

**DISTRICT 10
2022-2023 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 2022-2023 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. All players at the NABC must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

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 2022 masterpoint cycle run by ACBL data processing on May 6, 2022. 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 2022. 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.

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. D10 will also recognize qualification of players in the virtual clubs qualifying 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, 2022. 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 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 Final for NAP Flight B is currently planned to be held at the sectional tournament in Memphis, TN January 6-8, 2023. It will be a 2-session play-through event to be played on Saturday, January 7, 2023. The ACBL Basic+ Chart applies for the Flight B contest.

District 10 has received concurrence from ACBL to conduct the District Final contest for Flights A and C at the January 27-29, 2023 Sectional Tournament in Flowood, MS. The Flight A and C Finals will be 2-session play-through events to be played on January 28, 2023. The ACBL Open+ Convention Chart will apply in

the Flight A event. The ACBL Basic Convention Chart will apply in the Flight C event.

NOTE – Pairs planning to play in the District Final events must pre-register their intent with the District NAP Coordinator (Jerry Burford). This will permit verification of qualification and residency status prior to the event. Pairs should submit an e-mail noting both member's names and ACBL numbers and the flight(s) in which they intend to participate. Emails should be sent between December 1, 2022 and December 23, 2022.

In the event either of the above face-to-face sectional tournaments are not held, plans will be made for the District final competition for the respective flights to be held on-line. 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 finals 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 2023 NABC planned for New Orleans, LA in March, 2023. Per the ACBL NAP Conditions of Contest, Flight A Final will be played March 8-9, 2023 and the Flights B and C Finals will be played on March 18-19, 2023. Please refer to the ACBL website for exact dates and times.

NOTE - in the event that the Spring face-to-face NABC is cancelled or rescheduled due to COVID-19, the National Final may be played online at a date to be determined.

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.

Note - There is no entry fee for the national level of the face-to-face NAP. In the event the contest is held online, there may be some nominal table fees.