

DISTRICT 10
2018-2019 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP)
CONDITIONS OF CONTEST – REVISION 1

The following, in conjunction with the ACBL Conditions of Contest, shall constitute the District 10 Conditions of Contest for 2018-2019 North American Pairs (NAP). The ACBL National Conditions of Contest may be found on the ACBL website (<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf>).

The District 10 NAP Coordinator is: Jerry Burford. If there are any questions regarding the District 10 NAP contest, he may be contacted via e-mail at jerryburford6@gmail.com , or by phone at 601-925-0506.

FLIGHT ELIGIBILITY

Flight A — Open to any player

Flight B — Less than 2500 MP

Flight C — Non-Life Masters with less than 500 MP

Individual masterpoint totals for flight eligibility are determined based on the June 2018 masterpoint cycle run by ACBL data processing on May 6, 2018. Any points won prior to the NABC, but not included in this cycle do not affect flight eligibility.

CLUB LEVEL COMPETITION

Club level competition may be held only in June, July, and August of 2018.

Clubs may hold up to two NAP Club qualifying games for each weekly sanctioned session in each of these months.

Club level NAP qualifying games, if stratified, must use these limits: Open/2500/NLM<500. Additional information regarding ACBLScore is included in Attachment A.

There is no qualification needed to play in a Club level game. All bridge players are welcome.

There is no District surcharge for games at the Club level. All reporting is done via the Club's monthly report to ACBL

UNIT LEVEL COMPETITION

Unit level qualification is OPTIONAL for all flights. Unit level finals can be scheduled between September 1 and December 9, 2018. The Unit NAP Coordinator is responsible for sanctioning any unit finals through the ACBL website, with the date approved by the District NAP Coordinator.

New partnerships from Club level qualifiers may be formed at the Unit level.

The event should be two sessions, if possible. The game should be flighted, if possible, but may be stratified if there are an insufficient number of pairs to support a game for a particular flight. All players at the Unit level competition must be 'paid up' members of the ACBL and have qualified at the Club level.

Advancement to Unit level, if applicable: For Units holding Unit level finals, eligible players finishing in the top 60% of their flight (rounded up and including ties) plus any pairs with "average" not in the top half of their flight at the Club level qualify to the Unit level of play. When an insufficient number of pairs (fewer than five pairs) enter a scheduled qualifying event, all players who pay their entry fee are qualified to the next level of competition. This also applies when an insufficient number of pairs enter the lowest strata of a scheduled stratified game.

New partnerships from Club level qualifiers may be formed at the Unit level.

Note: ALL PLAYERS who: 1) qualify at either the Club level or the Unit level (if a Unit final was held) AND 2) are 'paid up' members of ACBL may participate at the District finals. New partnerships from Club and/or Unit qualifiers may be formed to participate at the District level.

DISTRICT LEVEL COMPETITION

The District final for NAP Flight A will be held during the **Jackson, MS Sectional Tournament on Sunday, January 20, 2019**. It will be a 2-session play-through event. ACBL Mid-Chart applies.

The District final for NAP Flights B and C will be held during the Jackson, MS Sectional Tournament on January 19-20, 2019. It will be a 2-session qualifying round with a 2-session final. ACBL General Convention Chart applies.

~~The different timing of these events allows for all district members in good standing who qualified for Flight A at the club level—regardless of masterpoint holdings—to be able to play in the Flight A Final, and if eligible based on their masterpoint holdings, to also play in the district final for a lower flight (either B or C) for which they are eligible.~~

The top three pairs in Flight A and the top four pairs in each of Flights B and C will be eligible to play in the National final. ~~If a pair should qualify for the NABC in the District Finals in more than one flight, they must choose in which NABC flight they plan to compete. They will forfeit any subsidy earned from the other flight, and the next higher qualifier in that flight will automatically move up. The decision should be made as soon as possible, but not later than February 7, 2019.~~ The eligible pairs will be notified by the ACBL Special Events Coordinator regarding any subsidy earned based on their finish in the District final. Qualifiers must play in the national level event until eliminated to receive the award.

No new partnerships may be formed between the District and National level competition. If a qualifying pair is unable to attend the NABC, the invitation will be passed to the next eligible pair based upon its finish in the District final.

NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION

The finals of the NAP will be held during the Memphis, TN NABC in March of 2019. The North American Pairs Flight A finals, scheduled for March 20 & 21, 2019, will be a four-session event, consisting of a two-session play-through to qualify twenty-eight pairs into a two-session play-through final, with carryover as per ACBL formula. The North American Pairs Flights B & C finals, scheduled for March 30 & 31, 2019, will be four-session events, consisting of a two-session play-through to qualify approximately 50% of the entry field into a two-session play-through final with carryover as per ACBL formula.

Please refer to the ACBL website for exact dates and times.

Note - There is no entry fee for the national level of the NAP.

ATTACHMENT A

2018-2019 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS CLUB GAME ACBLscore INSTRUCTIONS

Setting up the Game

When you get to the “Select Event Rating” Screen

1. Select North American Pairs or Teams (Club or Unit Level), then
2. Select North American Pairs — Club Level.
3. If stratified, select two strat or three strat, as applicable; based on ‘highest player’ rather than ‘average’ masterpoints.
4. Indicate one session, select the strats using the NAP strats of None/2500/NLM(<500).
5. If your game includes C level players, select ‘NLM’ for the upper masterpoint limit for strat C. Once the players’ names are entered, use ‘F11, STRAT’ command to check the masterpoint holding of the C pairs. Any NLM with more than 500 masterpoints should be changed to Strat B.
6. Continue, making all the appropriate selections.

Games Run Using ACBLscore

1. DBADD game file(s) to be included with the club’s monthly report. During the DBADD process you will be asked the following question: “ADD Group codes to players in database who Q’d to the next level?” ANSWER “Y” to this question. This will allow you to produce a list of qualifiers to the next level. (See below section “After the Game”.)
2. ACBLscore will calculate the ACBL fees due (\$5.00 per table) and the amount due will be reflected on the club’s monthly report (the financial part.
4. Payment will be made when the monthly report is sent to ACBL.
5. Masterpoints will be posted when the monthly report is received and processed electronically.

After the Game

1. You may provide the qualifiers with Qualifying Slips to the next level of play using the ‘F11, PCON’ command to print qualification slips.
2. You must provide the District Coordinator with a list of qualifiers to the District final by **September 7, 2018**:
 - a. Go to DATA BASE at the screen with the Main Menu.
 - b. Select REPORTS/EXPORT.
 - c. Select #13, List of Qualifiers.
 - d. Tag the group to include: 8NA 8NB 8NC for 2018 and hit F9.
 - e. Answer the remaining questions appropriately.
 - f. Call the ACBLscore help desk at 855-275-7629, option 1 for assistance.