

North American Pairs

IMPORTANT TAKEAWAYS

- ACBL has expanded North American Pairs to four flights
- District 10 will be represented in the championships by three or four pairs in each flight
- These representatives will be determined in on-line events in November and January
- Winning representatives will receive financial support to attend the championship finals in St. Louis in February 2026
- Pre-registration for the District Finals is required
- Share this information with others
- You can ask questions simply by replying to this email

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The NAP's are North American championships that begin at the grass roots level. Qualifying games were held both in face-to-face and on-line clubs in June, July, and August. You probably qualified to play in one or more flights in our District finals that will determine our representatives to the finals, which will be contested at the North American Bridge Championships in St. Louis in February.

The four flights:

- Flight C - Players with fewer than 750 masterpoints (MPs) who are not Life Masters
- Flight B - Players with fewer than 3000 MPs
- Flight A - Players with fewer than 6000 MPs
- Championship Flight - Open to any player
- In the limited flights, no player may have more MPs than the upper limit of the flight

Things you need to know:

- Your flight eligibility depends on your masterpoints at the first of June. So, no rank change since then affects your flight in this cycle.
- No player is eligible for any limited flight who had more MPs than the upper level of that flight. To be eligible for a given flight, neither can exceed the upper limit.

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- You may be eligible for multiple flights. For example, a player with 558 MPs may be eligible to play in any of the flights; a player with 2593 MPs may be eligible for all flights other than Flight C.
- To play in the District championship, you must have qualified by playing in the NAP games held both face-to-face or on-line this past summer.
- Qualifiers have done so individually, not as a pair. You do not have to play in the district finals with someone you qualified playing with.
- There is a list of qualifiers on the ACBL web site, but it is difficult to find and harder to read. If you are interested in playing in the District 10 finals, simply pre-register and the district coordinator, Sherrie Goodman, will check that you and your partner are qualified.

District Finals & Pre-Registration

- The district finals will be two-session events held on BBO and will be contested on two dates.
- Flights A & C - Saturday, November 22
- Championship Flight and Flight B - Saturday, January 3
- In the event a certain level of participation in any flight is more than 30 pairs, the field will be cut to a Sunday final.
- If you are qualified in multiple flights, you may elect to participate on both weekends.
- Events are scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM; the second session will begin after a 1.5 hour break.
- Pre-registration to participate is required. To do so, send an email to the District 10 coordinator, Sherrie Goodman at lbalbcetal@gmail.com.
- For the November 22 event, the email must be sent by November 15.
- For the January 3 event, the email must be sent by December 15.
- The email should include player names, ACBL numbers, BBO names, and the flight(s) in which they hope to participate.
- Sherrie will determine if you are qualified to play.

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- If qualified, Sherrie will provide you instructions for remitting payment in advance. Cost is \$30 per person per day.
- In addition to the prepayment, it is possible that you will pay a registration fee to BBO (estimated at this time as \$3) on the day of the event.

Financial Support to Participate in the North American Finals

The financial support is administered and provided by ACBL. In the past the amounts provided have depended upon the placement of each pair in their district finals, with the most provided to the first-place pair. This should be approximately \$750.