 10pm Monday October 11, 2021** to Ray Fink Ray.Fink@gmail.com

- both player names
- both player ACBL numbers
- both player BBO usernames
- which Flight the pair is entering

Confirmations will be sent promptly.

3. Security

Per Appendix VII to the National CoC:

Players may participate from their home (or other convenient location). Pairs who live together should make arrangements for one of them to play elsewhere. There can be absolutely no communication (via email, text, voice call, or messaging app, for example) between partners other than through the BBO interface. Play records will be reviewed for evidence of illicit communication between partners.

4. Entry Fees:

The entry fee for the District Final will be **BB\$12.00** (total for the two-session final). Players are responsible for ensuring that they have sufficient funds in their BridgeBase account to cover the entry fee at game time.

5. Bridge Conventions:

The ACBL Basic Convention Chart applies for Flight C, the Basic+ Convention Chart for Flight B, and the Open+ Convention Chart for Flight A. Convention charts are published on the ACBL website at <http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/Convention-Charts.pdf>

6. Masterpoint Awards:

Per the National Conditions of Contest, the Masterpoint awards for the District 18 Final are:

Flight	First Overall	Overalls	Section Tops	Session Awards	Session Rating
A	32.00 MPs	100% Gold	Gold	Red	100% of regional
B	22.50 MPs	100% Gold	Gold	Red	70% of regional
C	15.00 MPs	50% Gold 50% Red	50% Gold 50% Red	Red	62.5% of regional

7. 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, Nevada. Pairs qualifying to the national finals qualify as a pair and no new partnerships may be formed.

If a qualifying pair is unable or chooses not to attend the NABC, the invitation will be passed to the next eligible pair based upon its finish in the district final. *Pairs are expected to notify the District NAP Coordinator on or before Monday, January 14, 2022, if they are unable to attend the National Final.*

E. Subsidies

Travel expense subsidies for those who qualify for participation in the National Finals are administered by the ACBL. D18 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 D18 finals that are not specifically addressed by these conditions.