

**DISTRICT 10
2021-2022 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP)
CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

The following, in conjunction with the ACBL Conditions of Contest, shall constitute the District 10 Conditions of Contest for 2019-2020 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.

COVID Contingencies

In light of the COVID pandemic, clubs and players will recognize some contingencies made for play considering the indeterminate impact the virus may have on event planning.

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 2021 masterpoint cycle run by ACBL data processing on May 6, 2021. Any points won prior to the NABC, but not included in this cycle do not affect flight eligibility.

CLUB LEVEL COMPETITION

ACBL sanctions NAP club level competition during June, July, and August of 2021. Clubs may hold up to two NAP Club qualifying games for each weekly sanctioned session in each of these months. Clubs which play online are also able to conduct NAP qualifying games (must use the +NAP+ hack.)

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 qualifying game. All bridge players are welcome. At the Club level game, subject to established ACBL minimum guidelines, each club determines the conventions to be allowed in its games.

There is no District surcharge for games at the Club level. All reporting is done via the Club's monthly report to ACBL. ACBL will also recognize qualification of players in the virtual clubs sessions played on Bridgebase Online.

UNIT LEVEL COMPETITION

Unit level qualification is OPTIONAL for all flights in District 10. Unit level finals can be scheduled between September 1 and December 15, 2019. The Unit NAP Coordinator is responsible for sanctioning any unit finals through the ACBL website, with the date approved by the District NAP Coordinator. Note that ACBL has no plans for Units to conduct their competition online; District 10 does not require unit-level qualification to participate in the District NAP Finals.

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 beyond 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.

NOTE – per the ACBL NAP Conditions of Contest, if a Unit-level competition is conducted, players from that unit must have qualified at the Unit competition in order to advance to the District-level competition

NOTE – ALL PLAYERS who: 1) qualify at either the Club level and 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 Finals for NAP Flight A and Flight C are currently planned to be held at the sectional tournament in Ridgeland, MS January 14-16, 2022. The Flight A Final will be a 2-session play-through event played on January 15, 2022; the ACBL Open+ Convention Chart will apply. The Flight C Final is expected to be comprised of a 2-session qualifying round and a 2-session Final round; the ACBL Basic Convention Chart will apply.

The District final for NAP Flight B Final is currently planned to be held at the sectional tournament in Memphis, TN January 6-9, 2022. It is expected to be

comprised of a 2-session qualifying round and a 2-session final round. The ACBL Basic+ Chart applies for Flight B.

In the event or both of the above face-to-face sectional tournaments are not held, plans will be made for the District final competition to be held on-line. This contingency, if needed, should be determined by early December. Efforts will be made to announce any changes in an email to District clubs and on the District 10 web page.

The top three pairs in Flight A and the top four pairs in each of Flights B and C District 10 final will be eligible to play representing the District in the National final. 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 National Finals of the NAP will be held during the spring 2022 NABC planned for Reno, NV in March, 2022. Per the ACBL NAP Conditions of Contest, Flight A Final will be played March 9-10, 2022 and the Flights B and C Finals will be played on March 19-20, 2022.

NOTE - in the event that the RENO NABC is cancelled or rescheduled due to COVID-19, the National Final will be played online. All flights will play on Thursday and Friday, March 10-11, 2022.

The North American Pairs Flight A finals 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 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

2021-2022 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, 2021**:
 - 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: 9NA 9NB 9NC for 2019 and hit F9.
 - e. Answer the remaining questions appropriately.
 - f. Call the ACBLscore help desk at 855-275-7629, option 1 for assistance.