

DSBA 2021 Winter Delaware State Championship Tournament

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Should I pre-register?

You don't actually have to preregister, but as a courtesy we'd appreciate that you e-mail Soley Kristjansdottir (siggasoley@gmail.com) to let us know before each session that you'll be playing in. Please include your BBO player name and your ACBL member number the first time you register.

2. Why are you asking me to pre-register?

Because of the way our tournament has been set up with the ACBL and BBO, we need to be sure players are approved to play. We need everyone's BBO names. In addition, we want to be able to be sure each session has enough people. If preregistrations for a particular session are low we will actively recruit more players.

3. How will my ranking be determined for the championship?

The sessions use matchpoint scoring. Your percentage (vs. the field in your flight) for your five best sessions will be averaged. The individual with the highest average percentage in each flight for five games will be the champion for that flight.

4. How do the flights work?

For each session players will be assigned to one of three groups according to how many ACBL masterpoints the higher-ranked player of the pair has. The flight ranges are 0-500 (flight C), 500-1500 (flight B), and more than 1500 masterpoints (flight A). BBO will run three tournaments for each session, a separate tournament for each flight. They will be named "Pairs Flight A [or B or C] DSBA Championship." When you sign up to play a session on BBO, be careful to join the tournament corresponding to the correct flight for your pair.

5. Do I have to play in the same flight for all sessions?

No, you are free to play in any flight for which you don't exceed the upper masterpoint limit. You can win a championship in any flight that admits players with your masterpoint total, provided you have played at least five sessions in that or a higher flight. If you have the highest average score in more than one flight, you'll be awarded the championship only for the highest of them.

6. Will I get master points for playing in the Saturday games?

Yes! The tournament games are treated as club sessions for a Delaware-wide virtual club, awarding ACBL master points.

7. How long will each session be?

Each Saturday session will play 20 or 21 boards depending on attendance. The director will pick the best movement at game time, based on the number of tables in play in each flight.

8. Do I have to play with a partner from my own flight?

No, you can play with any partner, but you'll play in the flight for the higher-ranked partner. Your score for the session will be assigned to both players. When the individual results are tallied at the end of the tournament each player will be considered for the championship of their own masterpoint group, regardless of with whom they played.

9. Can I play with different partners in each session?

Yes.

10. Do I need to play in at least five sessions?

You're welcome to enter as many or as few of the nine sessions as you like, but to be considered for the championship you must play in at least five.

11. Can I play in the tournament if I am not a member of ACBL Unit 190 (Delaware State Bridge Association)?

Generally yes, but only if your partner is a member of Unit 190. Players who are not Unit 190 members are not eligible for the championships. Players from outside Unit 190 will be identified during the pre-registration process. Also, because the ACBL requires that at least 85% of the players in this tournament are Unit 190 members, it is possible that we may have to limit the number of players who are not in Unit 190.

12. What will happen if there are not enough entrants for a particular flight at one of the sessions?

If the insufficient flight is 1500+, that flight will not be held on that day (but we don't expect this to happen). If the insufficient flight is 0-500 or 500-1500, players from that flight will be assigned to a higher flight for that session.

13. Who is eligible for the championship?

Any member of Unit 190, even if they live outside Delaware, is eligible. "Snowbirds" who have been Unit 190 members in 2020 are also eligible. If you are on the Membership list on the DSBA website, Members Only section, you are eligible. (If you think you should be on the list but are not, please contact Bill Herdle (DSBA@herdle.com).)

14. What's this I hear about a charitable donation?

The DSBA will donate \$1.00 to the Food Bank of Delaware for each player who plays in each session of the tournament. DSBA has already donated almost \$300.00 for the first three games.

15. Now there are Door Prizes?

For those of us who don't know everyone – or haven't seen each other for close to a year -- we are trying to add faces to the BBO IDs. So here is the deal: send a selfie or other recent picture of yourself to Soley (siggasoley@gmail.com), together with your BBO username. By submitting a picture you agree to have it posted or linked on the unit190 website with your name and BBO ID. We will post your picture AND you'll be eligible for a door prize of 25 BBO dollars in each subsequent Saturday session in which you play. One prize will be awarded each Saturday for each flight to a player who played on that Saturday in that flight whose selfie was received by midnight the night before.