

# **2024 Collegiate Spring Pairs Tournament**

## **Conditions of Contest**

The General Conditions of Contest for Pairs and for Online Events will apply to this event, subject to the following specific Conditions of Contest (CoC). These CoC are in addition to, or supersede, the General Conditions of Contest, and may not be changed at any level of play during the course of this event.

These Conditions of Contest apply to an online event (“Spring Tournament”) restricted to collegiate pairs, to be held on April 21, 2024. The first session will start at 11 a.m. and the second session will begin at 3:30 p.m. (**Central Time**). Any eligible college pair is welcome to register and participate. Deadline to register is midnight Pacific Time on April 18, 2024. For an updated schedule and registration forms, please visit [acbl.org/bridgebowl](http://acbl.org/bridgebowl).

The Spring Tournaments are not qualifiers; an eligible player need not play in a Spring Tournament in order to be eligible to play in the Collegiate Bridge Bowl in Toronto.

### **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- A. Pairs from any accredited college or university in the USA, Canada, Mexico or Bermuda may enter this event.
- B. Each pair must consist of two players, both students from the same accredited college or university.
- C. Eligible participants must be:
  - a. A student regularly enrolled in a degree-seeking college program (associate, bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral) as of March 1, 2024; and
  - b. an ACBL member in good standing; and
  - c. Born no earlier than July 25, 1989 (under 35) and have fewer than 3,000 ACBL eligibility points as of January 1, 2024.
  - d. In order to participate in a Spring Tournament, each pair member be a member of the CBO and must have played in at least two CBO Daily Tournaments on BBO during the 2023-2024 school year.
- D. Each pair must submit an entry form containing: college/university’s full name; players’ full name, e-mail address, DOB, ACBL member number and BBO Username.  
Those who do not have a Bridge Base account can sign up for free. Tournament schedule, registration information and entry forms can be found at [acbl.org/bridgebowl](http://acbl.org/bridgebowl). Participating pairs must be registered before the end of the registration period.
- E. Each player must sign the *Agreement of Fair and Sportsmanlike Participation*. A pair’s registration will be incomplete until all forms are submitted to [college@acbl.org](mailto:college@acbl.org) .
- F. Each pair must provide a proctor to audit play. The proctor cannot be a player but may be a

non-playing coach or other adult. A Proctor's name and contact information must be included on the registration form. After the tournament, the proctor must complete the proctor agreement and give it to the player(s) monitored. The player(s) will return it to college@acbl.org.

- G. If players cannot be in the same location, each player must provide his/her own proctor.
- H. ACBL reserves the right to adjust the result on any board under the Laws of duplicate bridge and/or these Conditions of Contest of the Collegiate Bridge Bowl. Players may request in writing to college@acbl.org to the Director in Charge, the review of a hand where an allegation of an irregularity has occurred. All written requests will be reviewed by the Director in Charge and/or an ACBL-designated Committee.

## CONVENTIONS

- A. Bidding and carding methods permitted, restricted or not permitted in these events are per the ACBL Open Convention Chart.

## PLAY

- A. Players will log in to Bridge Base. An ACBL Tournament Director or Representative will set up the pairs movement to be played. No kibitzers will be allowed to watch the event.
- B. The same two players who start the event must finish that event; no substitutions of players may take place in the middle of the event.
- C. The exact format will be determined by the DIC depending on the number of pairs entered, but each pair will play a minimum of 24 boards per session.
- D. The event will be stratified by average masterpoints into two strats. The masterpoint limit of the lower strat will be determined based on the players who register for the event.
- E. The Spring Tournaments will award regionally-rated red points.
- F. ACBL will award a total of six travel packages. The top two pairs in each stratification of the Spring Tournament will receive packages. Each travel package will support one pair. A travel package consists of:
  - a. Airfare up to \$500 per person
  - b. Three nights of hotel room (double occupancy)
  - c. Per-diem of \$50 per person for three days
- G. Only one pair trip package will be awarded per school. If a second or further pair from the same school qualifies for a trip based on their position in the standings, that trip will be awarded to the next-highest-placing pair. This will be repeated as necessary until six schools are awarded trip packages.