

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST 2015-2016 DISTRICT 19 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

OVERVIEW

The North American Pairs (NAP) is one of two flighted, grass roots qualifying events on the annual ACBL calendar; the other is the Grand National Teams. Pairs compete in the District NAP Finals for the opportunity to earn subsidies and participate in the National Finals held at the Spring NABC in Reno, NV.

Flights

During club qualification, District Finals and National Finals flights are as follows:

Flight A: Open to any player

Flight B: Open to players with no more than 2500 masterpoints as of the ACBL June master point cycle, which is usually run on or about May 6

Flight C: Open to Non-Life Master players with no more than 500 masterpoints as of the ACBL June master point cycle, which is usually run on or about May 6

District 19 representation at the National Finals:

Flight A: The top 3 pairs from the District Finals qualify

Flight B: The top 4 pairs from the District Finals qualify

Flight C: The top 4 pairs from the District Finals qualify

Subsidies to pairs qualifying for the National Finals:

1st place pair in each flight: \$700 per player subsidy from ACBL

2nd place pair in each flight: \$300 per player subsidy from ACBL

3rd place pair in each flight: \$300 subsidy to the pair from District 19

Questions may be directed to the **DISTRICT 19 NAP COORDINATOR:**

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Stages of Play

There are three stages of play: (1) STAGE ONE qualifying at local clubs, (2) District Finals, and (3) National Finals.

(1) STAGE ONE – Qualification for District Finals

Players qualify for the District Finals by competing in qualifying games at their local clubs. These qualifying games commence in June and continue through August. They award extra masterpoints, allocated as 50% red / 50% black. All players who qualify at the club level during the STAGE ONE June-August qualification period are eligible to participate in the District Final. Unlike the District 19 GNT finals, for the District 19 NAP finals there is NO BUY-IN for players who did not successfully qualify at the club level.

Club-level STAGE ONE qualification games

Each club may hold two NAP (North American Pairs) games per sanctioned session during each of the months of June, July and August. For each game, the club remits a \$4.00/table NAP fee to ACBL, in lieu of the normal per table sanction fees. Game reports are to be submitted to both ACBL and the D19 GNT/NAP Coordinator.

At the club stage, subject to established ACBL minimum guidelines, each club determines the conventions to be allowed in its games.

A member may earn Club level qualification at any club in any unit in any district. Club level qualification is earned as an individual and not as a partnership. A player may play at any participating club as often as desired and with as many partners as desired.

At the club stage, a member may qualify and earn masterpoints with any other member of the ACBL or with a non-member of the ACBL.

(2) DISTRICT FINALS – Qualification for the NAP National Finals

The District 19 Finals, Sanction #1511140, are conducted over two sessions on a single day for each flight. Entry fees will be same as those currently in effect at District 19 regionals: \$14Cdn for a Canadian-sited event and US\$13 for a US-sited event. These fees are per player per session.

The event flyer for the District 19 NAP Semifinals & Finals may be found at acbl.org

Eligibility. It is the responsibility of every player, prior to the District Finals, to ensure s/he has successfully qualified at the club level. As stated above, unlike the district GNT Finals, there is NO BUY-IN for players who did not successfully qualify for the NAP at the club level. To help ensure there are no irregularities associated with qualification, the District NAP Coordinator and the DIC will have access to listings of players who have qualified at the club level.

It is permissible for a player to compete in more than one flight (to “play up”) where the finals of flights are conducted on separate days.

Multi-Flight qualifications:

Flight C category players – Retain qualification in each flight (A, B & C) in which they have achieved the finish stated for each level of play.

Flight B category players – Retain qualification in each flight (A & B) in which they have achieved the finish stated for each level of play.

Flight A category players – Compete in Flight A only.

For the NAPs, a member's principal residence shall be as of June 1 of the year prior to the National Final. Changes in residence after this date shall not change the district in which the player is eligible to participate.

At the District Finals, the ACBL General Convention Chart applies except that Flight A may use the ACBL Mid-Chart at the discretion of the Director in Charge.

Event Duration and Dates

The District 19 NAP Finals will be a one-day two-session event for all competitors:

Flight A (open) and **Flight C** (Non-Life Master under 500 MP) will be played on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 12:00pm and 5:00pm.

Flight B (less than 2500 MP) will be played on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 10:30am and 3:30pm.

Players should plan on reporting for their respective events at least thirty minutes before game time.

Permissible Conventions:

Flight A: Mid-Chart Conventions

Flight B and C: General Convention Chart

Venue:

Skagit PUD #1 – Aqua Room
1415 Freeway Drive
Mt. Vernon, WA 98273-1436
(2 minutes from the freeway)

Directions:

Take I-5 Exit 227
West on WA Route 538 (W. College Way)
Left on Freeway Drive
Go 0.2 miles, PUD is on the right
Plenty of parking behind the building

(3) NATIONAL FINALS

A person or pair may represent a district in only one flight at the National Finals. 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 and C finals will be four-session events, consisting of a two-session play-through to qualify approximately 50% of the entries into a two-session play-through final with carryover as per ACBL formula.

Flight A National Finals: NABC Reno, March 9-10, 2016

Flights B and C National Finals: NABC Reno, March 13-14, 2016

