



1) What is North American Pairs (NAP)?

The NAP is a special bridge contest held at the spring NABC (national ACBL tournament) every year. Each district will send four C level pairs, four B level pairs and three A level pairs to play in the national event. **The C players play against other C players from other districts**, the B players play against other B level players, and the A players play against A players.

2) What district am I in?

You are in District 9. There are 25 districts in the ACBL. How is the stratification determined? **Masterpoints as of May 6, 2025, will be used to determine your flight.** Flight C is Non-Life Masters with fewer than 750 MPs and a non-life master, Flight B is players with less than 3000 MPs, and Flight A is less than 6000 MPs open to anyone who qualifies at the A level.

3) What is a club qualifying game? Do I need to qualify to play at the district final?

Club qualifying games are extra point games held at local clubs during June, July, and August; anyone can play. You must qualify at a club game to play in the District final but you do not need to play in the district final with the same partner.

4) Where can I check to see if I qualified for the 2026 event? [NAP Qualifiers 2025-2026](#)

5) I have qualified at the club; where and when is the district final?

The District 9 NAP final tournament will be the January- Orlando Regional. It is a 1-day event. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.

Saturday JAN 11 - Flights A and C (10 am)

****** FREE for Flight C participants**

Sunday JAN 12 - Flight: Championship and B (9:30 am)

6) What do I receive if I place in one of the top four places at the district finals?

Winners will receive subsidies to represent District 9 at the 2026 Spring NABC in St Louis, MO. (TBD)

7) Where and when is the National (NABC) NAP game in the spring?

National Finals 2026 Spring NABC in St. Louis, MO

a. Championship Flight and Flight A

Wed/Thu February 25-26, 2026

b. Flights B and C

Sat/Sun March 7-8, 2026 In all flights the NABC

Final is a four-session event played over two days. Approximately 50% of the field will qualify for day two, with carryover per ACBL formula. In the Championship flight and Flight A, day two will be an all-play-all format when possible.

8) Do I have to attend the NABC if I place at the district final?

You will be invited to represent District 9 in the national NAP game in St Louis spring of 2026. If you don't want to attend, the next highest placing pair will be invited to take your place. You will be eligible to win master points at the NAP District final even if you don't go to the NABC

9) What is the NABC like; how is the NAP played?

The national game consists of two qualifying sessions on day 1 and two final sessions on day 2. Approximately 50% of the players from day 1 will qualify to play in the day two final session. It is a fun atmosphere with many types of games going on all day.

10) How do I get my reimbursed money?

After it is verified that you competed in the NAP's in St. Louis, a check will be issued and mailed to your home. Please allow 2 -3 weeks. **You must play in the national NAP event to receive the reimbursement.**

CLICK [NAP - District 9 of the ACBL \(district9acbl.org\)](http://district9acbl.org) for additional information (Conditions of Contest RULES)

Other Questions Contact Terry Pond, by email: tkpond1164@gmail.com or phone: 407-252-6446.

BRIDGE OPINION- This is an amazing event that DISTRICT 9 subsidizes. **FLIGHT C** players (under 750MP)- being in **FLIGHT C** is short lived. Take advantage of playing in your **FLIGHT** before you max out on masterpoints. This “**GRASSROOTS**” event is a lot of fun and you are only paired against others in your same flight.