

Front Range Challenge

Background

The Front Range Challenge (FRC) originated in 2006 when the Colorado Springs Unit dared Denver to a head-to-head bridge competition. The two session event in that initial year included both Swiss Teams and Pairs, with 32 tables of players. Denver won “The Rock”, the unique 40 pound trophy created for the event.

Since then, the FRC has evolved into a broader competition including other ACBL Units in Colorado. In 2026, Northern Colorado Unit 363 is the host.

The FRC is a unique event. We gather to celebrate the game of bridge. There is a friendly competition for bragging rights and possession of “The Rock”, the event trophy. Equally important is this statewide day of networking, social interaction, and wonderful hospitality. It also presents an opportunity to secure media publicity about duplicate bridge.

Game Format

The FRC based upon a building capacity of 32 tables. With 4 Units participating, each Unit will be asked to field 8 teams.

The entire day will be based upon Swiss teams with A/B/C brackets of under 750, 750-2500, 2500+. The bracket for each team will be set using the average masterpoints of the team members as of September 6 (two months before competition to facilitate team formation). Teams in the A bracket will be handicapped.

We expect teams to comprise 4 players. However, the event can accommodate teams with 5 or 6 players. Units or team captains need to should communicate to the even chairperson about any teams with more than 4 players. For example, the event will allow two pairs to participate in the morning session, then one pair could be swapped out for a different pair for the afternoon.