



“Eight is Enough (EIE)” and **“Four is Enough (FIE)”**
 Swiss Team Format Pairs Format

The “Eight is Enough” teams format was created by Mary Oshlag in 2008. Its plan is simple and brilliant, as the guidelines for team creation “level the field” among the teams. The result is a competitive, but fun event for all participants. It’s been expanded to create a “Four is Enough” pairs format, by cutting the values in half!

EIE - Every 4-person team has players whose combined rating is no more than 8.

FIE - Every 2-person pair has players with combined ratings of no more than 4.

<u>Players</u>	<u>Masterpoints</u>
• Strat A players = 3 pts	> 2500
• Strat B players = 2 pts	750 – 2499
• Strat C players = 1 pt	0 – 749

These masterpoint® limits could be whatever you want. They are set by the club. You know your players!

Eight is Enough Swiss Team Game		Four is Enough Pair Game	
2 “A” players and 2 “C’s”	3+3+1+1 = 8	1 “A” player and 1 “C”	3+1 = 4
4 “B” players	2+2+2+2 = 8	2 “B” players	2+2 = 4
1 “A,” 1 “C,” and 2 “B’s”	3+1+2+2 = 8	1 “B” and 1 “C”	2+1 = 3
<i>Other combinations less than 8 are okay</i>		<i>Others less than 4 are okay</i>	

If your club wishes to hold an “Eight is Enough” game that has an upper limit, you may do that easily by choosing an upper masterpoint® limit in ACBLscore©, and setting your stratum limits for your 3’s and 2’s and 1’s accordingly.

Some clubs will require pre-registration to check the points, others will monitor teams on the way in, and still others will take their word for it. But have fun! That’s the bottom line, after all!

From time to time, ACBL holds an EIE and FIE special event in its in-person clubs.

To enter your game in that event (when it occurs), in ACBLscore:

- *add the text “ +EIE+ ” in your Eight is Enough team game title field, or*
- *add the text “ +FIE+ ” in your pair game title field. We’ll take it from there.*