

2024 Collegiate Spring Teams Tournament Conditions of Contest

The General Conditions of Contest for Swiss Teams and Online Event 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 two online events (“Spring Tournaments”) restricted to collegiate teams, to be held on Sunday, February 18, 2024, and Sunday, April 7, 2024. The first session for each tournament will start at 11 a.m. and the second session will begin at 3:30 p.m. (**Central Time**). Any eligible college team is welcome to register and participate. Deadline to register for the February tournament is midnight Pacific Time on February 11, 2024. Deadline to register for the April tournament is midnight Pacific Time on March 31, 2024. For an updated schedule and registration forms, please visit 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. Teams from any accredited college or university in the USA, Canada, Mexico or Bermuda may enter this event.
- B. Each team must consist of four to six players, all 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 team member must be a member of the CBO and have played in at least two CBO Daily Tournaments on BBO during the 2023-2024 school year.
- D. Each team will select a team captain, who may be a player or a non-playing coach. The team captain is responsible for all representations to the TD or committees.
- E. The team captain must submit an entry form containing: team name; captain’s full name; college/university’s full name; team members’ full name, e-mail address, DOB, ACBL member number and BBO Username. Team captains are to also indicate which direction each team member will be sitting. In the case where a team has 5 or 6 players, lineups for the 1st session matches (matches 1-4) must be given to the DiC no later than 48 hours before the start of the tournament. Lineups for the 2nd session (matches 5-8) must be given to the DiC by the end of the 1st session.

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. Participating teams must be registered before the end of the registration period.

- F. Each player must sign the *Agreement of Fair and Sportsmanlike Participation*. A team's registration will be incomplete until all forms are submitted to college@acbl.org at least 24 hours prior to the start of the tournament.
- G. Each team must provide a proctor to audit play. The proctor cannot be a player, but may be a non-playing team coach or other adult. A Proctor's name and contact information must be included on the team registration form. After the tournament, the proctor must complete the proctor agreement and give it to the captain of the team monitored. The team captain will return it to college@acbl.org.
- H. If players cannot be in the same location, each player must provide his/her own proctor.
- I. ACBL reserves the right to adjust the result on any board or the result of a match under the laws of duplicate bridge and/or these Conditions of Contest of the Collegiate Bridge Bowl. Teams may request in writing to college@acbl.org to the Director in Charge, the review of a hand or match 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. Teams will log in to Bridge Base. An ACBL Tournament Director or Representative will set up team matches to be played. No kibitzers will be allowed to watch the match.
- B. The same four players who start a match, must finish that match; no substitutions of players may take place in the middle of the match.
- C. The exact format will be determined by the DIC depending on the number of teams entered, but each team will play a minimum of four matches (two per session). Each member of a team must play in at least half the matches to qualify for overall awards, as per the General Conditions of Contest for Swiss Teams.
- D. The Spring Tournaments will award regionally-rated red masterpoints for both match and overall awards.
- E. ACBL will award a total of three travel packages to the top teams in each Spring Tournament. Each travel package will support up to 6 team members (four to six players). A travel package consists of:
 - a. Airfare up to \$500 per person
 - b. 4 nights of hotel room (double occupancy)
 - c. Per-diem of \$50 per person for four days

- F. Only one team trip package will be awarded per school. If a second or further team 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 team. This will be repeated as necessary until three schools are awarded trip packages at each Spring Tournament.
- G. A college team who wins a trip package in the first tournament can still play in the second tournament for Masterpoints only.