

# ***District 6 Conditions of Contest North American Pairs 2011-2012***

## ***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, such email committees may include players from outside 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 September 17, 2011.**

**Club Level:**

Clubs may hold up to two (2) club qualifying games in each of the three months (June, July, August) for each weekly sanctioned session held that month. This applies to each flight. 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 New Orleans Summer NABC (July 21-31) or the Hunt Valley Regional (August 15-21). 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. The only permissible strats are 0-20, 20-100, and 100-NLM<500.

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 2011 June master point cycle. \*
3. NLM: Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 MPs as of the 2011 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, 2011. 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, 2011. **Players who are members of District 6 may qualify at any club in the ACBL and play in the District 6 Final.**

**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. For the Open and 0-2000 flights, substitutes must be approved by the Player Evaluation Committee. For the NLM flight, approval may be given by the District Director, District Coordinator, or Player Evaluation Committee. 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 October 09, 2011.** Events for which a viable number of players do not pre-register will be cancelled. Pre-register by sending a check payable to District Six for \$50.00 to Barbara Doran, 1107 Dale Drive Silver Spring MD 20910-1607. Note: If the minimum number of tables has pre-registered by the deadline, additional pairs may be allowed to pre-register until the day before the event if the movement would not suffer from the addition.

**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 September 24-25, 2011. 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 Sunday, September 25.**

**The Open Flight Final is held at one location only.** It will be held at Newport Mill Middle School, 11311 Newport Mill Road, Kensington MD 20895.

**The 0-2000 Finals are split site.** The Northern site is Newport Mill Middle School 11311 Newport Mill Road, Kensington MD 20895. The Southern site will be in Richmond at the Bridge Center on Saturday and at the Tuckahoe Moose Lodge, 4366 Springfield Road , Glen Allen, VA 23060. on Sunday

**The NLM Finals are also split site;** held **Sunday only** at Newport Mill Middle School 11311 Newport Mill Road, Kensington MD 20895 in the North and in Richmond at the Tuckahoe Moose Lodge, 4366 Springfield Road , Glen Allen, VA 23060. (NLM eligible players may play in the Open or 0-2000 event on Saturday and in the NLM event on Sunday if they don't qualify for the second day.)

**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. If the attendance at the larger site is 75% or more of the total attendance for that flight, its second place pair shall receive the second place prize and the first place pair from the other site shall get the third place prize. If the attendance at the larger site is at least 60% but less than 75% of the total attendance for that flight, its second place pair shall receive the third place prize and the first place pair from the other site shall get the second place prize, If neither site has attendance greater than 60% of the total attendance for that flight, the second place prize shall be awarded to the highest scoring pair at the smaller site, and the third place prize shall be awarded to the highest scoring second place pair (by percentage) from either site. Ineligible pairs will not be included in computing percentages. The first alternate for an award allocated to a specific site is the next score from the site where the pair that was unable to continue to the NABC final played. 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 Memphis TN. The National Final for the Open Flight will be held March 14-15, 2012. The National Finals for the 0-2000 and NLM Flights will be held March 24-25, 2012.

### **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.