

District 6 Conditions of Contest North American Pairs 2009-2010

Open, 0-2000, and Non-Life-Master Flights

General Information:

The ACBL Conditions of Contest as published in *The Bulletin* and/or on the ACBL web site, and the ACBL Conditions of Contest Players and Organizers are part of the District 6 Conditions of Contest set forth below. In case of any conflict, the ACBL Conditions will take precedence.

Administrative Procedures: The conditions of contest are supplemented by The District 6 North American Pairs Administrative Procedures, designed to provide guidelines for Unit and District officials. A copy of the Procedures is attached to this document.

Conventions: Clubs may decide what conventions are allowed the club qualifiers. The ACBL **Mid-Chart** applies at the **District Open Flight Final**. The ACBL **General Chart** applies at the **District 0-2000 and NLM Finals**.

Special Qualification: At the club stage, when an insufficient number of pairs (fewer than 5) enter a scheduled flight (or strat), all pairs who pay an entry fee are deemed to have qualified for the next stage.

Enforcement of Rules: Directors are reminded to enforce ACBL regulations courteously and firmly, including slow play, wandering, talking, and proper preparation of convention cards.

Appeals Committees: Appeals of director's rulings and protests of scoring errors are to be dealt with in accordance with ACBL rules by the normal tournament authority. The Director-in-Charge is authorized to form telephone committees if an appropriate committee cannot be formed on site. In the Open Flight, at the discretion of the Director-in-Charge, the Chairman of the District 6 GNT/NAP Planning Committee and/or the District 6 NAP Coordinator, email committees will be constructed of members from outside of and/or within District 6 in order to obtain the best and most objective ruling possible.

If the appeals committee should judge the appeal to be substantially without merit, it may assess penalties in accordance with ACBL and District 6 policies. Such penalties may be expressed in match points or seeding points, as appropriate. Seeding point penalties may be applied to future Grand National Team Final seeding.

Pre-registration: Pre-registration is required in order to play in the District Finals. Pairs must pre-register by October 01, 2009.

Club Level:

Club qualifying for all flights will be held during the months of June, July and August. Each club may hold two games for each flight during a month for each weekly session sanctioned and regularly held in each month. If no club in a Unit holds a game, the Unit **must** sponsor a club qualifying game for its membership. Any club will be permitted to run a stratified game. (See the ACBL Conditions of Contest (Organizers) for more information.)

Events may not be scheduled during the Washington Summer NABC (July 23-August 2) or the Hunt Valley Regional (August 17-23). No club events may be held during a Sectional in the Unit in which the club is located without permission from the Unit.

If separate Flights are held, the NLM Flight may be stratified as 0-20, 20-100, and 100-NLM.

A playing director is allowed if there are 17 or fewer tables.

Qualification: Club level qualification is earned as an individual and not as a partnership. A player may play at any participating club as often as desired and with as many different partners as desired. Qualification extends downward at the club level. That is, if you are eligible for the NLM event and you qualify for the Open flight, you are qualified for all flights, if you qualify for the 0-2000, you also qualify for the NLM; if you are eligible for the 0-2000 and qualify for the Open, you qualify for both flights.

Flight Eligibility: Master points won in other bridge organizations, such as the ABA and foreign organizations, must be taken into account for placement in the appropriate flights.

1. Open: Open to any Player
2. 0-2000: Players with fewer than 2000 MPs as of the 2009 June master point cycle. *
3. NLM: Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 MPs as of the 2009 June master point cycle.*

* The June master point cycle is run by ACBL data processing on May 6th. Any points won but not included in this cycle do not affect master point eligibility.

Flight-Mixed Qualifying: When a partnership consists of players individually eligible for different flights, they must play in the event for which the higher ranked player is eligible. If they qualify, each player is considered qualified for any lower flight for which

they are eligible. For more information, see the National Conditions of Contest which are posted on the District 6 web site.

Unit Level:

There will be no Unit Final stage; players qualify from the clubs directly to the District Finals.

District Level:

Except as provided in the ACBL Conditions, no participant may qualify for the District Finals who is not a bona fide member of a Unit within District 6 on June 01, 2009. If questions arise, it will be the responsibility of the player to satisfy the District director (or designee) as to his/her eligibility. Requests for exemptions must be initiated by April 01, 2009. **Players who are members of District 6 may qualify at any club in the ACBL.**

Substitution: A **one-session** substitute who does not substantially strengthen or weaken the partnership **may** be permitted to keep the original partnership alive. Substitutes must be eligible to play in the flight in which they are substituting, must be a member of District 6, and must be club qualified or already eliminated from the event. Substitutes must be approved by the Player Evaluation Committee for the Open and 0-2000 flights or by the District Director, District Coordinator, or Player Evaluation Committee for the NLM flight. Replacements are not allowed.

Posting of Conditions: The ACBL and District Conditions of Contest must be conspicuously posted at the District Final.

Pre-registration: Pre-registration is required in order to play in the District Finals. Pairs must pre-register by October 01, 2009. Events for which a viable number of players do not pre-register will be cancelled. Pre-register by sending a check for \$48.00 to Barbara Doran, 1107 Dale Drive Silver Spring MD 21010-1607. Note: If the minimum number of tables has pre-registered by the deadline, additional pairs will be allowed to pre-register up to the day of the event.

Withdrawal: Once a player has entered the District Final, he/she is expected to complete the event unless eliminated in a qualifying round. Withdrawal will be permitted in emergencies (serious situations which occur unexpectedly and mandate immediate attention) only.

Date and Location: The District 6 Final for all flights will be held on the weekend of October 10-11 2009. The Open Flight and 0-2000 Flight Finals will be 4-session events,, with roughly half the field qualifying for the second day. The NLM Flight Final will be a 2-session event held on Saturday, October10 at the Northern site and

on Sunday, October 11 at the Southern site.

The Open Flight Final is held in the North only. It will be held at Christ the King Church in Silver Spring MD on Saturday and at a location to be announced on Sunday.

The 0-2000 Finals are split site. The Northern site is Christ the King Church in Silver Spring MD on Saturday and at a location to be announced on Sunday. The Southern site on both days is the Peninsula DBC in Newport News VA.

The NLM Finals are also split site; held Saturday only at Christ the King Church in Silver Spring MD in the North and Sunday only at the Peninsula DBC in Newport News VA in the South. (NLM eligible players may play in the Open or 0-2000 event on Saturday and in the NLM event on Sunday in the South if they don't qualify for the second day of the 0-2000.)

Qualification to the National Level: The top 3 pairs in the Open Flight will qualify for the National Finals. In the 0-2000 and NLM Flights, the first place pair at the site with the larger attendance for a given flight shall get the first place prize. The first place pair from the other site shall get the second place prize. If the attendance at the larger site is 60% or more of the total attendance for that flight, its second place pair shall receive the third place prize. If attendance at the two sites is closer to even, the third place prize shall be awarded to the highest scoring second place pair (by percentage) from either site. The first alternate for an award allocated to a specific site is the next score from the site where the pair was unable to continue to the NABC final. Subsequent alternates are determined by percentage from the field across both sites.

The top 2 pairs will be subsidized by the ACBL: **the first place pairs receiving \$700 per person, and the second place pairs receiving \$300 per person.** District 6 will subsidize the second place and third place pairs as follows: **The second place pairs will receive \$200 per person in addition to the ACBL subsidy. Third place pairs will receive \$300 per person.**

If a qualified pair is unable to play in the National Final, the next pair will qualify. Subsidies will only be given to players who play in the National Final.

You must be a paid up member of the ACBL (Life Masters must pay the LM Service fee) by the District Final in order to be eligible for subsidy. Membership must be current and continuous from the start of the District Final to the completion of the National Final

The National Finals will be held during the NABC in Reno, NV. The National Final for the Open Flight will be held March 10-11, 2010. The National Finals for the 0-2000 and NLM Flights will be held March 20-21, 2010.

District 6 NAP Coordinator

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The District Coordinator is responsible for this event through the District Finals, under the direction of the District Director and the District 6 GNT/NAP Planning Committee.

***District 6 Administrative Procedures
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Responsibilities of District Coordinator

- Prepare drafts of District Conditions and Procedures for review by the District 6 Board and/or the GNT/NAP Planning Committee and/or Memphis Special Events Staff
- Provide assistance to Unit coordinators
- Select dates and sites for District Final (with concurrence from the District 6 Board), arrange for supplies, staff, and amenities
- Serve as liaison to the ACBL for the District levels
- Submit voucher for expenses to District Board
- Provide full information and recommendations to the District Board

Responsibilities of Unit Coordinator

- Publicize the club and District events within their Unit
- Provide information on club qualifying games in their Unit to the District 6 Webmaster, Table Talk Editor and District Coordinator
- Provide assistance to club managers
- Ensure that the Conditions of Contest are provided to clubs in the Unit
- Ensure that the names of qualified individuals (by flight) are provided to the District Coordinator

Responsibilities of Chief Director

- Ensure that all information required on entry blanks is provided by all players
- Provide list of District 6 winners to the District Coordinator
- Provide tournament reports and remit funds to the ACBL and/or District
- Ensure that District and National Conditions are posted at the District Final

When an event is held in conjunction with a Sectional Tournament, all Mid-Atlantic charges apply.

Tournament Committee and District Appeals Committee

The District 6 GNT/NAP Planning Committee is the official tournament committee. Members of this committee are:

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Player Evaluation Subcommittee

This is an ad hoc committee which will be formed by the chairman when needed. The chairman of the subcommittee is Earl Glickstein.